

**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the 2 March 2021**  
**Videoconference Meeting of the Council**

***Participants---*** President Mike Farrar, President-Elect Rich Clark, Past-President Mary Glackin, Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Telfeyan, and Executive Director Keith Seitter.  
***Councilors:*** Joan Alexander, Shuyi Chen, Kristie Ebi, Efi Foufoula-Georgiou, Erica Grow, Mike Henry, Kim Klockow-McClain, Andrea Lang, Julie Pullen, and Jim Steenburgh. [Councilors Arndt, DeMaria, Higgins, Leung, and Morris were absent.]  
***Commissioner:*** Kevin Goebbert (EHR). ***Staff:*** Paul Higgins, Bill Hooke, and Brian Papa.

A quorum of voting members being present, President Farrar called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. EST on 2 March 2021.

**1.0 Statement on Expectations Concerning Media Performance during Severe Weather**

Councilor Grow (Council liaison for the drafting committee) briefed Council on the background of the draft statement and the various groups that had provided input into the draft presented for approval. Council members had a number of suggestions for minor edits to address the clarity of the text. Council voted to approve the statement subject to edits to be made by Councilor Grow and Commissioner McCann that address issues raised in the Council discussion. The final draft will be reviewed by President Farrar and Councilor Klockow-McClain to ensure the edits have captured the spirit of the Council suggestions.

**2.0 Joint International Climate Communique by National Meteorological Societies and Associations**

Council discussed the near-final draft statement, whose drafting had been led by the Royal Meteorological Society with significant input from AMS. Council voted to approve having AMS sign onto the Communique provided one phrase was edited to more clearly state the desire to help efforts in countries that were capable of change but lacked resources. Council asked Executive Director Seitter to inform the Royal Meteorological Society of the requirement for AMS approval, and also that AMS would need to review the statement again if any substantive changes were made before it was considered final.

*Council adjourned at 5:12 p.m. EST.*