

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 6 and 8 January 2021
Videoconference Meeting of the Council

Participants--- President Mary Glackin, President-Elect Mike Farrar, Past-Presidents Jenni Evans and Roger Wakimoto, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen, and Executive Director Keith Seitter. ***Councilors:*** Derek Arndt, Melissa Burt, Kristie Ebi, Erica Grow, Jen Henderson, Bob Henson, Wayne Higgins, Kim Klockow-McClain, Gary Lackmann, Ruby Leung, Shirley Murillo, Julie Pullen, and Jim Steenburgh. [Councilor Morris was absent.] ***Commissioners:*** Tony Broccoli (Publications), Gene Fisher (STAC), Kevin Goebbert (EHR), Doug Hilderbrand (Enterprise), Maureen McCann (Professional Affairs), and Yvette Richardson (Planning). ***Secretary-Treasurer-elect:*** Bruce Telfeyan. ***Incoming President-Elect:*** Rich Clark. ***Incoming Council members:*** Joan Alexander, Efi Foufoula-Georgiou, Mike Henry, and Andrea Lang. ***Incoming Commissioners:*** Ankur Desai and Kristie Franz. ***Staff:*** Wendy Abshire, Stephanie Armstrong, Joe Boyd, Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Paul Higgins, Bill Hooke, Brian Mardirosian, Brian Papa, Kelly Savoie, Emma Tipton, and Gwendolyn Whittaker. (Not all participants attended the entire meeting.)

A quorum of voting members being present, President Glackin called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. EST on 6 January 2021.

[The numbering of the following sections corresponds to the Council agenda. The sections are listed in the order they were addressed at the meeting.]

0.0 Welcome, Roll Call, and Agenda Review

President Glackin welcomed everyone and especially those who will be new to Council this year.

1.5 Consent Items on Council Mail Ballots

Council voted to reaffirm all of the mail ballots since its September 2020 meeting that did not receive unanimous approval. It also voted to reactivate the Hampton Roads Chapter.

2.1 Ballot Structure and Guidance to Nominating Committee

Council supported the continued use of the current ballot structure, and it accepted the Executive Committee recommendation that the Nominating Committee be given the guidance that the private sector Council candidates for next fall's election be individuals in "client facing" positions who provide environmental information to the public or clients.

3.1 Culture and Inclusion Cabinet

Councilor Burt, CIC Chair, reviewed progress made during the initial meetings of the CIC since its membership was appointed by Council in September 2020. Council recognized that success of the CIC will depend on efforts throughout the volunteer

structure to address anti-racism as well as diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging, and accessibility.

3.2 STAC

Commissioner Fisher reviewed the activities of the STAC Commission, noting new procedures for conference reporting and discussions within STAC on efforts to improve diversity and inclusion. Reporting on the set of 2021 recipients of Commission-level awards, she recognized that some of these individuals could be considered for Society-level awards.

3.3 Publications

Commissioner Broccoli provided a brief update on the Commission and led a Council discussion on efforts to assess double-blind reviewing.

3.4 Professional Affairs

Commissioner McCann requested a change in the terms of reference for the Board on Best Practices, which Council approved, and she discussed expected changes in the procedures to develop Best Practices. Council then discussed concerns raised with the CCM oral exam. Council supported creating a small working group, perhaps including individuals from outside the AMS community, to review and assess the current CCM program. In addition, Council supported a set of revisions to the procedures recommended by Commissioner McCann, but it asked for input from the CCM Board before approving the changes. Commissioner McCann will discuss the issues with the CCM Board and provide a final set of recommendations to Council for its late January meeting.

3.4.1 Streamlined Process for Reviewing Proposals for New Certifications

Council voted to approve a new proposal and evaluation process for new types of certifications that might be offered by the Society.

3.5 Education & Human Resources

Commissioner Goebbert briefly reviewed the proposed restructuring of the Commission and its renaming to the Education and Engagement Commission. Given the extensive discussion at prior Council meetings, Council approved the new structure and terms of reference with little additional discussion.

3.6 Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise

Commissioner Hilderbrand briefed Council on a proposed refocusing of one of the Commission's boards and related restructuring, which had been discussed in prior Council meetings. Council voted to approve the changes as proposed.

3.7 Planning Commission

Commissioner Richardson led a discussion on possible candidates for Future Commissioner and on individuals who might serve on the Planning Commission in at-large positions. A number of possible candidates for each were identified.

[Council recessed for the day at 3:59 p.m. and reconvened on 8 January 2021 at 2:01 p.m. EST by videoconference with all Council members present. Councilor Morris and incoming Councilor Mark DeMaria and incoming Commissioner Mike Augustyniak were also present for this session.]

4.1 Fellows Committee

After discussing the importance of ensuring diversity on this committee, Council voted to increase the size of the committee and to appoint three new members to the Fellows Committee, one of whom is to replace the position vacated by incoming Councilor Chen. Council requested that Executive Director Seitter discuss with each the prospect of serving the remaining year of Councilor Chen's term and subsequently being reappointed for a three-year term with the goal of having one follow that path and the other two serve three-year terms ending January 2024. Seitter will report back to the Council at its late January meeting on the outcome of those discussions and additional Council action will be taken if required.

4.2 Awards Nominations Committee

Council voted to appoint five new members to the ANC. Council also had a lengthy discussion on sector balance in terms of both award nominations and award recipients.

4.3 Committee on Ethics

Council voted to approve the proposed terms of reference for the Committee on Ethics.

5.0 Organizational Procedures Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen reviewed the proposed changes in the Organizational Procedures that codified Council decisions at this and prior meetings. Council voted to approve the changes subject to some minor changes.

6.0 Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus

Council voted to bestow on Secretary-Treasurer Rosen the honorific title of Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the Society.

7.0 Policy and Procedures for AMS Codes of Ethics and Professional Conduct

Executive Director Seitter briefed Council on the draft document covering the procedures related to the Society's various codes of ethics and professional conduct. Past-President Wakimoto recommended additional issues that the Committee on Ethics should consider as it develops future versions of the procedures. Council voted to approve the document with a few suggested edits.

3.4 Professional Affairs (cont.)

President Glackin introduced a set of proposed changes to the CCM exam process and recommendations for future review and actions related to the program. Council

voted to approve both the changes and recommendations, noting that if discussion with the CCM Board in the coming weeks indicates that any aspect of these cannot be implemented as proposed, the Board will provide an explanation for its position to Council for further consideration.

8.0 Endorsement of the U.S. ACE Strategic Framework

Director of Education Program Abshire briefed Council on the history of the U.S. ACE Framework and the request for AMS endorsement. Council voted to endorse the Framework.

9.0 Brief Update on 2020 Budget Outcomes and Status of 2021 Budget

Executive Director Seitter reported to Council on current efforts, including meetings with the Finance Committee, to prepare a revised 2021 budget for presentation to Council at its late January meeting.

President Glackin thanked Past-President Wakimoto and Councilors Burt, Henderson, Henson, Lackmann, and Murillo, and Commissioner Fisher whose terms are completed with the upcoming Annual Meeting. President-Elect Farrar thanked President Glackin for her many efforts on behalf of the Society during a year made especially difficult by the pandemic.

[Council went into executive session at 3:46 p.m.]

Council adjourned at 4:00 p.m. EST.