

MINUTES (DJS)

BUE Meeting

Date and Time: Monday 01/21/2008, 7.00pm

Location: Bridge Room, Hilton, New Orleans Riverside

Attending: Petra Klein, Mike Brown, Tim Dye, Tony Brazel, David Sailor (DJS), Claudia Gorski, Roger Wakimoto, David Schultz (on panel for societal impacts).

AGENDA

1. Brief presentation of 2007 annual report
Names of retiring members.... Martin, Ray, and David all reappointed to new 3-year terms.
Roger W. confirmed that Jay Golden and Julie Lundquist were officially approved as new members on the Board.
We have 8 official members and several ex-officio members (see web page for list: <http://www.ametsoc.org/stacpges/CommitteeDisplay/CommitteeDisplay.aspx?CC=URBM>) . Do we want to go to 9 regular members as suggested in an old email that Petra has? Specifically, should we add a student member as a 9th member?
Roger indicates that there is a wide range of student participation on the various committees. Roughly 10 committees have a student member (1 year appt?)

ACTION: Dave will email BUE for specific nominations and make decision about a week later.
2. Introduction of David Sailor as the new BUE chair
This is Petra's last meeting as chair. She was chair for only 1 year, but will continue to serve as an ex-officio member.
3. Wednesday's Joint Session at the AMS Annual Meeting in New Orleans on **"Enhancing the Connectivity between Research and Applications for the Benefit of Society"** (session convener: David Schultz)
 - a. Comments from BUE representative Tony Brazel about process/status of the session presentations
Tony will have 8 minutes to deliver his talk. He has received input from many on BUE and is borrowing info from Walt's talk at the Urban Symposium 2007.
 - b. Follow-up discussion about BUE's contribution to the 3 questions addressed in this session (see page 2 for more details)
In general the BUE liked what Tony had put together and offered minor suggestions.
4. Organization of 8th Symposium on the Urban Environment
 - a. Venue: 2009 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, 11—15 January 2009
 - b. Status of Preparation (P. Klein and Claudia Gorski)

Claudia has about 75% of the calls for papers in (for the 89th annual meeting) and has sent these to BAMS for inclusion in the February issue. The Eighth Symposium on the Urban Environment call was already sent out for this issue, but can be changed on AMS web site and also in future postings in BAMS if desired.

The Energy Committee is interested in joining us in a joint-session (or two) in Phoenix--- renewable energy focus. We need to remind the Energy Committee to spread the word regarding the joint session to their members as there periodic symposium is NOT co-located with the 89th AMS meeting... same with Societal Impacts Committee.

We will need to identify names for possible invited speakers... or panel...? Darko would like a joint session with the Coastal Committee. The 8th Symposium organizing committee (Petra, Julie, Tony) will follow up on these issues.

Should we consider a joint session on Urban LTER program in Phoenix?
Perhaps a site visit?

Jay Golden sent Petra an email about an EPA person who could be a possible contact for a joint session on Public Health.

Topics for abstract submissions will be put on web site in APRIL. Program chairs: Tony Brazel, Petra Klein, and Julie Lundquist.

The BUE decided by unanimous agreement that we will do a Student Forum at the 8th Symposium! Possible names for student forum presenters... Janet Barlow, Bob Bornstein...

Typically these forums are anywhere from several hours to half a day long. Sometimes they are just before the beginning of the meeting (e.g., with the Student Conference). Sometimes they are during the week of the conference. We could require students to sign up in advance so that we have enough copies of materials and do not run the risk of having too many participants for whatever room we have.

ACTION: DJS will try to find a volunteer to take the lead on organizing the Student Forum, but will act as the backup if needed.

We need to query BUE for lecture topics (probably 3-4 one-hour lectures). It is important that the forum be interactive --- classroom style lectures with as much hands-on stuff as possible... The forum should NOT be “the latest

cutting edge research”, but more of a graduate-level primer on a topic. Something that would be good for a first year graduate student or possibly an advanced undergrad. Can/should we give certificates of completion? The student forum does not need to be formally approved by AMS, but we do need to let AMS know by Aug. 1. We must coordinate with Stephanie Armstrong at AMS. She can help us with arranging it, getting the word out to students, making copies of materials, etc.

ACTION: We need to decide whether to offer a short course. Bob Bornstein has already suggested he MAY have an interest in offering one (on urban modeling). Others?

If we do any sort of short course it has to be unique, relative to what attendees might get out of the conference itself. Registration is typically \$250 ish. Who is the target group? We should take a critical look at any proposals for short courses. Ultimately these must be approved by the AMS.

- c. Presentation of Call for Paper’s draft
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- 5. Other BUE business
 - a. Website
 - b. Student Member

Student – see above.

Website – pdf of walt’s talk, Tony’s, minutes of mtgs. Pictures, student award winners, Lansberg award winners and citations... **ACTION:** DJS will be updating the website, and will make a version of the site available for comment from BUE (hopefully by spring).

- 6. Announcements and Reminders
 - a. AMS Landsberg award: I strongly encourage all BUE members to submit nominations in the spring. For details about nominations procedure please see <http://www.ametsoc.org/awards/index.html>

Deadline MAY 1 !!!! beat the bushes!!!

BUE members AND ex-officio members vote on a recommendation for the Landsberg award. One nomination is already being initiated for Sue Grimmond (Jason Ching).

ACTION: DJS encourage BUE members to initiate nominations.

2010 annual meeting in Atlanta – Weathering Climate Change: New Demands for Science and Service

ROGER – members vs. non-members attending conferences for same registration fee (as long as they are a speaker or session chair). STAC and COUNCIL want to do SOMETHING about this, but have no specific recommendations... yet.

PETRA – color images on pdf version of paper? Council wants on-line and print version the same (David Schultz – who just came from publications meeting).

Student award? Named after Rob McDonald ??? Check with AMS, check with family....?

ACTION: BUE needs to review Mission Statement (“Terms of Reference”). Does it describe what we do? Look at other committees... should we shorten it? June deadline...

Only one member’s term (Tim’s) expires in 2009. He is eligible for reappointment.