

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 7 January 2018
Meeting of the Council
Austin, TX

Participants--- President-Elect Roger Wakimoto, Past-Presidents Frederick Carr and Alexander MacDonald, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen, and Executive Director Keith Seitter.
Councilors: Philip Ardanuy, Elizabeth Austin, Andrea Bleistein, John Cortinas, William Easterling, Tanja Fransen, Laura Furgione, David Gochis, Sue Ellen Haupt, James Kinter, Kevin Petty, Alan Sealls, Adam Sobel. [Councilors Clayson and Riemer were absent.] **Commissioners:** Donna Charlevoix (Education and Human Resources), William Mahoney (Enterprise), Bob Rauber (Publications), Maureen McCann (Professional Affairs), Yvette Richardson (Planning), and Bruce Telfeyan (STAC). **Incoming Councilors and Commissioners:** Melissa Burt, Pam Emch, Jennifer Henderson, Robert Henson, Gary Lackmann, and Shirley Murillo. **AMS Staff:** Stephanie Armstrong, Tom Champoux, Lee Gordon, Claudia Gorski, Ken Heideman, Paul Higgins, William Hooke, and Brian Papa. (Not all 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 being present, President-Elect Wakimoto called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and welcomed all. President-Elect Wakimoto took this opportunity to welcome the new incoming Councilors and review the agenda. He highlighted several events taking place this week at the Annual Meeting and noted the timeliness of his theme (extreme events) for next year's Annual Meeting. He drew particular attention to items on the agenda involving the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force and the Society's government relations effort. He also noted it has been an honor to serve as acting president to complete the year begun by Matt Parker.

1.0 Meeting Minutes and Mail Ballots

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

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-Elect Wakimoto again welcomed the incoming members of the Council and encouraged them to be active participants in the meeting. He also noted that incoming Councilor Henderson would be leading a task force to explore increasing early career researcher involvement as recommended by the Researcher Involvement Committee.

2.1 Ballot Structure and Guidance to Nominating Committee

President-Elect Wakimoto reviewed the format used for the most recent ballot which was designed to improve sector representation on the Council. Council voted to continue using the same ballot structure this year.

[Past-President Carr assumed the chair as President-Elect Wakimoto left to participate in another event at 8:22 a.m.]

3.1 STAC

Commissioner Telfeyan reviewed the STAC Commission report. He noted that new terms of reference for the Banner I. Miller report will be sent to the Awards Oversight Committee in the near future. He reported on the demographics of the membership of STAC, noting a growth in the number of women on its committees.

3.2 Publications

Commissioner Rauber reported that the number of submissions dropped for the first time in five years. He highlighted a proposal to increase public access to the science published in our journals, and he proudly announced that the time for authors to receive the initial decision about their manuscripts has decreased significantly. Council agreed better statistics on the demographic make-up of authors and reviewers are desirable, and it asked the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force to recommend ways to obtain these.

3.2.1 Next Publications Commissioner

Council approved Tony Broccoli as the next Publications Commissioner for a three-year term beginning January 2019.

3.3 Professional Affairs

Commissioner McCann provided preliminary recommendations from an ad hoc committee exploring the possibility of establishing a certification program for climate change consulting. The committee's full report will be provided shortly.

[President-Elect Wakimoto returned at 9:03 a.m. and assumed the chair.]
[Councilor Easterling arrived at 9:05 a.m.]

3.4 Education & Human Resources

Commissioner Charlevoix reviewed the EHR Commission report. Council approved new terms of reference for the Committee of Judges for Undergraduate Awards.

3.5 Planning

Commissioner Richardson reviewed activities of the Planning Commission and then presented a proposed new structure for the Commission. Council voted to approve new terms of reference for the Commission that includes the new structure. Council discussed names to consider for new members of the Planning Commission consistent with its newly approved structure, and it agreed to make the appointment through an e-mail ballot.

3.6 Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise

Commissioner Mahoney recommended Council dissolve the Weather Enterprise Economic Evaluation Team, and Council voted to do so. Council voted to approve the following new members of the Steering Committee: Kevin Kelleher, Kevin Petty, Mike Eilts, Kevin Kloesel, and Julie Pullen. [Councilor Petty recused himself from this vote.]

3.6.1 Next Future Commissioner of the CWWCE

The Council voted to approve Doug Hilderbrand as CWWCE Future Commissioner for a term beginning with this meeting.

4.1 Organizational Procedures Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen proposed changes to the Organizational Procedures based on prior decisions by the Executive Committee and Council during the past year and changes requested by Commissioners. Council approved the changes to the document.

5.0 AIP and AGI Updates

Senior Director of Member Society Relations for the American Institute of Physics, Liz Dart Caron, briefed Council on recent and future activities at AIP. Executive Director of the American Geosciences Institute, Allyson Anderson Book, provided an introduction to AGI for Council now that AMS is a member society.

15.6 AMS Development

Past-President Susan Avery, chair of the 100th Anniversary Campaign, along with consultants Carol Kolmerton and Bruce Bigelow, provided an update on the campaign.

[Council briefly recessed from 10:25– 10:40 a.m.]

4.2 Honorary Member Procedures Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen reviewed, and Council approved, changes to the Honorary Member procedures to match current practice.

4.2.1 Nominating Honorary Members

President-Elect Wakimoto reminded Council that the Executive Committee would welcome suggestions for individuals to be considered for Honorary Member.

4.3 Follow Up on Awards Eight-Year Review

At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council voted to approve changing the name of the Charney Award to the Charney Medal with no other changes in the terms of reference for the award.

6.0 Committees of the Executive Committee

President-Elect Wakimoto briefly reviewed the committee reports included in the agenda packet as informational items. He noted that terms of reference for task forces recommended by the Centennial Committee will be forthcoming.

7.1 International Affairs Committee

After reviewing the report of the IAC, Council voted to approve Renee Leduc Clarke as a new member of the committee for a three-year term ending January 2021.

7.2 Committee on Researcher Involvement

After reviewing the final report from the Committee on Researcher Involvement, Council supported the idea of creating a task force within the Planning Commission to explore more fully

the involvement of early career researchers. Councilor Henderson will serve as Council liaison to the task force.

8.0 Task Forces

President-Elect Wakimoto briefly reviewed reports from the AMS Meetings Task Force, the BAMS Task Force, and the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, all of which were informational items included in the agenda packet. He noted the last of these will include the issue of sexual harassment as part of its considerations.

10.1 Refining the AMS “Brand”

Branding consultant Michele Levy briefed Council on progress in clarifying messaging about what the Society is and what it will become in the next century.

10.2 Member Engagement Platform

Director of Project Management Papa demonstrated the new member engagement platform that will be implemented for all boards and committees in the weeks following the meeting.

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

9.1 Statements in Process

Council reviewed the list of statements in process. President-Elect Wakimoto requested information be included about how long a statement has been in process.

9.2 Communicating Scientific Uncertainty Statement

Council approved posting the draft statement for the 30-day member comment period.

9.3 Statement on Weather Safety at Venues and Public Gatherings

Council approved posting the draft statement for the 30-day member comment period.

9.4 Lightning Safety Statement

Council approved posting the draft statement for the 30-day member comment period.

9.5 Ozone Statement

The final draft of the statement was approved by Council.

9.6 Best Practices for the Dissemination of Weather Warnings to the Public

The final draft of the statement was approved by Council subject to minor edits to be finalized by President-Elect Wakimoto and Councilor Bleistein with the drafting committee.

9.7 Releasing Names of Members of Statement Drafting Committees

A member had asked Council to consider releasing the names of statement drafting committee members during the drafting process. Council discussed this suggestion and decided to continue the current practice.

11.0 Mentoring Program

Councilor Fransen briefed Council on efforts to launch a more extensive mentoring program in partnership with AGU using the Mentoring365 platform.

12.0 Major Issues Related to Government Interactions over the Past Year

President-Elect Wakimoto led a brief discussion on the Society's approach to government relations. While there was support for the current approach, it was agreed that a longer discussion by Council was warranted given the recent challenges to science. The April EC meeting will include a conference call that includes the entire Council to discuss this issue.

13.0 2017 Budget Update

Executive Director Seitter provided an update on the status of the budget.

14.0 Meetings

President-Elect Wakimoto noted the agenda included information about the 2018 annual and specialty meetings, as well as future annual meetings.

15.0 Status Reports

President-Elect Wakimoto noted the agenda included information reports on Headquarters activities and encouraged all Council members to review those reports and contact the Executive Director if they have questions.

It was noted that graduate students are often not aware they are eligible for Member with Student Privileges status that would allow them to vote in AMS elections. Council asked Headquarters to market that option to students more effectively.

16.0 Other Matters

Executive Director Seitter encouraged all Council members to review the Whistleblower and Conflict of Interest policies and return to him soon the signed disclosure forms.

Council adjourned at 1:03 p.m.