

**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the 4 January 2015**  
**Meeting of the Council**  
**Phoenix, AZ**

**Participants** — President William Gail, President-Elect Alexander MacDonald, Past-President Marshall Shepherd, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen, and Executive Director Keith Seitter. **Councilors:** Stephen Corfidi, Jose Fuentes, Steve Hanna, Susan Jasko, Richard Johnson, Sonia Kreidenweis, Dennis Lettenmeier, Frank Marks, Michael Morgan, Christa Peters-Lidard, Yvette Richardson, Elizabeth Ritchie, Wendy Schreiber-Abshire, and Chidong Zhang. [Councilors Cullen and Thiaw were absent.] **Commissioners:** Mary Glackin (Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise), Bob Rauber (Publications), Raj Pandya (Education and Human Resources), Ward Seguin (STAC), Jay Trobec (Professional Affairs), and Brad Colman (Planning). **Incoming President-Elect, Councilors, and Commissioners:** Fred Carr, Carol Ann Clayson, William Easterling, Laura Furgione, Bill Mahoney, Kevin Petty, Alan Sealls, and Bruce Telfeyan. **AMS Staff:** Joyce Annese, Stephanie Armstrong, Mike Batsimm, Jim Brey, Tom Champoux, Lee Gordon, Claudia Gorski, Paul Higgins, Bill Hooke, Shali Mohleji, Gary Rasmussen, and Melissa Weston. Annese and Seitter served as recorders.

*[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 Gail called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. on 4 January 2015, and welcomed all. The roll was called, and Secretary-Treasurer Rosen announced a quorum of voting members was present. President Gail welcomed the new President-Elect and Councilors and reviewed the agenda.

**1.3 Minutes of the Council Meeting**

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from its meeting on 18–19 September 2014 with a minor correction in item 2.2.

**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.

**2.0 New President-elect and Councilors**

President Gail took this opportunity to thank those Council members rotating off following this meeting for their service. He introduced and welcomed the new President-Elect and Councilors, and he also acknowledged the new Commissioners in attendance.

**2.1 Ballot Structure and Guidance to Nominating Committee**

President Gail reviewed the format used for the most recent ballot, which was designed to improve sector representation on the Council. The Council encouraged the Nominating Committee to limit government sector candidates on the ballot to truly government employees. The Council voted to continue using the same ballot structure again this year, with the ballot having separate sections for private, academic, and government sectors with three candidates in each based on current affiliation.

**3.1 STAC**

Commissioner Seguin reviewed the report of the Scientific and Technological Activities Commission and its meeting the previous day, and he asked Council to approve several Lecturers. Council approved the following Lecturers for 2016 presentation: John C. Marshall as the Bernhard Haurwitz Memorial Lecturer; Efi Foufoula-Georgiou as the Robert E. Horton Lecturer in Hydrology; and Venkatachalam Ramaswamy as the Walter Orr Roberts Lecturer. The Council affirmed the committee and board membership lists provided by Commissioner Seguin. Council expressed its appreciation to both Commissioner Seguin and Past Commissioner Cairns for all their efforts.

### **3.2 Publications**

Commissioner Rauber reported on a year of growth in the Society's publications, and the Council expressed its pleasure at these very positive results. He also discussed the upcoming editorial concerning the implementation of CrossCheck to address plagiarism.

### **3.3 Professional Affairs**

Commissioner Trobec summarized the Commission's activities and presented lists of incoming Board members for Council review. The Council affirmed the lists and expressed its appreciation for the work done by Commissioner Trobec.

### **3.4 Education & Human Resources**

Commissioner Pandya reviewed the activities of the Commission, highlighting events taking place at the Annual Meeting, and he noted an increasing focus on serving mid-career members. Commissioner Pandya suggested an advisory group be formed to review efforts for our website, and President Gail requested staff produce a vision statement for the website that would be prepared for review by the April EC meeting. The Council expressed its appreciation for all the work of the Commission.

### **3.5 Planning**

Commissioner Colman presented his report and outlined items the Commission will work on in the coming year. Councilor Kreidenweis recommended strategic attention also be given to how best serve the atmospheric chemistry community.

### **3.6 Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise**

Commissioner Glackin reviewed her report and described the discussions held at the Commission's steering committee meeting the previous day. She thanked the Council for including "water" in the Commission's name. The Council affirmed the committee lists provided by Commissioner Glackin, and it approved her request to establish Enterprise Commission awards similar to those STAC now offer.

#### **3.6.1 Proposal for Recognition of Service to Volunteers**

Commissioner Glackin introduced a proposal to standardize a procedure to recognize the volunteer efforts of committee members and chairs. The Council approved presenting a plaque to each chair of a commission, board, or committee and a certificate of appreciation signed by the Executive Director to committee members. Council expressed its appreciation to Commissioner Glackin for leading the proposal effort.

### **6.0 AIP Update**

Executive Director Seitter introduced Cathy O'Riordan, AIP Vice President, who updated Council on the collaboration between the Society and AIP. Dian Seidel, the Society's representative to the AIP Executive Committee, provided additional positive perspectives on the interaction.

*[The Council briefly recessed from 10:55-11:10 a.m.]*

### **13.0 AMS 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

President Gail briefed the Council on the Centennial Vision draft document and the Executive Committee's recommendation to form an ad hoc committee under the Executive Committee to oversee centennial activities. The Council supported the recommendation and asked that the Planning and other Commissions be engaged with the new committee. Council agreed the committee needed to be formed as soon as possible.

*[President Gail left the meeting at 11:35 a.m. to attend WeatherFest. President-Elect MacDonald assumed the chair.]*

#### **4.0 Organizational Procedures Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen briefed the Council about changes needed to bring the Organizational Procedures up to date. He also requested revisions include a new Hydrologic Research Awards Committee, which will be populated in the coming year. Council approved all the requested changes and added two minor corrections.

*[The Council recessed for lunch from 12:05-12:20 p.m. President Gail returned at 12:10 p.m. and assumed the chair when the meeting resumed.]*

#### **5.0 Open Meetings Statement**

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen suggested an edit to the open meetings statement that was supported by the Executive Committee, and Council approved the change.

#### **7.1 Environmental Responsibility Committee**

Executive Director Seitter informed the Council of the name change to the Committee on Environmental Stewardship approved the previous day by the Executive Committee.

#### **7.2 Investments Committee**

Executive Director Seitter mentioned the Committee would be meeting the next day.

#### **7.3 Local Chapter Affairs Committee**

Executive Director Seitter presented the report.

#### **7.4 Membership Committee**

Councilor and Committee Chair Schreiber-Abshire reviewed the report and discussed several areas of activity within the Committee.

#### **8.1 International Affairs Committee**

President Gail reviewed this item and his intent to continue to work with the Committee and Chair Jones to increase the Society's international outreach.

#### **8.2 Committee on Researcher Involvement**

President Gail reviewed the list of members suggested by Committee Chair Xubin Zeng. The Council approved the proposed members for three-year terms but suggested that at least one additional member be named to provide better representation of oceanography.

*[President Gail left the meeting at 12:50 p.m., at which time he thanked Council and staff for their help throughout the year. The Council applauded him for his leadership over the past year, and President-Elect MacDonald assumed the chair.]*

#### **9.1 Statement on One Health**

Councilor Jasko, Council liaison to the drafting committee, briefed Council on the draft Statement and possible edits previously received from Council members and others. After discussion, the Council approved the Statement with edits to be made by the drafting committee that meet the spirit of the discussion, with the President to review the final draft.

#### **9.2 Transition Document Statement**

Executive Director Seitter reviewed briefly the history of Administration transition documents by the Society. On behalf of the Enterprise Commission, Commissioner Glackin presented a

recommendation to develop a new transition document as an AMS Statement. The Council approved the précis for such a Statement.

### **9.3 Statements in Process**

The Statement on a Bachelor's Degree for Meteorology is being revised, and Councilor Morgan volunteered to be the Council facilitator. The Water Resources Statement is being rewritten, and a Council facilitator is needed.

### **10.0 2014 Budget Update**

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the outcome of the Society's budget for 2014, noting the books for that year were not yet closed.

### **10.1 Budget Creation and Implementation Guidelines**

Executive Director Seitter reviewed revisions to the guidelines supported by the Executive Committee, and Council approved the revised text.

### **10.2 BAMS Legacy Recovery**

Executive Director Seitter presented a plan to restore funds borrowed from the reserves for this project. After some discussion, Council approved the plan.

### **11.0 Honorary Members**

Executive Director Seitter reminded Council to pass along any suggestions for future honorary members to the Executive Committee prior to its April meeting.

### **12.0 Development Activities at this Annual Meeting**

Executive Director Seitter informed Council that development consultants Carol Kolmerten and Bruce Bigelow would hold focus group meetings during the week.

### **14.2 2016 Annual Meeting**

President-Elect MacDonald briefed the Council on plans for the 2016 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

### **14.4 2017 and Beyond Annual Meetings**

President-Elect MacDonald reviewed this item.

### **15.0 Reports from AMS Programs**

Executive Director Seitter and others reviewed the various reports under this item.

### **16.0 Formal Signing and Discussion of MOUs and IMS and CMOS**

Executive Director Seitter informed the Council that a ceremonial signing of the already executed memorandums of understanding between the Society and the Indian Meteorological Society and between the Society and the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society may occur at some point during the week.

*The meeting of the Council adjourned at 1:30 p.m.*