

AMS 2017 – Seattle – BUE Meeting notes

January 23, 2017

Attendees: Niyogi; González; Kleissl; Nazarian; Tewari; Miao; Mitra; Zhang

1. Introduction of members (new member from IBM; Mukul Tewari)
2. Updates from and communication with STAC
 - Annual meeting of STAC on Jan 22nd was attended by Dev.
 - A new award program was introduced to recognize a member every other year (to acknowledge a board member, early career colleague, and outstanding member in the field). More details to follow
 - Best practices regarding the conferences, networks, student members, and the role of the board members were discussed.
 - Training on conference organizations (including youtube videos and names session requests) were discussed.
 - An annual summary of the conference including the awards, accomplishments, and students' involvement should be provided.
3. Update on AMS 2017 from Jan Kleissl
 - Acknowledgment to Jorge and Zhihua
 - Less invited talks to allow more accepted presentations
 - Keeping it centralized is better than delegating many tasks to session chairs
 - AMS details are longer than necessary and too descriptive. There is a need for more concise and more focused notes.
 - Two co-chairs are needed for the annual meetings. The co-chair can also be out of AMS.
 - Very few students were selected for oral presentations (13 oral presentations and 27 posters). These numbers should be increased in future meetings. Student sessions can be organized in future.
4. Next meeting – feedback from AMS members
 - Joint AMS meeting with ICUC
 - City college New York, June 2018 proposed
 - AMS is doing a site visit in the next month. The next steps are finalizing the dates, advertising and call for paper.
 - Feedback from Valery Masson:
 - o It is important to set the date earlier and allow at least 6 months after acceptance for the visa process.
 - o 5 full days are need with 4-5 parallel sessions.
 - o Significant time is needed for reading abstract. Don't underestimate. ICUC9 took 2 months.
 - o The chairs should read the abstracts to get the first view.
 - o Topic selection should be evaluated and organized such that two relevant sessions are not at the same time.
 - o AMS to consider the challenges of finding accommodation in NY. Approx. 100 low-cost rooms are needed for students, considering those receiving a grant to attend the conference.

- Notes from Jorge:
 - o Introduction on the venue (City College NY) which has been used for large scale meetings
 - o organizing committee: CUNY, CCNY
 - o Proposed date: Aug 6-10 (5 days)
 - o Proposed budget: **To be added by Jorge**
 - o It is possible to arrange for the guest house of universities (approx. 50 low-cost rooms)
 - o A scientific committee is needed to reach out to UN and other multidisciplinary organizations to expand the borders of the conference.
 - o A social gathering will be organized.
 - The role of the organizing committee discussed: cover a wide spectrum of expertise, contact reviewers and send 40 abstracts each. The main person to put the scientific committee together will be identified.
 - A committee for student awards should be identified.
 - Website to be modified based on the ICUC10 information.
5. BUE awards
- Four awards:
 - o Landsberg
 - o Named sessions
 - o Rossby
 - o Early researcher/Outstanding contribution/Applied meteorology/Outstanding service
 - Haider volunteered to manage these awards and possibly make a repository.
 - Process: divide the committee into “nominating” and “voting” members.
 - Discussions: how to make sure that BUE Landsberg award is not given to the same person who received AMS/ICUC award.
6. Student awards:
- Comments on posters and presentations should be given to students
 - Evenly distribute the award for oral and poster presentations
 - 10 students awarded or given honorable mentions
7. Position paper
8. Student members are needed
9. AMS Join session 2017