



**AMS ITS/Surface Transportation Weather Committee
Meeting Minutes
Austin, Texas
Tuesday, 8 January 2013
7:00 – 8:10 PM EST**

Meeting participants:

Name	Organization	Membership	Status
Jim Koermer	Plymouth State Univ.	Member, Chair	Present
Kevin Petty	Vaisala, Inc	Outgoing Member	Absent
Jeremy Duensing	Schneider Electric	Member	Present
Chaz Harris		Outgoing Member	Absent
Fred Klein	Noblis, Inc.	Member	Absent
Steve Conger	AvaTerra Services, Iteris	Member	Absent
Kathy Osborne	Meridian Environ. Tech.	Member	Absent
Tina Greenfield	Iowa DOT	Member	Absent
Mike Chapman	NCAR	Member	Absent
Mark Askelson	Univ. of North Dakota	Member	Absent
Curtis Marshall	National Weather Service	Member	Absent
Elliot Abrams	AccuWeather	Member	Absent
Brenda Boyce	Booze-Allen-Hamilton	Member	Present
Paul Pisano	FHWA	Ex Officio	Present
Art Handman	ITS America	Ex Officio	Absent
Wilf Nixon	TRB	Ex Officio	Absent
Judson Stailey	OFCM	Ex Officio	Absent
Sabrina Tajeron	OFCM designee (STC)	Ex Officio	Absent
Leigh Sturges	Narwhal Met, LLC	New Member	Absent
Curtis Walker	U. of Nebraska Lincoln	New Student Member	Present
Paul Bridge	Vaisala, Inc.	New Member	Present
Bill Mahoney	NCAR	Guest	Present
Ralph Patterson	Narwahl Group, LLC	Guest	Present
Gary Rasmussen	AMS	Guest	Present
Matt Parker	AMS CWCE Commissioner	Guest	Present

Old Business

- 1) Attendees introduced themselves.
- 2) Jim Koermer thanked outgoing members (Kevin Petty and Chaz Harris) for their past service to the AMS ITS/ST Committee and welcomed new members (Leigh Sturges and Paul Bridge) and student member Curtis Walker).

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- 3) The minutes of the 16 October 2012 AMS ITS/ST Teleconference Meeting were approved as written.
- 4) The draft meeting agenda was modified to include a discussion of the Terms of Reference document and approved.
- 5) Action Item Review - Committee Website. Jim Koermer relayed that Mark Askelson still has not heard back from the AMS folks, who are updating AMS websites. They were supposed to be done with their work, but apparently are not. Gary Rasmussen relayed that the modifications are being done by Commissions and that CWCE boards and committees probably have not been addressed. Mark will continue to follow up.
- 6) USDOT/FHWA Updates from Paul Pisano: Paul distributed the “USDOT ROAD WEATHER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE” (see attachment 1) and discussed a number of items on this document including the latest status on *Clarus* Initiative, which will be winding down this June, and the transition to NOAA’s Meteorological Assimilation Data Ingest System (MADIS). It is estimated that it will take MADIS a year to develop their quality control procedures and a new web environment. He also highlighted the following:
 - Flyer on “Road Weather Management Best Practices” (see attachment 2) and a webinar at 1:00 pm EST on 30 January 2013
 - New courses on “Principles and Tools for Road Weather Management”, Road Weather Information Systems (RWIS) Equipment and Operations”, and “Weather Responsive Traffic Management” through the University of Maryland
 - Flyer on “Guidelines for Disseminating Road Weather Messages” (see attachment 3)
 - Tentative new dates (16-18 June) for the Road Weather Management 2013 Stakeholder Meeting in Little Rock, AR
 - Kenneth Leonard has filled the position formerly held by Shelly Row at FHWA and seems supportive of road weather issues
 - The upcoming June issue of BAMS will contain an article, authored by Bill Mahoney, Jim O’Sullivan, and Paul Pisano, on the APT Report on Mobile Observations. They will try to have reprints for the Stakeholder’s Meeting.
- 7) AMS EIPT Committee Update: Jim Koermer reminded the attendees of the Environmental Information Processing Technologies (EIPT) session on Road Weather Applications on Tuesday morning and the Surface Transportation session in the AMS Eighth Symposium on Policy and Socio-economic Research on Wednesday afternoon.
- 8) Mobile Observations Subcommittee (Brenda Boyce): Brenda recently changed companies and didn’t have access to all of the materials she needed to get started. (Update: Jim Koermer provided her with information and we want to add Greg Bell from NOAA, who is in charge of MADIS). The first meeting will occur soon.
- 9) AMS Washington Forum: This forum will be held 2-4 April 2013 and Jim Koermer will chair a panel session on surface transportation. Bill Mahoney from NCAR and Kevin Petty from Vaisala will be on the panel. We will also have Paul Pisano or Ken Leonard representing FHWA. The AMS is also trying to get the current or a previous Secretary of Transportation on the panel. For the last slot, we were thinking of someone from Europe to discuss their progress in this area. However, several suggested that a representative from the automotive industry might be better. Mike Chapman indicated that he had a potentially good

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contact from Mercedes and several members have also met with a V.P. from Honda. This sector could be quite useful in addressing rulemaking concerns.

- 10) Journal Article Update (Mike Chapman): Mike indicated that some progress, especially with the help of Curtis Walker has been made in formulating an outline and they hope to have something for ready discussion at our next ITS/STC meeting.
- 11) Transportation Research Board (TRB) Weather Committee: Wilf Nixon, the *Ex Officio* member of this committee from TRB, could not attend the teleconference. Paul Pisano related that the TRB meets next week and the TRB Committee on _____, which is most applicable to our focus, will also meet. Several participants indicated that they would attend.
- 12) ITS America (ITSA) Weather Committee: Art Handman, the *Ex Officio* member of this committee from ITSA, was not able to attend, but Paul Pisano reported that the next ITS America Meeting is scheduled for April in Nashville and that Betsy Weatherhead from NOAA will be participating.

New Business

- 1) Next Meeting: In March, Jim will send out a Doodle poll to set up an April Teleconference—probably in the latter half of the month.
- 2) Other: Brenda Boyce, who was able to get onto the agenda of last summer's AMS Summer Community Meeting relayed that it was an excellent venue and that it would be useful in getting surface transportation issues on future meetings.

Open Discussion

Matt Parker briefly discussed the reorganization of the CWCE and that there would be a new process to replace the Annual Partnership Topic (APT) process.