

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of 28 and 30 September 2022
Meeting of the Council, Singlo Room, Revere Hotel, Boston

28 and 30 September 2022

Participants--- President Rich Clark, President-Elect Brad Colman, Past-Presidents Mike Farrar (online for portions on 30 Sept) and Mary Glackin, and Councilors Julie Pullen, Mike Henry, Joan Alexander, Deke Arndt, Kristen Averyt (online for portions), Mona Behl, Shuyi Chen, Efi Foufoula, Rachel Hauser, Andrea Lang, Bernadette Woods Placky, Kandis Boyd, Rachel Hauser, Executive Director Stella Kafka, and Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Telfeyan. Commissioners Tony Broccoli, Ankur Desai (28 Sep), Kevin Goebbert, Mike Augustyniak, Sue Ellen Haupt, Susan Jasko, CIC Chair Melissa Burt, and future Commissioner Elisabeth Cohen. AMS Staff: W. Abshire, S. Armstrong, A. Mancinelli, B. Farley, C. Gorski, P. Higgins, J. Ives, B. Mardirosian, B. Papa, K. Savoie, G. Whittaker, and K. Putsavage. Guest: Rick Rosen.

President Clark called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m. EDT on 28 Sep 2022, and Secretary-Treasurer Telfeyan called the roll, confirmed that a quorum of the Council was present and announced that the meeting was being recorded. President Clark introduced the new AMS CFO, Andrea Mancinelli, and she stated her appreciation and enthusiasm at the opportunity to join with us.

1. Consent Agenda Vote and Approval of July Meeting Minutes

The Council discussed and then approved all items on the Consent Agenda.

2. AMS Finances

Executive Director Kafka and CFO Andrea Mancinelli provided a brief update on the AMS budget for CY 2022. This was favorably received, and all agreed that there is no need to establish a revised budget at this time as we are very close to the projections in place.

3. Auditor presentation of AMS FY2021 Audit

Kevin Costello and John Harradon (Tonneson & Company) provided details of the 2021 audit of the AMS finances. They noted there are no issues noted or non-compliance findings with Federal rules and regulations.

4. FY2022 Budget

Executive Director Kafka provided a review of the budget. The overview included tables and charts of each department's budget. ED Kafka reminded the Council that KPIs are shared with them each month through the efforts of Brian Papa and staff. A motion to adopt the budget report was made, seconded, and approved.

5. Future of Publications

- Commissioner Broccoli provided a review of the status and some implications regarding the future of our publications. He discussed many of the impacts of

open access publications and the impacts on our practices and financial concerns.

- Tony Broccoli's opening remarks were followed by Brian Papa giving financial background and insight into the makeup of our authors and subscribers.
- Publications Director Whittaker gave a report on our business model history and open access considerations.
- Tony Broccoli provided information regarding the Aug 2022 OSTP announcement and reviewed recent staff actions. This was followed by a period of questions and open discussion.

[Council recessed at 5:00 p.m. on 28 Sept. The next day, 29 Sept was set aside for the Council Retreat. The Retreat consisted of a morning workshop on microaggressions by AdvancedGEO and moderated afternoon session on developing a plan to advance Climate Science and Services as the 2023 strategic goal. The Council then reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on 30 September and continued the business meeting.]

6. AMS programs review – findings and discussion

ED Kafka presented a review of the AMS programs and referenced the six program areas which were the subject of her study. Her study included finding which of our programs are the strongest, which are the highest risk, and which are the most meaningful for our members and for society in general. She presented survey results and employed a matrix map to show which programs provide the greatest value. Some Councilors expressed concern with the conduct of the survey. This presentation was followed by breakout sessions to delve into the various programs, followed by a report-out and productive discussions. ED Kafka concluded by noting that we are doing a great deal of valuable and outstanding work achieving numerous goals, which provides our members and community with substantive and positive impacts.

7. Matters Requiring Council Approval

a. There was lengthy and wide-ranging discussion on the proposal for CWWCE commission-level awards. A motion to approve the proposal for the CWWCE-level awards was made and seconded. The motion was approved with one abstention.

b. The proposal for an ad hoc committee to study creating an AMS certified climate service specialist was discussed after being introduced by Commissioner Augustyniak. Past-president Glackin made a proposal to form the ad hoc committee and was seconded and approved without dissent.

8. Discussion of the Selection of the Fifth AMS Councilor for 2023

Numerous possible candidates and approaches for selecting the right individual were discussed. S-T Telfeyan noted that any person selected would need to join the AMS (if not already a member) before becoming a Council member. President Clark will be collecting recommendation for the Fifth Councilor.

9. AMS Planning Commission SWOT Analysis

Commissioner Jasko discussed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that the Planning Commission reviewed for analysis and potential application to

advance the Society. After hearing Jasko's report, the Council voiced approval for the Planning Commission to move forward with the analysis.

10. Translation of AMS Glossary to Spanish

Commissioner Augustyniak provided an update on the efforts to translate the AMS Glossary into Spanish. Commissioner Broccoli provided background about how Publications handles the Glossary, including the dozens of updates made (and new terms added) each year.

11. Adjournment

President Clark adjourned the meeting at 2:53 PM and noted that the Council will convene again in November to address issues that are yet to be resolved.