

**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the 11 August 2023**  
**Meeting of the Council of the AMS via Zoom**

**Participants**--- President Brad Colman, President-Elect Anjali Bamzai, Past-Presidents Rich Clark and Mike Farrar; **Councilors**; Kristen Averyt, Mona Behl, DaNa Carlis, Shuyi Chen, Erin Coughlan de Perez, Mark DeMaria, Rebecca DePodwin, Rachel Hauser, Mike Henry, Andrea Lang, Michelle Mainelli, and Bernadette Woods Placky (Note: Councilors Joan Alexander, Kandis Boyd, and Rong Fu were unable to attend); Executive Director Stella Kafka and Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Telfeyan; **Commissioners**; Tony Broccoli, Mike Augustyniak, Eric Cei, Susan Jasko and Kimberly Klockow McClain. **Student Representative**: Aaron Alexander and Holly Malinson were unable to attend; **AMS Staff**; C. Gorski, P. Higgins, and B. Papa.

**Minutes Recorded by:** Bruce Telfeyan

**Note:** If anyone sees their name in the minutes and prefers that this not be shown, please advise the Secretary-Treasurer so that corrective action can be taken.

**1. Call to Order and Quorum Check**

President Colman called the meeting to order at 11:01 EDT on 11 August 2023. Secretary-Treasurer Telfeyan called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum and informed the participants that the meeting was being recorded. President Colman reviewed the meeting agenda (and the most recent updates) and highlighted key areas of note for the meeting.

**2. Discussion of Honorary Members**

There was thorough discussion regarding various individuals noted for consideration for honorary member status. At the conclusion of discussion, a motion was made to approve three individuals as new honorary members of the AMS. Following discussion, the motion was approved without dissent.

**3. Process to Select a Fifth Councilor**

Various approaches and considerations were viewed in addressing the forthcoming challenge of considering those to choose as the fifth councilor. Some areas of background and expertise that were discussed included the following:

- Financial oversight and management
- Development (fund raising and philanthropic board experience)
- Operational forecasting
- Publications (focused on technical/scientific expertise)
- Sector expansion (i.e., DoE or DoI)
- Expanding the academic/private sector partnership.

Following the robust discussion, it was agreed that we would have the Council vote on this set of background/areas of expertise to identify a top three. After the vote, a spreadsheet will be shared for offline nominations in each of the top three. The EC committee will then review the nominees and come back to the Council at the November meeting with a recommended list.

**4. Rapid Response Process discussion**

This broad discussion revolved around how the AMS can respond quickly to relevant events which occur that are within the lane of our Society's interests. It was broadly agreed that we should develop a process to allow the AMS to respond quickly (a matter of days or a week as opposed to months). At the same time, our desire is to reflect the broad consensus of AMS

members' opinions rather than distinct ideological stances. The importance of involving AMS boards and committees in developing the process was emphasized. Also, the approach of leveraging volunteers to work on this effort in a small group found broad agreement. Councilor Becky DePodwin volunteered to serve as the Council focal point for this effort.

**5. Upcoming Meetings**

- On October 6<sup>th</sup>, the Council will meet to discuss and review finance issues. This will be subsequent to the Finance Committee meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The Fall Council Meeting (virtual) will take place on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Closing**

The meeting adjourned into an executive session at 12:34 PM. This session concluded with a final adjournment at 1:05 PM.