

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 27-28 September 2018
Meeting of the Council
Boston, MA

Participants--- President Roger Wakimoto, President-Elect Jenni Evans, Past-President Frederick Carr, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen, and Executive Director Keith Seitter. *Councilors:* Elizabeth Austin, Melissa Burt, John Cortinas, Tanja Fransen, David Gochis, Sue Ellen Haupt, Jen Henderson, Bob Henson, James Kinter, Gary Lackmann, Shirley Murillo, Nicole Riemer, and Adam Sobel. [Councilors Ardanuy and Bleistein were absent.] *Commissioners:* Donna Charlevoix (EHR), Pam Emch (Enterprise), Bob Rauber (Publications), Yvette Richardson (Planning), and Bruce Telfeyan (STAC). [Commissioner McCann was absent.] *Guests:* Bruce Bigelow, Anthony Broccoli, Carol Kolmerten, William Gail, Bryan Hanssen, Gene Fischer, Michele Levy, Dave Miranda, and Katy Schmoll. *Staff:* Wendy Abshire, Stephanie Armstrong, Joe Boyd, Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Ken Heideman, Paul Higgins, Brian Mardirosian, Brian Papa, and Kelly Savoie. (Not all guests and staff attended the entire meeting.)

[The numbering of the following sections follows that in the agenda, but the sections are listed in the order they were addressed at the meeting.]

0.0 Agenda

President Wakimoto called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. EDT and welcomed all. The roll was called, and Secretary-Treasurer Rosen confirmed that a quorum of voting members was present.

6.9 Centennial Committee

Before beginning the discussion on strategic goals that was identified as the Council retreat topic, President Wakimoto asked that Past-President Gail review the report of the Centennial Committee so that the strategic goals discussion could benefit from the work of that committee. Past-President Gail presented the report and its recommendation that planning begin for four new areas of functionality in the AMS structure. Council deferred a decision on that recommendation until later in the meeting.

0.1 Council Retreat – Strategic Goals and Brand Messaging

The retreat discussion was led by Councilors Lackmann and Henson, who were co-chairs of a task force charged with preparing a draft set of revised goals for the Society. After an active discussion, Council asked Councilors Lackmann and Henson to incorporate its suggested edits into a new draft with the goal of having it ready to post for member comments soon after this meeting. Council expressed its intent to consider the members' comments and possible additional revisions at its January meeting.

[Council briefly recessed from 10:34-10:50 a.m.]

Council reconvened the retreat to discuss progress on efforts to better communicate the Society's brand message and to review designs for a new logo that could be revealed as part of the centennial activities. Director of Project Management and IT Brian Papa and consultants Michele Levy and Dave Miranda reviewed the brand identity process followed over the past year, and they presented two possible designs for

a new logo. Council overwhelmingly preferred one of the two designs but requested additional work to incorporate its suggestions.

1.1 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

For its information, Council reviewed the meeting minutes and mail ballots of the Executive Committee.

1.5 Consent Items on Council Mail Ballots

All Council e-mail ballots not previously approved unanimously were formally approved, and ballots that were “provisionally approved” were formally approved.

Council approved the establishment of the Indiana University Student Chapter and the Coastal Louisiana Chapter; the name change of the Lyndon State College Local Chapter to The Northern Vermont University at Lyndon Chapter; and the name change of the Jackson Chapter to the Central Mississippi Chapter.

14.1 AMS 100th Anniversary Campaign

Consultants Carol Kolmerten and Bruce Bigelow reported on the status of the 100th Anniversary campaign, which currently has reached over \$7 million dollars in donations or pledges.

[Council recessed for lunch from 12:04-1:00 p.m.]

4.1 Status of 2018 Budget

Executive Director Seitter briefed Council on the status of the 2018 budget. Seitter highlighted areas that were over or under budget so far for the year, and he stated it appeared the Society would end the year close to the projected bottom line.

4.2 2019 Proposed Budget

Executive Director Seitter briefly reviewed the 2017 actuals before presenting the proposed 2019 budget, which the Executive Committee had recommended for approval. After discussion, Council approved the proposed budget for 2019 as presented.

4.3 AMS Reserve History

The reserve fund history was reviewed briefly, but no action was required.

4.4 Audited Financial Statements

The AMS audited financial statements were provided to Council as an informational item.

6.5 Finance Committee

Committee Chair Katy Schmoll reviewed the activity of the Finance Committee over the past year.

2.1 STAC

Commissioner Telfeyan led the discussion of his report and its requested actions. Council approved a formula to provide more program chair support for larger conferences. Council discussed possible changes in the student travel grant program, but it asked Commissioner Telfeyan to refine the proposal in further discussion with STAC committee chairs at their January meeting. Council also reaffirmed its guidelines for an objective award selection process with respect to the role of STAC committees, and it discussed suggestions to improve the statement creation process.

2.1.1 Named Symposiums

Council agreed to limit the number of named symposiums at the 2020 Annual Meeting to two and to await a recommendation from President-Elect Evans before voting via email ballot on her selections.

[Council briefly recessed from 3:10-3:24 p.m.]

2.1.2 Future STAC Commissioner

Council voted to appoint Ankur Desai as the next Future STAC Commissioner with his term beginning in January 2019.

2.2 Publications

Commissioner Rauber presented his report to Council, which approved the following recommendations: 3-year appointment of Wade Crow as the new chief editor of *JHM*; 2-year reappointments of David Kristovich as chief editor of *JAMC*, William Emery and Luca Baldini as co-chief editors of *JTECH*, David Schultz as chief editor of *MWR*, Jerome Smith as chief editor of *JPO*; and Vanda Grubišić as an at-large member. Council also approved changes to the Commission membership to include a past commissioner as an additional at-large member, as well as changes to the Publications Strategic Planning Committee membership to include the Journals Reporting Manager. Finally, Council approved a change in the terms of reference for *WAF* to incorporate research relevant to forecast lead times out to around two years.

2.2.1 Nine-Dash Line in Figures

After discussion, Council approved a formal policy that would prohibit authors from including disputed political boundaries in figures unless they were necessary for the scientific content, and it agreed that no boundaries over oceans or seas should be included in figures.

2.4 Education & Human Resources

Commissioner Charlevoix briefed the Council on activities within the Commission, noting that action items in which the Commission has been involved are covered elsewhere in the agenda. Councilor Henderson provided a report on the very successful Early Career Leadership Academy that had taken place in April.

2.5 Planning

Commissioner Richardson reported to Council on the activities of the Commission. Council voted to appoint Jay Trobec for a three-year term ending January 2022 and to reappoint Kim Klockow for a second three-year term ending January 2022.

2.6 Weather, Water, & Climate Enterprise

Commissioner Emch reviewed the activities of the Commission. Council voted to approve the creation of a Committee on Radio Frequency Allocations as a standing committee under the Board on Enterprise Economic Development.

3.0 Statements

Council discussed a revised draft information Statement on Climate Change, which was potentially ready for approval for the 30-day member comment period. Council provided a number of suggested changes and asked Councilor Kinter, liaison to the drafting committee, to work with the committee to make appropriate edits and then provide a revised draft for e-mail ballot.

Council adjourned for the day at 6:18 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:02 a.m. on 28 September 2018 with the same members and now Commissioner McCann present.

6.9 (cont.) Centennial Committee

Past-President and committee chair Gail emailed additional information to Council overnight about the way the Committee's initiatives related to the draft Strategic Goals. With this information, and after additional discussion, Council voted to allow the Committee's task groups to move forward with planning for the new initiatives, with final action plans being ready for Council to review at its fall 2019 meeting.

0.1(cont.) Strategic Goals

After receiving changes in the draft Strategic Goals document that addressed concerns raised the day before, Council voted to approve the draft for a 30-day member comment period.

3.1 Status of Statements in Process

No action was required of Council for this informational item.

3.2 Process for Initiating Statement Revisions

Council established a working group to study how to improve the statement creation process. The group includes President-Elect Evans, Commissioner Richardson, and Councilors Lackmann, Gochis, and Henderson. It was agreed that strong staff support is needed to monitor the status of statements, and Council charged Executive Director Seitter with developing a plan for increasing the level of staff support.

3.3 Statements requiring Action

Council reviewed all the statements that have recently expired or are about to expire, and it provided guidance on which to remove from the active statement list and which to initiate the process of creating a new version. For statements that will be revised, Councilors to serve on the drafting committee were identified. Council also agreed to initiate a new best practice on hydrologic forecasting.

3.4 AMS Copyright Policies

Council voted to approve changes to the AMS Copyright Policy in light of the growing presence of preprint servers.

2.3 Professional Affairs

Commissioner McCann reviewed the activities of the Commission and presented the action items in her report. Council voted to approve a change in the terms of reference for the Board on Best Practices. Council supported the need for changes in the CCM and CBM audit process, and it asked that precise language be included for approval in the January Council agenda. Council also agreed with the Board on Continuing Professional Development that more guidance should be provided to committees and boards seeking to do webinars, and it asked Commissioner McCann to work with the Planning Commission on the form of that guidance.

2.3.1 CAT Teacher Certification

Commissioner McCann led the discussion of a proposed new K-12 teacher certification program, with support from Commissioner Charlevoix, whose commission was also involved in the proposal. After the discussion, Council approved moving forward with creating this new certification program.

2.3.2 Space Weather Certification

Commissioner McCann provided an update from the ad hoc committee looking into a possible new certification in space weather.

2.3.3 Certification in Climate Change Consulting (C6)

Commissioner McCann reviewed the final report from the C6 committee, which did not recommend establishing a new certification dealing with climate change adaptation at this time. Council appreciated the effort put into this report and its thoroughness. Council asked the Planning Commission to continue looking at possible new certifications that might be appropriate for AMS.

2.3.4 Professional Affairs Commissioner

Council voted to reappoint Commissioner McCann for a second three-year term ending in January 2022.

5.1 Awards Nominations Committee Report

Council discussed the issues contained in the ANC report, agreeing that no new action is required at this time. Council suggested that a process be established to solicit nominations for awards from attendees of past conferences that fall within the awards' disciplines.

5.2 ARA, ORA, HRA, and Suomi Committees for 2019

No action was required on this informational item.

5.3 Fellows and Awards Nominating Committees for 2019

Council approved four new members of the Fellows Committee for three-year terms ending January 2022. It also approved reappointing one member and four new members of the Awards Nominating Committee, also for three-year terms ending January 2022.

6.1 Annual Meeting Oversight Committee

Council reviewed the report of the AMOC for its information.

6.2 Environmental Stewardship Committee

Committee Chair Henson briefed Council on proposed plans to revitalize the committee, and President Wakimoto reported that the Executive Committee supported the proposal. Council gave tentative approval to the committee's new terms of reference, and it looked forward to formally approving them at its January meeting.

6.3 History Committee

Council reviewed the report of the History Committee for its information.

6.4 Investments Committee

Council reviewed the membership of the committee, which did not have a report for this meeting.

6.5 Finance Committee

Council noted the report of the committee and stated it is looking forward to an update at its January meeting.

6.6 Nominating Committee

President Wakimoto reported on an update to the membership of the committee.

6.7 Local Chapter Affairs Committee

Council reviewed the report of the LCAC, which contained no action items at this time.

6.8 Membership Committee

Council reviewed the report of the Membership Committee, which contained no action items at this time.

7.1 International Affairs Committee

Council reviewed the report of the IAC for its information.

8.1 BAMS Task Force

Commissioner Rauber, Councilor Henson, and *BAMS* Managing Editor Bryan Hanssen outlined for Council a proposed vision for a new *BAMS*. Council supported the vision and agreed that work toward the new *BAMS* should begin, but asked it be provided examples of the new components of the revised publication at its January meeting so it could provide additional guidance.

8.2 AMS Meetings Task Force

Council reviewed the report of the AMTF, but no actions were required at this time.

[Council recessed briefly at 12:05 p.m. to allow members to serve themselves a working lunch which resumed at 12:20 p.m.]

8.3 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness Task Force

Council discussed the activity of the DEI Task Force, several members of which are councilors or commissioners. There were no action items at this time, but recommendations are expected for the January Council meeting.

9.0 Selection of Fifth Councilor

After discussion, Council accepted the recommendation of the Executive Committee to ask four individuals if they would be willing to serve as a Fifth Councilor, with those who agree being put to Council for vote by e-mail ballot.

10.0 Sexual Harassment Policies

Councilor Lackmann led a discussion on a proposal to create a task force to develop a more comprehensive set of policies dealing with sexual harassment and other forms of professional misconduct. Council approved the proposal, and the following individuals volunteered to serve on the task force: Councilors Burt and Lackmann, co-chairs; Councilors Cortinas, Fransen, and Henderson; Commissioners Emch and Charlevoix. Council also voted to approve as task force members Rebecca Haacker, Mona Behl, and a student to be identified later. Council asked that the various existing policies dealing with harassment and misconduct be collected into one location on the AMS website to aid members.

During the discussion, Council agreed to establish a Committee on Ethics and voted to appoint as members Past-President Carr, Commissioner Emch, and Councilors Fransen and Haupt. The committee will work on terms of reference to be presented for Council approval at its January meeting.

11.0 Updates to Framework for Government Interactions

Council voted to approve updates to the Framework document so that it better matches recent practice in government relations.

11.1 Interactions with OSTP

President Wakimoto led a discussion on potential increased interactions with OSTP with the goal of improving interagency coordination.

12.0 Collaboration with Other Organizations

Council briefly discussed some of the collaborative efforts with other organizations, with a special focus on the Mentoring365 initiative with AGU.

13.0 Discussion on AMS Community AMAs with President and Candidates

Council was very supportive of the “ask me anything” sessions that had been done with the president-elect candidates and others in leadership positions. This led to a broader discussion of the AMS Community forum and the positive value it has been bringing to membership.

15.1 2018 Specialty Meetings

Council reviewed the listing of specialty meetings held in the current year, all of which were quite successful.

15.2 2019 Annual Meeting

President Wakimoto reviewed the plans for the 99th Annual Meeting coming up in January in Phoenix, AZ, with special attention to the small, but important, changes planned for the awards ceremonies.

15.3 2020 Annual Meeting

President-Elect Evans reviewed plans for the 100th Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, in January 2020, highlighting some of the celebratory aspects of the meeting.

15.4 2021 and Beyond Annual Meetings

Council reviewed the list of upcoming locations and dates for future annual meetings out to 2032.

15.5 Meetings Staff Overview

Council was provided a description of the duties of AMS staff that are involved in meeting planning and execution.

16.1 Membership

Council reviewed a status report on membership in the Society.

16.2 Communications

Council reviewed a status report on activities aimed at improving communication with members of the Society.

16.3 Publications

Council reviewed a status report on AMS publications that supplemented the material in Commissioner Rauber’s report.

16.4 Project Management and IT

Council reviewed a status report on staff management of projects and IT in support of AMS programs.

16.5 Education Program

Director of Education Abshire reported on the status of the AMS Education Program.

16.6 Policy Program

Council reviewed a status report on the AMS Policy Program.

16.7 Science, Service, and Society

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the interactions over the prior nine months that fell under the Framework for Government Interactions.

16.8 AMS/Sigma Xi Lecturer for 2019

Executive Director Seitter reported that the next AMS/Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer will be Steve Ackerman.

16.9 James Mahoney Memorial Lecturer for 2019

Executive Director Seitter reported that the Executive Committee had created a ranked list of individuals for the next Mahoney Lecturer, but a selection had not yet been confirmed.

16.10 Annual Report 2017

Executive Director Seitter reported that the 2017 Annual Report was behind schedule but would be completed soon.

17.0 AMS Affiliation with Other Organizations

Council was provided a listing of all organizations with which AMS has formal and informal affiliations as an informational item.

18.0 Other Business

Council reviewed a request to participate in a survey of the scientific community and agreed that AMS could be a part of the effort as described in the proposal.

Councilor Sobel briefed the Council on a proposal to reach out to the public on science in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Council viewed the proposal favorably and asked it be further considered by the Board on Outreach and Pre-College Education.

Councilor Haupt reported on a workshop to be held in Boulder to explore the skill sets needed for success in the private sector. Past-President Carr suggested that a survey of the private sector done by AMS in the 1990s might still provide useful input.

Councilor Lackmann suggested additional effort be placed in communicating to our graduate student members that they are eligible to vote in AMS elections as long as they have converted their membership from Student Member to Member with Student Privileges. Council suggested this can be emphasized at the upcoming Heads and Chairs Meeting, as well as through direct messages to graduate student members.

Council adjourned at 2:35 p.m.