

**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the 6 January 2019**  
**Meeting of the Council**  
**Phoenix, AZ**

*Participants---* President Roger Wakimoto, President-Elect Jenni Evans, Past-President Frederick Carr, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen, and Executive Director Keith Seitter. *Councilors:* Phillip Ardanuy, Elizabeth Austin, Melissa Burt, David Gochis, Sue Ellen Haupt, Jen Henderson, Bob Henson, James Kinter, Gary Lackmann, Nicole Riemer, and Adam Sobel. [Councilors Bleistein, Cortinas, Fransen, and Murillo were absent.] *Commissioners:* Pam Emch (Enterprise), Maureen McCann (Professional Affairs), Bob Rauber (Publications), Yvette Richardson (Planning), and Bruce Telfeyan (STAC). [Commissioner Charlevoix was absent.] *Incoming Council members and Commissioner:* President-Elect Mary Glackin, Councilors Kristie Ebi, Erica Grow, Kim Klockow-McClain, and Jim Steenburgh, and Commissioner Anthony Broccoli (Publications). *Guests:* Bruce Bigelow, Carol Kolmerten, William Gail, and Katy Schmall. *Staff:* Wendy Abshire, Stephanie Armstrong, Joe Boyd, Beth Farley, Mike Freidman, Claudia Gorski, Paul Higgins, Brian Mardirosian, Brian Papa, Jeff Rosenfeld, and Gwendolyn Whittaker. (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**

A quorum of voting members being present, President Wakimoto called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. MST and welcomed all. President Wakimoto led Council in thanking those members who were completing their service with this meeting: Past-President Carr, and Councilors Ardanuy, Haupt, Kinter, and Riemer.

## **11.2 100th Anniversary Campaign**

Consultants Bigelow and Kolmerton informed Council that the campaign was at \$7.8 million in donations and pledges, with the major push during the centennial year just beginning. They outlined next steps in the campaign leading up to the culmination at the 100th Annual Meeting in 2020.

## **1.0 Minutes/Mail Ballots**

For its information, Council reviewed the meeting minutes and mail ballots of the Executive Committee. All Council e-mail ballots that were not unanimously approved since its meeting of 27-28 September were formally approved by Council, including the minutes of its 27-28 September meeting. All ballots that were “provisionally approved” were also formally approved.

## **2.0 New President-elect and Councilors**

President Wakimoto led Council in welcoming incoming President-Elect Glackin and new Councilors Ebi, Grow, Higgins, Klockow-McClain, and Steenburgh, noting that Councilor Higgins was not able to attend due to the partial government shutdown.

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

After a brief discussion, Council voted to maintain the ballot structure as it has been in recent years, noting its effectiveness in ensuring sector balance on Council.

*[President Wakimoto left the meeting at 8:25 a.m. due to other obligations, and President-Elect Evans assumed the chair.]*

#### **4.1 Staff Structure Moving into the Centennial Year**

Executive Director Seitter reviewed the staffing structure in place to support AMS activities and prepare for new initiatives as the Society moves into its second century.

#### **5.1 STAC**

Commissioner Telfeyan summarized his report to Council covering activities of the commission. The report included items for possible consideration by Council, but no actions were taken by Council at this time.

#### **5.2 Publications**

Commissioner Rauber briefed Council on a number of issues related to the Society's publications, including recent declines in submissions and the factors involved. Council voted to approve Pam Heinselman for a three-year term ending January 2022 as an at-large member of the Commission.

*[President Wakimoto returned to the meeting at 9:05 a.m. during the prior agenda item and resumed the chair.]*

#### **9.1 BAMS Task Force**

BAMS Editor-in-Chief Jeff Rosenfeld reviewed with Council sample abridged articles to illustrate what would be included in the new BAMS. Council expressed its support for the approach.

#### **3.0 Briefing on Council Responsibilities**

Finance Committee Chair Schmoll briefed Council members on their responsibilities and fiduciary obligations.

#### **4.0 Budget Update for 2018 and Looking Forward to 2019**

Executive Director Seitter briefed Council on the current budget situation and concerns for the coming year, given reduced submissions for the journals and uncertainties in the funding model for the Education Program. The impact of the partial government shutdown on the total number of attendees at the Annual Meeting was also discussed. Council established two task forces under the Planning Commission to explore these issues more fully, one for journals and one for the Education Program.

#### **5.2.1 Full Waiver Committee**

Council selected three of its members to serve on the journals' Full Waiver Committee for 2019: incoming President-Elect Glackin, and Councilors Henson and Lackmann.

*[Council briefly recessed from 10:35-10:45 a.m.]*

#### **5.3 Professional Affairs**

Commissioner McCann provided her report to Council and introduced several action items. Council approved new terms of reference for the Broadcast and CCM Boards, as well as a change in the CCM Board's standing committee structure. Incoming Councilor Grow volunteered to be the Council liaison for a best practice statement currently in process.

### **5.3.1 New CBM Course Requirements**

Council reviewed proposed modifications to the educational requirements for those applying for the CBM without a BS degree in meteorology or atmospheric science, and it approved them with some minor changes.

### **5.4 Education & Human Resources**

In Commissioner's Charlevoix's absence, Commissioner McCann briefed Council on the commission report. Council approved changing the name of the Symposium on Education to the Conference on Education, as well as an update to the terms of reference for the Student Conference Planning Committee. Council also approved the proposed restructuring that replaced the Board on Outreach and Pre-College Education with two new boards: the Board on Outreach and Informal Education and the Board on Pre-College Education.

### **5.5 Planning**

Commissioner Richardson summarized the activities of the commission and its several ongoing studies. Finance Committee chair Schmoll will lead the Task Force on Current and Future Revenue Streams, and outgoing Councilor Kinter will lead the Task Force on DEI Database Information. Commissioner Richardson also announced that President-Elect Evans and incoming President-Elect Glackin will serve on a Governance Task Force. Council voted to approve a new member of the commission for a three-year term ending 2022.

#### **5.5.1 Early Career Involvement Task Force Report**

Councilor Henderson, chair of the task force, reviewed its report and recommendations. Council voiced support for the recommendations, but no formal actions were required at this time.

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

Commissioner Emch reported on the activities of the commission. On the recommendation of Commissioner Emch, Council voted to extend the term of Tom Murphree on the Steering Committee for one additional year.

### **6.0 Organizational Procedures Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen reviewed changes to the Organizational Procedures based on decisions by the Executive Committee and Council during the past year and changes requested by Commissioners. Council voted to approve the changes.

### **12.0 AIP Update**

AIP Executive Director Michael Maloney briefly summarized AIP activities and support for AIP member societies.

### **7.1 Membership Committee**

President Wakimoto noted the informational report of the Membership Committee.

### **7.2 History Committee**

President Wakimoto noted the report of the History Committee and informed Council of the actions taken by the Executive Committee in response to the report.

### **8.1 International Affairs Committee**

President Wakimoto noted the informational report of the International Affairs Committee and the goals the committee has set for itself.

*[Councilor Austin left the meeting at 11:45 a.m. and returned at 12:15 p.m.]*

## **8.2 Awards Nominating Committee**

Council approved the appointment of Fei Chen to the committee for a three-year term ending January 2022. An e-mail ballot will be used to fill the position made vacant by the election of incoming President-Elect Glackin.

*[Council recessed briefly to allow members to serve themselves a working lunch.]*

## **9.2 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force**

Councilor Burt, co-chair of the task force, presented its major recommendation, which is to create an overarching and cross-cutting entity in the AMS structure to address DEI issues across all activities. Council supported the concept and encouraged the task force to continue working out the implementation details.

## **9.0 Task Forces**

Commissioner Emch and Councilor Lackmann led a discussion on the activities of the Executive Committee task forces. Council voted to approve the revised terms of reference for the Task Force on Professional Conduct and discussed the intersection of the work of that task force and the Committee on Ethics.

## **9.3 AMS Meetings Task Force**

Council noted the work of the task force and looks forward to receiving the results of a recent survey on the timing of the Annual Meeting.

## **10.1 Statements in Process**

Council briefly reviewed this informational item.

## **10.2 Climate Change Statement**

After a brief discussion, Council approved releasing the draft Statement on Climate Change for the 30-day member comment period. It was noted that comments made by Councilors during the discussion could be submitted to the member open comment portal during the 30-day comment period.

## **10.3 Strategic Goals**

After some discussion, Council voted to approve the Strategic Goals document that had been provided in the agenda. Staff was asked to use the text to produce a version that could be published in BAMS and provided through the website.

## **11.1 Centennial Committee**

Committee Chair Bill Gail reviewed the status of Centennial Committee activities. He proposed a new area of functionality dealing with extended partnerships between AMS and other related organizations. Incoming President-Elect Glackin described a proposed new area of functionality to better support AMS members throughout their careers. Council approved both areas of functionality and looked forward to reviewing their implementation plans at the fall Council meeting.

## **11.3 Revealing the New AMS Logo**

Associate Executive Director Papa briefed Council on changes made to the draft AMS logo in response to earlier Council comments, and he unveiled the resulting graphic. Council

suggested some minor adjustments to the image but voted to approve it for release with the 100th Annual Meeting.

**16.0 Other Matters**

Council reviewed and discussed a draft statement on the impacts of the partial government shutdown and voted to approve the statement for immediate release.

**13.0 Meetings**

President Wakimoto encouraged Council to review the informational material on upcoming annual and specialty meetings.

*Council adjourned at 1:25 p.m.*