

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 7 February 2020
Teleconference Meeting of the Council

Participants--- President Mary Glackin, President-Elect Mike Farrar, Past-Presidents Jenni Evans and Roger Wakimoto, Secretary-Treasurer Richard Rosen, and Executive Director Keith Seitter. **Councilors:** Melissa Burt, Kristie Ebi, Erica Grow, Bob Henson, Wayne Higgins, Kim Klockow-McClain, Gary Lackmann, Shali Mohleji, Vern Morris, Shirley Murillo, Julie Pullen, and Jim Steenburgh. [Councilors Arndt, Henderson, and Leung were absent.] **Commissioners:** Pam Emch (Past-Commissioner, Enterprise), Gene Fisher (STAC), Kevin Goebbert (EHR), Doug Hildebrand (Enterprise), and Maureen McCann (Professional Affairs). [Commissioners Broccoli and Richardson were absent.] Secretary-Treasurer-elect Bruce Telfeyan. **Staff:** Wendy Abshire, Stephanie Armstrong, Joe Boyd, Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Paul Higgins, Bill Hooke, Brian Mardirosian, Brian Papa, Kelly Savoie, and Gwendolyn Whittaker. (Not all staff attended the entire meeting.)

[The numbering of the following sections corresponds to that in the January Council agenda, because this teleconference meeting was held to resolve agenda items left over from the January meeting, plus related items that were added following the earlier meeting. The sections are listed in the order they were addressed at the meeting.]

A quorum of voting members being present, President Glackin called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. EST. [Evans and Morris joined the meeting after the roll call, and Farrar joined at 1:40 p.m.]

1.5 Mail Ballots

Council voted to reaffirm all of the mail ballots since its fall meeting that did not have unanimous approval. Council also voted to approve the establishment of a student chapter at the University of Texas at Austin that was provisionally approved by e-mail ballot 16 September; reactivation of the Black Hills Local Chapter that was provisionally approved by e-mail ballot 22 October; establishment of a student chapter at CU Boulder that was provisionally approved by e-mail ballot 5 November; reactivation of the Georgia Institution of Technology student chapter that was provisionally approved by e-mail ballot 2 December; establishment of the Central PA Local Chapter that was provisionally approved by e-mail ballot 2 December; reactivation of the Central Texas Local Chapter that was provisionally approved by e-mail ballot 11 December; and establishment of a student chapter at the University of Utah provisionally approved by e-mail ballot 3 February (with Councilor Steenburgh recusing himself from the vote on the Utah chapter).

2.1 Ballot Structure and Guidance to Nominating Committee

Council voted to use the same ballot structure for the fall 2020 election as has been used in recent years, providing guidance to the Nominating Committee to create a slate consistent with this ballot structure. Council then discussed ways to increase participation by early-career professionals and students in the Society's governance, and

it looked to possible changes in the structure of the ballot, its guidance to the Nominating Committee, or in our governance documents to achieve that broader participation. Council agreed to continue this discussion in the future, along with addressing issues about representation for non-government organizations and from other disciplines.

4.0 Budget Update for 2019 and Looking Forward to 2020

At the January meeting, Council had asked that it be provided additional metrics on the impact of the tiered dues approach implemented in the fall of 2019. The current status of member renewals and its impact on the budget were discussed. Council recommended further efforts be made to publicize the new dues structure, especially to our local chapters. Executive Director Seitter indicated that a survey of members about the dues structure may be undertaken. As part of this discussion, Council agreed that the member class “Member with Student Privileges” should be renamed “Graduate Student Member.”

5.2.1 Glossary Term “Indian Summer”

Council agreed that whereas the term “Indian Summer” should be retained in the AMS *Glossary* for its historical context, the definition should note that the use of the term is discouraged. Council asked that the Publications Commission provide Council with a recommendation for a suggested replacement term for this meteorological phenomenon that could be included in the *Glossary* definition.

5.3.1 Joint Report – Professional Affairs and EHR

After discussion led by Commissioners McCann and Goebbert, Council approved the terms of reference for the Early Career Leadership Academy (ECLA) including its Planning Committee and Selection Committee. Council also provided feedback on a proposal for better engaging ECLA graduates in Society leadership. Council discussed draft terms of reference for a new Board on Community Service, but it felt more work is needed on the terms, including the Board’s placement in our volunteer structure, before approval. It encouraged the volunteers working on the Centennial initiatives that would fall under this new board to continue actively pursuing those initiatives.

5.4 Education and Human Resources

Commissioner Goebbert briefed Council on terms of reference for commission-level awards, which were approved. Council also approved the first such award to be administered by the Board on Precollege Education for a K-12 Educator Award.

5.6 Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise

Past-Commissioner Emch led discussion on proposed structural changes within the commission. Council approved moving the Energy Committee and the Renewable Energy Committee from the Board on Global Strategies to the Board on Enterprise Economic Development (BEED), moving the Committee on Open Environmental Information Services from the BEED to the Board on Enterprise Communication (BEC), and moving the Committee on Radio Frequency Allocations from the BEED to the BEC.

7.0 Organizational Procedures

Secretary-Treasurer Rosen outlined proposed updates and changes in the *Organizational Procedures*, which for the most part simply codified decisions made by the Executive Committee and Council over the past year. Council voted to approve the changes as presented.

[Past-President Evans left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.]

10.0 Moderation of Open Forum

Executive Director Seitter briefed Council on issues that have arisen in Open Forum discussion threads and on the recommendation of the Executive Committee to address them. Council supported a stronger level of moderation by staff to curtail potentially disruptive Forum discussions through early intervention. It also suggested that the terms of agreement to which members attest in order to participate in the Forum be made more visible.

12.1 Transition Document

Councilor Henson led discussion on a draft transition document being prepared for dissemination to the presidential campaigns and eventually to the transition team of the administration after the election. Council had many suggestions for the drafting team to consider as work continues on the document.

13.0 Centennial Committees

Executive Director Seitter and Secretary-Treasurer Rosen briefed Council on draft terms of reference for three committees aimed to further work on approved Centennial initiatives. Council approved the creation and initial membership of the Local Networks Committee, the Partnering Committee, and the Historical Research Network Committee (as a sub-committee of the History Committee). Council asked that the committees continue to refine their terms of reference and reporting structure and provide new drafts to Council for its July meeting.

Council also formally acknowledged the sunsetting of the Centennial Committee with appreciation to its chair, Past-President Gail, and all those who served.

5.2 Publications

After discussion led by President Glackin, Council agreed that Councilors Henson, Ebi, and Steenburgh would serve on the 2020 Full Waiver Committee.

5.3 Professional Affairs

Commissioner McCann briefed Council on a recommendation from the Broadcast Board that the CBM procedures include a requirement for two years full-time (or three years part-time) experience before applying. Council approved this change with the provision that it be implemented 30 days after broad notification.

6.0 Culture and Inclusion Cabinet

Councilor Burt reviewed edits made to the draft terms of reference for the CIC based on Council input from the January Council meeting. With one minor additional

edit, Council approved the terms of reference in final form. Councilor Burt informed Council that the membership of the Cabinet will be discussed in the near future.

12.0 Statements

President Glackin reported that Councilor Arndt has volunteered to serve as Council liaison to the drafting committee for “Best Practices for the Establishment of Flood Elevations and Related Impacts.”

14.1 Awards Nomination Committee

Council voted to approve Andrea Ray for a three-year term on the ANC ending January 2023.

18.0 Other Matters

Councilor Grow initiated a discussion on the criteria and nominations process for Named Symposia. Council agreed this should be a topic of discussion for a future meeting.

Council adjourned at 2:32 p.m.