

**AMS BEST Meeting Agenda**  
November 24, 2015  
Teleconference: 712-832-8300  
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**Attendees:**

- Bill Mahoney
- Sheldon Drobot
- Jon Horel
- Mary Glackin
- Stephanie Herring
- Juli Trtanj
- Andrea Bleistein

**Agenda:**

**1) Welcoming Remarks (Andrea and Chris)**

- a. Incoming BEST Chair Introduction (Sheldon Drobot)
  - i. Previously involved with Board on Societal Impacts and Surface Transportation Committee
  - ii. Currently works for Harris Corp.

**2) AMS Annual Meeting**

- a. CWWCE Symposium
  - i. Keynote speaker: Paul Pisano, Ken Spangler award winner
  - ii. Final program posted on AMS  
site: <https://ams.confex.com/ams/96Annual/webprogram/4WXCLIMATE.html>
- b. Committee Meetings
  - i. In person CWWCE Leadership Meeting (Saturday, January 9, 2016). Invitation from Mary Glackin on November 5, 2015. See draft agenda.
    - 1. Mary provided some context for intent of meeting to help incoming and existing committee chairs
    - 2. Gives chance for AMS staff to get to know the volunteers/chairs
  - ii. BEST Meeting (Monday, January 11, 2016)
    - 1. 3-4pm, Room TBD
    - 2. Committee Meeting schedules at AMS? (All)
      - a. NoNN meeting on Tuesday at 7am
      - b. EM Committee Meeting
      - c. Ecological Forecasting Committee Meeting (no meeting)
      - d. Climate Services (no meeting)

**3) Committee Updates (All)**

- a. Committee membership review deadline was Oct 1, 2015
- b. Ecological Forecasting Committee (Juli Trtanj)
  - i. Committee would like for Allison Allen to come on board for as co-chair
  - ii. Juli rotates off in 2016 so there will still be gap for co-chair even with Allison coming on board
  - iii. Current members still interested even if there was a time rotation off
  - iv. Want to bring on a student member
  - v. Still have a gap in having private sector representative – requesting help on who to ask

- c. NoNN (Jon Horel)
  - i. Membership changes have been submitted to Mary Glackin – smaller group than previous
  - ii. NoNN conference in March. Details coming out soon for website
  - iii. Rewriting terms of reference
- d. Climate Services (Stephanie Herring)
  - i. 2 members expecting to rotate off wanted to remain past 2015
  - ii. Continuing working on private sector climate services providers directory and will be discussed at the Commission Steering meeting in New Orleans
    - 1. AMS is working on utilizing a vendor to set this up capability on AMS site
    - 2. Service providers would pay a service fee
    - 3. 2016 rollout plan under development – waiting on when site is ready prior to full advertisement and beta testing
    - 4. Idea came up regarding utilizing AMS committees to look/review the site before full out sharing externally
  - iii. Commission on Professional Affairs which runs the CCM program – exploring climate expertise certification through an ad hoc committee. Being proposed to AMS Council in January.
  - iv. This committee open to teaming up with Ecological Forecasting committee to discuss opportunities to partner on private sector discussion
- e. EM Committee:
  - AMS student conference items (IWT discussion, hands on scenario with IWT mentors) that a few of us are working on. (Tanja Fransen, Owen Sheih, Tom Bedard, Kevin Kloesel)
  - Struggling a bit with getting enough time to connect student AMS/IAEM chapters, mostly due to busy schedules of the people working on that project. (Bob Goldhammer, Tom Bedard, Dan Goff)
  - Three representatives assisting Bill Read's AMS Emergency Communications Task Team. (Bob Goldhammer, Rob Dale, Mike Hudson)
  - Rob Dale is still working on the Siren Warning Policy. It was not accepted as is through IAEM, but he wasn't given a reason for that.
  - Major Weather Impacts of 2015 Session at AMS is completed. I am the co-chair of that session with Klaus Wolter. <https://ams.confex.com/ams/96Annual/webprogram/12IMPACTS.html>