

AMS BEST Meeting Notes
June 22, 2015
Teleconference: 712-832-8300
Passcode: 7732044#

Attendees:

- Andrea Bleistein
- Chris Strager
- Tanja Fransen
- Stephanie Herring
- Juli Trtanj
- Bob Goldhammer
- Mary Glackin

1. Committee Updates (Committee leads)

- Nationwide Network of Networks Committee (James Stalker) – Strager provided update:
 - Incoming chair for 2016 will be John Horel
 - Proposed workshop for late Feb/early Mar 2016 in partnership with OFCM
- Climate Services Committee (Stephanie Herring)
 - Submitted request to AMS Council to renew the Climate Services Policy Statement for another 5 years. No changes requested at this time.
 - Discussing a proposed web presence to highlight private sector climate service providers on AMS site.
- Emergency Management Committee (Bob Goldhammer and Tanja Fransen)
 - Committee meetings monthly via telecom
 - Looking at pairing of IAEM chapters with AMS local chapters to do activities together and outreach
 - Proposal to update a statement on siren policy – committee is discussing providing feedback for new version with possible endorsement from AMS and IAEM
 - Looking for a starting point for EMs to have with regards to using sirens
 - Looking for integration with other AMS Annual Meeting sessions
 - Socio-economic
 - Health
 - Juli proposed that maybe looking at the marine/coastal area response could be a place to include EMs
 - Proposed Student Conference activity (EMs, Media, NWS)
- Ecological Forecasting Committee(Juli Trtanj)
 - New co-chair to replace Paul Sandifer is still not determined. The committee has not met fully to discuss a selection yet – looking for a private or academic person. Next meeting is in August.
 - Partnering with Board on Environment and Health for annual meeting

- Committee would like to reserve a room at annual meeting for committee to meet in person
- Private sector outreach still lagging a bit
 - What would be of interest to them? Maybe a discussion/session at annual meeting?
- Interested in recruiting student members who are interested in this committee

2. Discussion items (All)

- Upcoming Vacancies for BEST in 2016 – chair(s)
 - Some annual meeting planning experience would be good
- AMS Summer Community Meeting - August in Raleigh, NC
 - Theme: “For The Greater Good: Strengthening Collaboration, Consistency, and Trust to Support Informed Decision Making”
- 4th Annual CWWC Symposium
 - 10 proposed sessions so far
 - Any interest in assisting with planning for the symposium – contact Andrea.
- Update from Commissioner Glackin
 - Schedule for yearly actions on AMS CWWCE
website: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/cwwce/index.cfm/information-for/cwwce-chairs/cwwce-annual-calendar-of-events/>
 - Look for email from Mary Glackin on solicitation of new members and membership review
 - Looking to shorten and streamline reporting process
 - Proposal for committees to recognize members who are providing outstanding service to AMS with certificate

3. Housekeeping items:

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