

## Minutes from 14 Sept 2012 WAF/NWP committee meeting

Attendees: Bruce Telfeyan, Kelley Mahoney, Lans Rothfusz, Michael Brennan, Josh Hacker, Andrew Molthan, Carolyn Reynolds, Becky Selin, James Belanger

1) 2 new member candidates were discussed: Sam Ng of Metro State University, and Jonathan Parker of AccuWeather. Mary Cairns of the AMS approves these new members, and they will officially join in January. We will invite them to join us at our meeting in Austin.

2) Becky and James, current student members, will convert to full members in January.

3) Lance and Kelly will end their first three-year terms in December, but will both stay on another 3-year term, through 2016.

4) The new student member, Charles Kuster of OU, was accepted. We need to find another student member, if anyone has recommendations.

5) Our committee meeting at the 2013 AMS annual meeting in Austin will take place on Tues. Jan 8th, from 12-1:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

6) Special session at 2013 AMS Annual Meeting: Kelly and Andrew have solidified the lineup of speakers, and all invited speakers agreed to attend. The poster session will have an additional 20-30 presenters. Future plans of action include determining which presenters will compete in the student contest, finding judges for the student contest, and confirming and notifying session chairs.

7) An addition symposium - a JCSDA symposium as part of the 3rd Conference of Transition of Research to Operations - will take place at the AMS Annual Meeting. The WAF/NWP committee will co-host this symposium.

8) Heather Reeves, chair of the Mountain Meteorology Committee, suggested to Bruce that we have a joint conference in summer 2014. Pros to this would be less work putting on a joint conference, and typically a large attendance of operational personnel at Mountain Met conferences. Cons include several non-traditional conferences in a row, and the possibility of decreased attendance due to limited travel budgets if we leave the annual meeting.

\*UPDATE\* After further correspondence from the mountain meteorology committee, they are not interested in have a joint conference after all. Bruce will be emailing about this shortly.

\*\*\*Thus, selecting a program chair for our 2014 meeting at the Atlanta AMS annual meeting is required, and Andrew Molthan has kindly offered to do this. Ed Szoke and Kelly Mahoney offered to be co-program chairs, and Becky Selin offered additional help.\*\*\*

9) CMOS would be very interested in having additional joint meetings. At our last meeting in May, we contributed ~110 people, down from our typical summer attendance of 250-300. Thus, we decided we would not like to pursue joint meetings on a regular basis, but could be interested in one at some point in the future. Reasons for not wanting to commit to a regular joint meeting includes: decreased attendance, additional travel expenses, and no presentation recordings/preprints available through the AMS website. If we do hold another joint meeting, we'd ask they hold it in a city easily accessible to the U.S. (i.e. not in Saskatchewan) as well as the possibility of AMS recording the presentations.

After our May meeting, Dave Novak from NWS/NCEP did hold a WAF teleconference, chaired by the Board of Operational and Government Meteorologists.

10) The AMS Statement on Weather and Forecasting has entered the drafting stage. The précis submitted back in April was approved. The drafting committee requires one WAF/NWP committee member, one AMS Council member, and three to eight other subject matter experts. Clark Evans and another professional have volunteered their services to the AMS as subject-matter experts, but additional experts are required. Becky has volunteered to be the WAF/NWP committee member, pending AMS approval.

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