

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 6 January 2013
Meeting of the Council
Austin, TX

Participants — President Louis Uccellini, President-elect Marshall Shepherd, Past-President Jon Malay, AMS Executive Director Keith Seitter, and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen. *Councilors*: Tom Bogdan, Ken Carey, Jose Fuentes, Richard Johnson, Peter Lamb, Christa Peters-Lidard, Bill Read, John Schaake, Rick Spinrad, Wassila Thiaw, Joe Witte, Xubin Zeng, and Chidong Zhang. [Past President LeMone and Councilors Phoebus and Tribble were absent.] *Commissioners*: Mary Cairns (STAC), David Jorgensen (Publications), Matt Parker (Weather and Climate Enterprise), David Smith (Education and Human Resources), Jay Trobec (Professional Affairs), and Julie Winkler (Planning). *Incoming President-elect, Councilors, and Commissioners*: Bill Gail; Steve Corfidi, Sonia Kreidenweis, Yvette Richardson, and Elizabeth Ritchie; Brad Colman, Mary Glackin, Bob Rauber, and Ward Seguin. *AMS Staff*: Joyce Annese, Mike Batissm, Caitlin Buzzas, Lee Gordon, Claudia Gorski, Paul Higgins, Bill Hooke, Barry Mohan, 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 Uccellini called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. on Sunday, 6 January 2013, and welcomed all. The roll was called, and Secretary-Treasurer Rosen announced a quorum of voting members was present. President Uccellini welcomed the new President-elect and Councilors and reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Minutes

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from its meeting on 20–21 September 2012.

1.4 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 Uccellini took this opportunity to acknowledge those Council members rotating off following this meeting and thanked them for their service.

2.1 Ballot Structure and Guidance to Nominating Committee

President Uccellini presented a format suggested by the EC the preceding day to ensure sector representation on the Council: the Council portion of the ballot should have separate sections for private, academic, and government sectors with three candidates in each based on current affiliation. The candidate with the most votes in each section would be elected, and the fourth Councilor to be elected would be the candidate with the next highest votes regardless of section. Instructions to voters will be to vote for up to four candidates with no more than two in any category.

The Council discussed this approach to grouping candidates for the 2013 ballot, and it voted to ask the Nominating Committee to prepare the ballot in this manner.

3.1 Scientific and Technological Activities Commission

Commissioner Cairns reviewed her report and summarized the discussions of the all-day Commission meeting held the day before. The Council approved Peter J. Webster as the Bernhard Haurwitz Memorial Lecturer, Randal Koster as the Robert E. Horton Lecturer in Hydrology, and Christine Wiedinmyer as the Walter Orr Roberts Lecturer, all for 2014. The Council affirmed the committee and board membership lists provided by Commissioner Cairns, who noted the Commission

has a goal to have all committees and boards include at least one student member. Approaches to encourage more volunteers for the committees and boards were discussed, and the current policy on the use of meeting funds was confirmed. Annual reports from the various committees and boards were presented, and Commissioner Cairns commended AMS staff for the new STAC website.

The Council thanked Mary for her service as Commissioner and welcomed Ward Seguin as the incoming Commissioner.

3.2 Publications Commission

Commissioner Jorgensen reviewed the history of the *Glossary of Meteorology* and reported a new open access version is being launched. The Council approved the changes in the Organizational Procedures that include adding the Chief Editor of the *Glossary of Meteorology* to the Publications Commission, and it approved Mary Cairns as the Chief Editor of *Glossary of Meteorology*. The Council applauded the efforts that led to the elimination of color surcharges for submissions after 1 April. The Council thanked Dave for his service as Commissioner and welcomed Bob Rauber as the incoming Commissioner.

[The Council briefly recessed from 9:50-10:00 a.m.]

3.3 Professional Affairs Commission

Commissioner Trobec summarized the Commission's activities and presented lists of incoming Board members for Council review. The Council affirmed the lists along with the addition of two members to the Board on Continuing Professional Development and a member to the Board for Operational Government Meteorologists. Commissioner Trobec presented a proposal to revise the procedures for awarding the Certified Broadcast Meteorologist designation, which the Council approved with one revision to the text. He noted the considerable efforts being undertaken by the new Board on Early Career Professionals, and he invited the Council to the early career professional reception being held on Sunday evening.

3.4 Education and Human Resources Commission

Commissioner Smith reviewed the activities of the Commission noting especially events taking place at the Annual Meeting. The Council affirmed the committee and board membership lists provided by Commissioner Smith, who noted the Commission has a goal to have all committees and boards include at least one student member.

3.5 Planning Commission

Commissioner Winkler reviewed the Society's progress toward implementing recommendations of the external review committee and toward meeting its strategic goals. The Commission will meet during the week and intends to finalize written reports on these matters which will be submitted to the Council. The Council congratulated Julie on her election as President-elect of AAG and thanked her for her service as Commissioner. Brad Colman was welcomed as the incoming Commissioner.

3.6 Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission

Commissioner Parker proposed new members for the Steering Committee, which the Council approved as additional members while existing members complete their terms. Commissioner Parker described a potential new structure for the Commission, and the Council encouraged him to propose new terms of reference in his fall report.

8.0 Teaching Excellence Award

The Council approved renaming the Teaching Excellence Award as the Edward N. Lorenz Teaching Excellence Award. President Uccellini expressed pleasure this action was taken during his tenure.

16.0 Other Matters

Councilor Bogdan provided an informational briefing on efforts to explore the establishment of a federally appointed U.S. Weather Commission.

[President Uccellini left the meeting at 11:25 a.m. to open WeatherFest, at which time the Council applauded him for his leadership over the past year. President-elect Shepherd assumed the chair].

4.0 Organizational Procedures Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen briefed the Council about technical changes needed to bring the Organizational Procedures up to date. All amendments were approved.

5.0 CAST Representative

The Council approved Dr. Joseph Alfieri, Research Physical Scientist, USDA-ARS Hydrology and Remote Sensing Laboratory, as its new CAST representative.

6.0 Reduced Membership Fees for Those from Developing Countries

Councilor Thiaw briefed the Council on his proposal to expand the number of countries whose scientists are eligible for reduced membership fees. After some discussion, the Council voted to approve the expanded list as presented and asked the staff to implement the change.

[The Council briefly recessed for lunch from 12:00-12:15 p.m.]

9.1 Statement on Geoengineering the Climate System

After discussion, the Council voted to readopt its current statement with no changes for an additional four years.

7.0 Report from Membership Committee

President-elect Shepherd commended Councilor Carey and his committee for their work. Councilor Johnson reviewed a subcommittee's report on the participation of the academic community in the Society. The Council decided to establish an ad hoc committee of the Council to continue to study these issues with Councilor Johnson as interim chair.

9.0 Statements

Executive Director Seitter briefed the Council on the status of Statements. The Space Weather Statement is being revised, and Councilor Bogdan will continue to work with the drafting committee.

10.0 2012 Budget Update

While the books for the 2012 budget year were not yet closed, Executive Director Seitter reported that 2012 appears to have ended with the Society in good shape financially.

11.0 Honorary Members

President Uccellini reminded Council members to send President-elect Shepherd any names that should be considered for Honorary Membership for the EC to review at its April meeting.

12.1 2013 Annual Meeting

Executive Director Seitter briefed the Council on the anticipated number of attendees at this meeting.

12.2 2014 Annual Meeting

President-elect Shepherd briefed the Council on plans for the 2014 Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

12.3 2015 Annual Meeting

Incoming President-elect Gail briefed the Council on plans for the 2015 Annual Meeting in Phoenix and his plan to focus his theme within the coming months.

13.4 Policy Program

Policy Program Director Hooke briefly reviewed his program, the impact it has had on other AMS activities, and how alumni of the Summer Policy Colloquium have moved into leadership positions throughout the community. The Council was reminded to attend the talk by T. Boone Pickens that evening.

The Council adjourned at 1:21 p.m.