

**Minutes of the 19-20 September 2007
Meeting of the Council of the
American Meteorological Society**

Participants: AMS President Rick Anthes; President-Elect Walter Dabberdt; Past President Walter Lyons; Past President Franco Einaudi; AMS Executive Director Keith Seitter. *Councilors:* Joe D'Aleo, Kelvin Droegemeier, Marcia Politovich, Mary Altalo, Ray Ban, Steven Rutledge, Joseph Schaefer, J. Marshall Shepherd, Richard Carbone, Kenneth Crawford, Amanda Lynch, William Proenza, and Dian Seidel. *Commissioners:* John Toohey-Morales, Commission on Professional Affairs; George Frederick, Commission on the Weather and Climate Enterprise; Julie Winkler, Education and Human Resources Commission; Dave Jorgensen, Publications Commission; Roger Wakimoto, Scientific and Technological Activities Commission. *AMS Staff:* AMS staff participated throughout the meeting including Barry Mohan, Gary Rasmussen, Joyce Annese, Claudia Gorski, Bill Hooke, Stephanie Armstrong, Beth Farley, and Ken Heideman. Stephanie Kenitzer served as the official recorder. Absent: Jenni Evans, Robert Weller and Planning Commissioner George McVehil.

[The numbering in the following sections follows the Agenda numbering, but the order represents the order the issues were discussed at the meeting.]

0.0 President Anthes called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Anthes thanked AMS staff for help with materials and encouraged members to leave any materials they chose not to keep for recycling. Dr. Anthes honored Tony Hollingsworth with a moment of silence.

1.0 Meeting Minutes and Mail Ballots

Dr. Anthes presented the EC minutes from 14 January 2007. Council approved minutes from 14 January 2007 Council meeting and the 8 August conference call. Council reaffirmed email ballots from 30 August 2007.

Council approved University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Chapter, University of Incarnate Word Student Chapter, Valparaiso University Student Chapter, the Marymount School of New York Pre-College Chapter, and the Western Kentucky University Student Chapter. Dr. Anthes noted that EC recommended no change in the name of the University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez chapter and the Council concurred.

2.0 Commission Reports

2.1 Scientific and Technological Activities

Commissioner Wakimoto presented the report for the STAC Commission. Council approved STAC Committee Terms of Reference subject to editorial review.

Council approved the name change of Biometeorology and Aerobiology to Atmospheric Biogeosciences. Commissioner Wakimoto suggested that the Strategic Goals should be further reviewed by commissioners to include areas that cross commissions. Council approved student award named after Peter Hobbs, and recommended a review of student recognition. An ad hoc group will review and present a proposal to students at student conference for their input.

Council approved the Named Symposia Guidelines for AMS Annual Meetings as recommended by STAC commissioner with a few minor edits. Council approved the request for a Tim Oke named symposium for the 2009 AMS Annual Meeting. STAC Commissioner Wakimoto will notify the organizers. Council provided general agreement to allow the STAC to move forward with a Tony Hollingsworth named symposia.

Council approved the International Conference for Southern Hemisphere Meteorology and Oceanography to be held in Melbourne, Australia in February 2009.

2.2 Publications

Commissioner Jorgensen provided a review of the Publications Commission activities for the year. There was extensive discussion on the journals and the overall direction of the publications program. Council considered and unanimously voted to approve the addition of one editor to *MWR*. Council voted in favor of accepting faxed or PDF versions of signed copyright forms for publication of a paper in AMS journals.

Council encouraged a more extensive review of the proposed policy journal as recommended by Commissioner Jorgensen, with a report to the Council planned for January.

Dr. Anthes encouraged the Council to review the analysis of unpaid page charges and the waiver request system. There was support for continuing this approach.

2.3 Professional Affairs

Commissioner Toohey-Morales provided a summary of commissions activities. He reported that there has been an increase in CCM applicants (25 in the pipeline to date); that the CBM program now has 235 certified and 84 applications in the pipeline; that continued education with news directors is needed to emphasize the value of the CBM; that after 2008 AMS will no longer accept applications for the Seal of Approval; and that the Broadcast Board is instituting a Spanish panel on the board to review tapes.

Council considered and the unanimously approved to expand Private Sector Board to 8 members including a student member, and the addition of a student member to the Board of Operational and Government Meteorologists (BOGM).

Council considered and unanimously approved proposed changes to the organizational procedures with minimal edits. Council suggested the Commissioner of

Professional Affairs contact the BOGM to consider editing the BOGM term of reference to include oceanography and space weather.

2.4 Education and Human Resources

Commissioner Winkler reported on the Education and Human Resources Commission. Some highlights include: the Career Fair at the Annual Meeting will be renamed as the “Graduate School and Networking Reception;” a Heads and Chairs meeting will occur in October 2008 and the commission is already working on the details.

Council considered and unanimously approved the proposed changes to the *Teaching Excellence Award* and the *Distinguished Science Journalism in the Atmospheric and Related Sciences* award.

Council considered the proposal to change the *Teaching Excellence Award* to become a named award and recommended that: 1) the Awards Oversight Committee consider the issue of named awards and provide guidance on named awards (i.e. should there be more named awards; should there be a waiting period after a member passes away before naming an award in his/her honor; etc.) and 2) once the guidelines are provided, the Board for Higher Education will reconsider renaming the Teaching Excellence Award.

There was discussion about AMS role in science education and partnering with the Science Board, the National Science Foundation, and others.

2.5 Planning

The Council reviewed Commissioner McVehil’s report on the commission’s activities. There were no action items.

2.6 Weather and Climate Enterprise

Commissioner Frederick presented the Commission on Weather and Climate Enterprise (CWCE) highlights. The Council considered and unanimously approved recommended Commission Steering Committee members as presented. Council considered and unanimously approved the recommended changes to the Organizational Procedures related to the Weather and Climate Enterprise with edits as discussed. Council considered and unanimously approved the proposed CWCE Commissions rotation. The Council considered several individuals for possible appointment as the next commissioner.

Commissioner Frederick recommended a statement on community priorities that would complement the proposed transition document. Council discussed the need for both documents under a short timeline and encouraged the Commission to draft a writing committee for approval by the Council via email. Dr. Hooke has agreed to lead the

transition document in partnership with UCAR, and will serve as co-chair for the priorities statement.

3.0 AMS Statements

The Council discussed the AMS statement writing process. Dr. Anthes outlined the current process and some of the challenges with three statements that have been written under the new guidelines. There was extensive discussion about the need for clarification to the writing teams about the role of the Council in the statement process; the time the Council has to review statements; the need for further technical and other editing prior to posting the statements; the need for the writing team chair to be a recognized leader in their field with an excellent and proven writing and communication skills; and the need for balance of science on each writing team.

Council considered and unanimously approved an ad hoc committee made up of Dr. Carbone, Dr. Seidel, Stephanie Kenitzer, Dr. Wakimoto, and Dr. Seitter to review and amend the statement guidelines in time for the January 2008 Council meeting. (Further discussions were put on hold until 20 September.)

4.0 Budget

Dr. Seitter reviewed the 2007 budget. He noted that the 2007 AMS Annual Meeting was a significant loss to the Society as a result of the ice storm in San Antonio, but due to strong performance of the Society's publications, the Society expects to end the year break even. Seitter reviewed the budget process and then presented the proposed 2008 budget. The Council reviewed the budget with questions and discussion on various topics related to meeting costs, page charges, marketing expenditures, community activities, print journal costs and issues, education textbooks, and investments.

Council unanimously approved the proposed 2008 budget.

5.0 Awards

Council reviewed and approved the slate of award winners as provided.

The Council discussed and unanimously approved the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference to the Award for Excellence in Science Reporting by a Broadcast Meteorologist.

5.2 Award Nominations Committee

Council reviewed and discussed the need for an award nomination committee to encourage award nominations. In addition to encouraging nominations for awards and Fellows, it was suggested to include Honorary member and named symposium individuals to the terms of reference for this committee. There was further discussion about the need for a different nominating committee to fill vacancies for various boards,

committees and other leadership positions. Council voted and approved forming an Award Nominations Committee (one opposed). EC will provide a list of proposed committee members to the Council at the January meeting.

5.3 Kenneth C. Spengler Award

Council discussed and unanimously approved the establishment of the Kenneth C. Spengler Award.

6.0 Proposed AMS Fellows

There was extensive discussion about the recommended list of candidates for Fellows. It was agreed to defer resolution of this item until the next day.

The Council adjourned at 5 p.m. on 19 September 2007, and reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on 20 September 2007.

Those not present on 20 September were Commissioner Toohey-Morales and Dr. Altalo. During the day, some members left the meeting prior to its completion.

Dr. Anthes called for further discussions about the recommended list of the Fellow candidates to continue in executive session. All non-Council members were excused. After additional discussion, the Council approved the following 25 individuals as Fellows of the AMS:

Ana P. Barros	Paul R. Krehbiel
Shepard A. Clough	Michael J. McPhaden
Harold L. Cole	Chin-Hoh Moeng
Margaret A. Davidson	Patricia M. Pauley
Henry F. Diaz	F. Martin Ralph
David R. Easterling	Richard D. Ray--Suomi
Phillip D. Falconer, CCM	Richard W. Spinrad
Brian F. Farrell	Lynne D. Talley
Peter H. Hildebrand	John Toohey-Morales, CCM, CBM
Donald E. Hinsman	Morris Weisman
Raymond M. Hoff	Bruce Wielicki
John E. Jones, Jr.	Earle R. Williams
	Tetsuji (Ted) Yamada

7.0 Honorary Members

Council reviewed the slate of Honorary Members and went into Executive Session for further discussion. The Council voted to approve Alfred Blackadar and T.N. Krishnamurti as honorary members.

8.0 Fellows, Awards, and Nominating Committees for 2008

Council discussed and unanimously approved the two suggested candidates be added to the Fellows Committee for terms ending in January 2011.

2.2.1 Named Symposia

Commissioner Wakimoto presented a final proposal for a Named Symposium in honor of Tony Hollingsworth at the 2009 Annual Meeting that had been received the previous evening. The Council voted to approve the symposium.

18.5 “Green” Meetings

Dr. Seidel presented the results of the ad hoc committee that reviewed ways the AMS could be better environmental stewards at the AMS Annual Meeting. The ad hoc committee drafted AMS Green Conference Guidelines for review and approval by the Council. The goal is to have the AMS take steps to be more environmentally conscious. The Council discussed the guidelines and approved them with a few modifications.

12.0 Secretary-Treasurer Position

Council discussed and unanimously approved that Dr. Richard Rosen be appointed to the position of Secretary-Treasurer for a four-year term beginning in January 2008.

15.0 Organizational Procedures

Council reviewed and unanimously approved the noted changes in the Organizational Procedures as presented with a few additional changes.

9.0 Strategic Goals

Council reviewed the Strategic Goals Implementation Plans presented by the STAC, the Publications Commission, the Commission on Professional Affairs, the Commission on the Weather and Climate Enterprise, the AMS Planning Commission, and the Education and Human Resources Commission. A few specific recommendations were made to the commissioner’s plans. Dr. Anthes encouraged Councilors review the Strategic Goals and provide input to the Commissioners on any further recommendations by October 3. The Council will review the Strategic Goals at the January 2009 Council meeting and then have the Commissions implement the goals and report progress on a regular basis. There was discussion about some wording of the Strategic Goals, and it was suggested that the Council members review the wording of the Strategic Goals and recommend possible changes at future Council meetings.

11.0 Selection of Fifth Councilor

Dr. Anthes discussed the reasoning behind have a Fifth Councilor and asked for recommendations for possible candidates. Council discussed a number of possible

individuals for the Fifth Councilor. Dr. Anthes asked that selected Councilors and staff provide the Council with a short paragraph about the candidate's qualifications within two weeks so the Council can vote by email ballot. The goal is to have the Fifth Councilor in place to take part in the January 2008 Council meeting.

There was further discussion about the general topic of balance on the Council. A recommendation was made to have the Planning Committee review the Society's approach to achieve broad representation and balance on the Council.

13.0 External Review

Dr. Anthes commended the staff for their input and work on the External Review. Dr. Einaudi added insight on the review and noted highlights. There was discussion about topics that were not covered in depth as part of the External Review including the structure and operations of the Commissions and the AMS Annual Meeting. There was discussion on how to address these shortcomings.

Dr. Seitter responded to the recommendation about AMS staff continuity by noting a business continuity short-term plan is currently being developed. The Society is also looking at how to foster long-term professional development given the current organizational structure. Dr. Seitter addressed questions about investments. There was additional discussion about the term limits for the President, President-Elect, and Council. Dr. Anthes recommended that the Executive Committee, AMS staff, and commissions address the External Review recommendations and develop a response for the Council to review at the January 2008 Annual Meeting.

21.0 Other Matters

Dr. Dabberdt discussed ideas for activities during his presidency. They included: establish a proactive dialogue with other meteorological Societies starting at the 2009 Annual Meeting. The Council thought this was an excellent idea. He also proposed developing a more proactive approach to high school students; and that the AMS consider establishing an electronic compendium of the atmospheric sciences. Dr. Dabberdt will expand on these items prior to the January 2008 Council meeting.

14.0 Government Relations

Dr. Seitter reported on the government relations program and opened the discussion on endorsing reports from other agencies and organizations. The Council discussed the proposed general criteria provided by Dr. Anthes to use in evaluating if the Society should endorse other reports. The Council felt that these criteria were sufficient and endorsed using these guidelines in the future.

3.0 AMS Statements

The Council continued discussion started on 19 September about AMS Statements. The Council considered and unanimously voted to approve the writing team for the AMS Policy Statement on Space Weather as proposed with the recommendation that one additional individual be asked to serve. The Council considered and unanimously voted to approve the membership of the writing team for the AMS Information Statement on Probability Forecasts as proposed with the addition of Dr. Schaeffer as the Council representative, and with Rick Katz and Barbara Brown as co-chairs of this writing team. The Council agreed to wait on approving the proposed writing teams for the Planned and Inadvertent Weather Modification and Energy Production statements until the new guidelines are approved and can be communicated to the writing teams. Council agreed to move forward with forming a writing committee for the Community Priorities statement. This team would be approved via email ballot.

16.0 Membership (New Interpretive Memorandum)

Dr. Seitter led a discussion about the membership criteria, the streamlined membership application, and its relationship to the Constitution. He noted that the Council must now revise the Interpretive Memorandum to broaden the language of membership in the spirit of the Strategic Goals. He also suggested a committee to review possible updates to the language about membership requirements in the Constitution. The Council would like to look again at the report on Professional Guidelines in the Constitution that was created by the Planning Commission a few years ago. The Council will consider this topic again in January 2008. Dr. Lyons suggested creating a marketing tool/business card that can be given out to colleagues to encourage them to become an AMS member. The card should include a URL.

19.0 Status Reports

The Council did not discuss Status Reports that had been provided as information items in the agenda. Dr. Seitter encouraged the Council to follow up if they had any questions on the reports.

The Council meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.