

Minutes of AMS Board on the Urban Environment || January 11th, 2016 (New Orleans, USA)

Meeting started at: 1800 CST

Presents:

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Present Remotely:

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Guests:

Bruce Telfeyan, AMS/STAC Incoming Commissioner, Melissa Weston, AMS B/C Meetings, and Gloria Gorski, AMS Conferences/Symposia

Mark Arend and Prathap Ramamurthy, The City College of New York

1. Minutes of last meeting (**July 22, 2015**) are reviewed and approved.
2. BUE Membership
 - Negin Nazarian (current student member) has graduated and will continue as a full member. The term would be effective on Oct 2016. Accordingly, a new student member is needed.
 - New members have joined, including Dr. Valéry Masson (Météo-France), Dr. Shiguang Miao (Beijing Urban Met Institute), and Jiachuan Yang (Arizona State University) as a student member.
 - Membership term of few member is about to expire (including Jorge Gonzalez). These cases will be discussed further.
3. Review of joint AMS-ICUC9 conference, 2015
 - Well attended from both European and American members. 62 total papers from US, of which 37 were orals and 25 posters.
 - Student awardees were selected and have received their award. There was a small discrepancy in the award budget from AMS and ICUC. This should be corrected in the future.
4. Review of STAC Report
 - The meeting was successful and productive with many exchanges of ideas.
 - New members are searched to serve on STAC.
 - BUE is complemented for the active involvement of its group members.
5. AMS2016

- 3 Joint Sessions were held successfully:

30th Conference on Hydrology/19th Conference on Applications of Air Pollution
Meteorology/Seventh Conference on Environment and Health

- Since AMS2016 was only few months after ICUC9, the number of BUE members that attended these sessions, especially European members, was low.

6. 2017 Symposium & RB Themed Sessions

- The Theme of 2017 is "Observations Leads the Way".

- Discussion summary: this does not indicate the preference of observation analysis over numerical studies in this conference, but the need for extending the observation, specifically for validating the numerical results, are emphasized.

- Volunteers are needed for the following tasks:

- Leadership; Jan and Xuemei as Co-Chairs, with Dev & Jorge as supporting cast.
- Student Awards. Jorge and Zhihua to lead the students' awards.
- Workshops (WUDAPT workshop proposed similar to the 2015 ICUC9. Negin will follow up.)
- Special Sessions; 2 named RB sessions proposed with about 10 papers. Haidar volunteered to take the leadership; special session on urban observations, volunteers are needed, . Dr. Miao volunteered to organize.

- BUE is informed that it was not possible to hold the Robert Bornstein sessions for 2017. It was recommended to have 2-named sessions, Haider to coordinate.

7. Discussion of awards (2017 Landsberg Award & Pool of Candidates, BUE Award)

- Chandana will take leadership on award selection (with the help of Jorge).

8. Webpage updates:

- The new student member (Jiachuan Yang) will have a webinar training soon and take the lead on the webpage afterward.

- The name of the members and their terms should be updates soon.

9. Review of 5-year plan updates. No major updates, except membership.

10. BUE Statement

- Chandra and Dev are working on updating the BUE statement.

- There needs to be a deadline for finishing this task (preferable after March 2016).

- It's simpler to have "updates" rather than a whole new statement to avoid criticism from STAC. However, if this is only for BUE website, STAC does not need to approve.