

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of 22 November 2022 Meeting of the Council through Zoom

Participants--- President Rich Clark, President-Elect Brad Colman, Past-Presidents Mike Farrar and Mary Glackin, and Councilors Julie Pullen, Mike Henry, Deke Arndt, Kristen Averyt, Mona Behl, Shuyi Chen, Efi Foufoula, Rachel Hauser, Andrea Lang, Bernadette Woods Placky, Kandis Boyd, Rachel Hauser, Executive Director Stella Kafka, and Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Telfeyan. Commissioners Tony Broccoli, Kevin Goebbert, Mike Augustyniak, Sue Ellen Haupt, Susan Jasko, and future Commissioners Kristie Franz, Elisabeth Cohen, and Kim Klockow-McClain. AMS Staff: W. Abshire, S. Armstrong, A. Mancinelli, B. Farley, C. Gorski, P. Higgins, J. Ives, B. Mardirosian, B. Papa, K. Savoie, G. Whittaker, and K. Putsavage.

President Clark called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m. EST on 22 Nov 2022, and Secretary-Treasurer Telfeyan called the roll, confirmed that a quorum of the Council was present and announced that the meeting was being recorded. The minutes of the 28 - 30 Sept 2022 Council meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved. President Clark thanked S-T Telfeyan for compiling and publicizing the minutes with the Council.

1. AMS Budget Discussion

ED Stella Kafka presented a review of the AMS budget. There was a productive discussion on the new DEI budget line in the budget. A motion to approve the budget report was seconded and approved with one abstention.

2. Membership Updates to Committees Reporting to the AMS Council

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed membership updates to the Ethics, Fellows, and Awards Nomination Committees. After thoughtful discussion and a desire from a Councilor to develop a rubric for selecting new committee members, the motion was approved with one abstention.

3. Approval of new Future Commissioners for EEC and STAC

- a. Kevin Goebbert recommended that Kevin Kloesel be named as the next Future Commissioner for the Commission on Education and Engagement for a term to begin in January 2023. The recommendation was unanimously approved.
- b. Kristie Franz recommended that Clark Evans be named as the next Future Commissioner for the Scientific and Technological Activities Commission for a term to begin in January 2023. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of a new Editor for the Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology

Commissioner of Publications Tony Broccoli requested that Qi (Steve) Hu of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln be approved as the new editor for the Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

5. Selection of the Fifth Councilor

The Council deliberated on the selection of the fifth councilor to join the four that were chosen by the AMS members in the November election. The choice was between the two finalists and Dr. Erin Coughlan de Perez was elected by a majority of fifteen voting members. Erin will be required to become a member of the AMS before assuming office at the Annual Meeting in Denver.

6. Ad-Hoc Task Force

The Council voted to approve the formation of an ad-hoc task force focused on improving and enhancing the transparency of the AMS Awards and Nomination Processes. The task force will report to the Council and a ToR and initial membership for the group will be deliberated at the January 2023 Council meeting.

7. Charge to the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws Revisions

The charge to the ad-hoc committee was reviewed and a discussion of various alternatives for approaching possible revisions was led by committee co-chair, Kim Klockow-McClain. Various approaches and options discussed ranged from updating the most pressing items such as the Code of Conduct paragraph to a wholesale rewrite of both documents. There was discussion as to whether the entire AMS membership should be made aware of this effort. S-T Telfeyan pointed out that it will take a two-thirds or greater approval of the entire voting membership to approve amendments to the Constitution.

8. Climate Science and Services – A Council Discussion

President-Elect Brad Colman gave a presentation on the effort to make Climate Science and Services (CSS) a strategic priority for 2023 and beyond. Brad identified several targeted outcomes for 2023 and laid out a three-step plan. Brad's briefing is available upon request to S-T Telfeyan.

9. AMS Annual Meeting Health and Safety Policy

Past-President Mike Farrar opened a brief discussion regarding the [AMS Meeting Health and Safety Policy and Waiver](#) for the Annual Meeting in Denver. He noted that in requiring that masks be worn for the entire meeting, we are not consistent with policies for other large meetings and conferences in recent months. AED Brian Papa ended the discussion by noting that those who have already registered for the Annual Meeting did so with the understanding that masking would be required.

10. Adjournment

President Clark gave thanks to all attendees and, after noting that the Council will convene again in Denver on Sunday, January 8th, adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.