

AMS BEST Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2015
2:30pm-3:30pm
Deer Valley Room, Sheraton Hotel
Phoenix, AZ

Attendees:

- Gary Rasmussen
- Mary Glackin
- Chris Strager
- Juli Trtanj
- James Stalker
- Bob Goldhammer
- Bill Mahoney

1. Highlights from CWCE Steering Meeting (Mary Glackin)

- NWS researching changing their watch/warning/advisory paradigm which should involve the whole enterprise
- Space Weather coordinating with STAC on enterprise issues
- Weather Enterprise Economic Evaluation Team update – want to distribute a document

2. CWCE 2015 3rd Annual Symposium

- Kicks off tomorrow, Tuesday, January 6 at 11am with keynote from Joel Myers

3. Vacancies for BEST

- Wendy Thomas (Government Rep)
- New co-chair for Ecological Forecasting Committee
- Brainstorm of incoming chair(s) for BEST for 2016
- Need to mentor new committee members that may not have the AMS experience to get new energy of membership
- Other CWWCE boards do use their committee chairs to organize the Summer Meeting and the Policy Forum
- Would be open to adding a student rotation as well
- **ACTION:** Solicit new member volunteers through Gary Rasmussen – make it broad for the entire Commission for mid-Feb message
 - work with Mary G and Chris S
 - people should use an AMS committee to use a goal in mind
 - utilize the website now that we have it
 - highlight the EPT and need for Symposium support

4. Committee Updates (Committee leads)

- Nationwide Network of Networks Committee (James Stalker)
 - Late May workshop (28-29th) with OFCM possible
 - David McCarron at OFCM is POC
 - Agenda is not yet set
 - Goal is for selective adoption standards for NoNN

- Is there an independent body
 - Is NWS the independent body?
 - Should there be an independent body?
- Climate Services Committee (Stephanie Herring)
- Emergency Management Committee (Mike Hudson and Bob Goldhammer)
 - Committee has been struggling in past year
 - Meeting tomorrow morning with committee members
 - IAEM has created a 'weather and climate caucus' → Bob has communicated with the chair for that caucus
 - Opportunity for this committee get in sync with each other
 - Bob has been soliciting volunteers and validating the members who had already been
 - ACTION: Follow-up with Bob in a few weeks after AMS on next steps (Andrea)
 - Wed: Tweet Session
 - Northrop Grumman
- Ecological Forecasting Committee(Juli Trtanj)
 - Allison Allen to replace Paul Sandifer as co-chair with Paul's retirement
 - Will make sure that 2016 will have committee meeting in person in New Orleans
 - Working to make progress on private sector engagement
 - April meeting on Ecological Forecasting
 - ACTION: Need to discuss communication within the ecological forecasting community
 - Something to look ahead to 2016 meeting?
 - Looking to work with broadcast community
 - ACTION: need additional private sector member for committee
 - Steve Root - NCIM
 - Accuweather
 - ACTION: Want to connect with the Board on Global Strategies

5. Discussion items (All)

- Enterprise Topic Exchange
 - Growth areas
 - *Space weather
 - Coastal and Health
 - Ecosystems
 - Water
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6. Housekeeping items:

- BEST Committee Websites – continue to make sure they are up to date