

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 26-27 September 2006

Meeting of the AMS Council

Participants— Participating Council members with voting privileges were: Presidents Rick Anthes (2007), Susan Avery (2004), Franco Einaudi (2006), and Walt Lyons CCM (2005); Executive Committee (EC) members Jennifer Francis (2007) and Marshall Shepherd (2009); and Council members Mary Altalo (2009), Ray Ban (2009), Joe D’Aleo (2008), Jenni Evans (2008), Tony Hollingsworth (2007), Tom MacPhail (2007), Stan Marsh (2007), Marsha Politovich (2008), Steve Rutledge (2009), Joe Schaefer (2009), and Chuck Wash (2007).

Participating ex officio members of the Council were: Commissioners George Frederick (2008), Joe Klemp (2007), George McVehil (2010), John Toohey-Morales (2010), Roger Wakimoto (2009), and Julie Winkler (2009); Executive Director Keith Seitter CCM; and Secretary–Treasurer Ken Spengler CCM. Years indicate the annual meetings during which Presidents take office and Council members complete their terms.

AMS staff members attending were: Controller Barry Mohan; Directors Joyce Annese, Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Ken Heideman, Bill Hooke, and Gary Rasmussen (Recorder); and Senior Policy Fellow Paul Higgins.

Précis—The Council met at AMS Headquarters in Boston Tuesday and Wednesday, 26-27 September 2006. On Tuesday President Einaudi called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. He called for a 20-min break at 10:30, a 60-min break at 12:15, and a 20-min break at 3:15 PM. He adjourned the meeting for the day at 4:40 PM. On Wednesday, Dr. Einaudi called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM, called for a 20-min break at 10:10, and adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

DISCUSSION SYNOPSIS

1 Meeting Minutes and Mail Ballots (Information and Decision)

Executive Director Seitter discussed implications of Massachusetts law governing nonprofit organizations. For deliberative bodies, such as the AMS EC and Council, final decisions must be made after discussion and e-mail ballots must be unanimous. Thus, to comply with Massachusetts law, Dr. Seitter said that after any desired additional discussion, the Council must vote to reaffirm each ballot taken by e-mail thus far in 2006. Without additional discussion, the Council voted to reaffirm all of the e-mail ballot decisions, including acceptance of minutes of Council meetings.

2 Commissioners' Reports (Information and Decision)

2.1 Scientific and Technological Activities

Commissioner Wakimoto provided an update, which included discussion of STAC changes and challenges, statement production, named symposiums, the Remote Sensing Prize, committee appointments, a meeting of program chairs at the annual meeting, post-conference debriefs, greater use of UCAR's Center Green conference facility, extended abstracts, and production of CDROMs.

The Council voted to approve international meetings in Sweden and Canada. They also voted to approve two named symposiums in 2008.

2.2 Publications

Commissioner Klemp provided an update, which included discussion of Headquarters support, virtual special issues, journal article production time, Publication department staffing levels at Headquarters, online submissions, the manuscript tracking system, the level of IT support at Headquarters, remote editorial support, possible consolidation of editorial support at Headquarters, subscriptions, policy on keeping print and online versions identical, a proposal investigate use of black and white graphics in print while retaining color graphics online, and the proposed new Informatics Journal.

The Council voted to approve all appointments, including Dave Jorgenson as Commissioner, and Peter Lamb and Joe Klemp as at-large members of the Publications Commission.

2.3 Professional Affairs

Commissioner Morales provided an update, which included discussion of the 50th anniversary of the Certified Consulting Meteorologist (CCM) program in 2007, the second CCM forum in San Antonio in January, the dwindling number of CCM applicants and potential need for corrective action, the success of the new Certified Broadcast Meteorologist (CBM) program, the need new tape review scoring level of 1.5, the Broadcast Board's Station Scientist Committee, the Broadcast Meetings in 2007 through 2009, activities of the Board for Private Sector Meteorologists, short courses organized by the Board for Continuing Professional Development, and the need for the Board of Operational Government Meteorologists (BOGM) to expand its membership from 6 to 8 members.

The Council voted to approve all appointments and the new tape scoring table, to expand BOGM, and to reappoint Commissioner Morales.

2.4 Education and Human Resources

Commissioner Winkler provided an update, which included discussion of joint work with the AGU on the Heads and Chairs Meeting, possibly refreshing the education conference at the Annual Meeting, Al Gore's movie *An Inconvenient Truth*, and a proposal to populate all committees and the Council with student members.

2.5 Planning

Commissioner McVehil provided an update, which included discussion of the recently established Education Program Study Committee and development of a Strategic Plan for the Society's various and numerous education programs.

The Council voted to reappoint Commissioner McVehil.

2.6 Weather and Climate Enterprise

Commissioner Frederick provided an update, which included discussion of future goals for the Enterprise Commission and possible changes to the appointments process.

The Council voted to approve all appointments to the Commission's Steering Committee.

3 Statements (Information)

Dr. Hollingsworth provided a status update.

4 Budget (Discussion and Decision)

Dr. Seitter led the discussion, provided updates, and explained the budget process.

Discussion of the 2006 budget included the anticipated 2006 budget bottom line; our budget philosophy on funding community support programs; our development program; savings achieved by switching to a new print house for Journals; the vanishing Meetings Department deficit; base funding for the Education Program, the Policy Program, Development, outreach, Local Chapters, the new Enterprise Commission, and our History programs; revenues generated by the Education Program, and Special Initiatives. The 2007 budget is based on actual results for 2005 and anticipated results for 2006.

The Council voted to approve the 2007 budget and to add \$20,000 for an external review, which was also approved by Council. The Council voted to adjust dues annually to track an appropriate index of inflation, such as the Consumer Price Index.

5 Awards

Dr. Lyons provided an update, which included a discussion of nomination shortfalls, individuals who received nominations for multiple awards, and the Remote Sensing Prize.

The Council voted to approve all award recommendations.

6 Proposed AMS Fellows

Dr. Avery reported that the selection process went smoothly, although some sectors were underrepresented in the nominations.

The Council voted to approve the 24 Fellow recommendations.

7 Honorary Members (Decision)

The Council voted to approve the three Honorary Members recommended by the EC.

8 Fellows, Awards, and Nominating Committees for 2007 (Information, Discussion, and Decision)

The Council voted to approve all appointments.

9 Strategic Plan (Discussion and Decision)

Dr. Einaudi led a spirited and lengthy discussion of the Draft Strategic Plan.

10 Committees of the Executive Committee (Information)

The Council did not discuss this item.

11 Selection of the Fifth Councilor (Decision)

The EC recommended selecting the fifth Council member to achieve balance in the area of societal impacts, and identified three recommended candidates. However, because Several Council members asked for additional information about the candidates, the Council postponed a vote until supplemental information could be supplied.

12 External Review (Discussion)

Dr. Anthes reported that NCAR and UCAR do external reviews and find them to be valuable, and noted that the AMS has never had an external review. The EC supports getting an independent, constructive review. They prepared a charge and identified a candidate for Chair.

The Council voted to obtain an External Review, and appropriated \$20,000 to fund it.

13 Government Relations (Discussion)

The Council did not discuss government relations.

14 Changes in the AMS Constitution (Decision)

Dr. Seitter described three levels of needed changes.

- Level 1 changes to allow us to comply with Massachusetts law and use electronic communications, and make small language corrections. The EC supports making these changes now.
- Level 2 changes synchronize the Constitution with the Strategic Plan.
- Level 3 changes, which will require extensive discussions and membership input, change membership requirements and add a code of ethics.

Level 1 and level 2 changes can be voted on next fall's ballot.

The Council voted to proceed with changes at the first two levels, reserving the right to approve the final wording. They also formed a committee to recommend level 3 changes. Its members are Dr. Wash (Chair), Dr. Altalo, and Mr. Ban.

15 Student Participation in the Council and Committees (Discussion)

The Council discussed this topic when it discussed agenda item 2.4. It did not have any additional discussion.

16 External Funding (Information)

The Council did not discuss external funding.

17 Meetings (Information)

The Council discussed meetings at several points, and did not have any additional discussion.

18 Status Reports (Information and Discussion)

Dr. Hooke provided an update on the AMS Policy Program, which included discussion of the Summer Policy Program, staffing, Policy Forums planned for the fall of 2007, the Environmental Science Seminar Series, and funding status.

After Dr. Hooke completed his update, the Council discussed many aspects of membership trends and how we might motivate individuals to join the AMS.

19 AMS Affiliation with Other Organizations (Information)

The Council did not discuss affiliation with other organizations.

20 Other Matters

The Council did not discuss other matters.