

## **AASC 2008 Annual Meeting Business Meeting Minutes**

July 9-10, 2008, Burlington, VT

Minutes of the 2007 meeting were approved in September 2007 via email.

Hope Mizzell (SC) reported that paperwork to become a 501c3 organization has been submitted, but it may take several more months to receive approval. She provided a handout of the budget which was discussed. The budget update was presented by calendar year to coincide with tax requirements for the filing of the 990EZ form. The budget report was accepted by the membership by voice vote.

The membership was asked to approve the 501c3 'Conflict of Interest - Incorporation Policy' document which is required for incorporation in North Carolina (the corporation address is Patton Ave in Asheville, North Carolina). Upon request from O'Brien (COAPS -FL), Knight (PA) provided additional information on the policy. A voice vote accepted the document.

Hillaker (IA) was nominated and approved by the membership as the next Secretary-Treasurer.

North Dakota, Missouri, Kentucky and Michigan were suggested as possible meeting locations for the 2009 meeting which is to be held in the mid-west. Jeff Andresen (MI) provided a presentation that proposed Grand Rapids, Michigan as a host site. Christy (AL) offered to co-host from the south by providing support since it is difficult for southern states to host in summer. Michigan was approved as the site of the 2009 meeting by a voice vote.

Knight (PA) said that the AASC Executive Council had worked to increase the SCEP funding (State Climatologist Exchange Program), which was increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000. However, in late breaking news he re-introduced McGuirk (NCDC) who said that Vicki Nadolski, and Charlie Baker (who were part of the National Climate Services, NCS, panel) must have been impressed by the AASC this year. NCDC had just advised her that a proposal for \$100,000 for the SCEP would be acceptable. Areas for the proposal would include monthly state of the climate, CRN & HCN-M climate network monitoring, and development of products and papers using those data. This would work towards an exercise of NCS with SCOs coordinated with RCCs working together. Coordinated proposals through RCCs possibly for scACIS, for HCN-M data analysis, supporting RCCs, support for a climate services portal, and monitoring could be considered. There needs more structure in SCOs for RCCs to be bigger player in NCS. Stooksbury (GA) asked if that would include travel money to which McGuirk (NCDC) replied that for things like the convening of SCs by RCCs, yes. O'Brien asked if the

money would be for FY 08 (available now) which was answered by yes. Knight (PA) suggested the spending deadline could actually be something like April 1, 2009. Nielsen-Gammon (TX) asked who would administer to which Knight (PA) said the AASC executive committee would administer the funds. Dutcher (NE, HPRCC) asked how money would be allocated through the RCCs to which Knight (PA) responded it was not clear. Knight (PA) pointed out that such a proposal would put AASC's integrity on-the-line as to how well we deal with such funds. ARSCO eligibility might be required for access to funds. Stooksbury (GA) suggested that the membership vote to empower the executive committee to decide /negotiate on the members behalf on the SCEP proposal. The members approved that motion with a voice vote. Knight (PA) also offered that the new finance committee will work on the issue as well.

Stooksbury (GA) provided update on Journal of Service Climatology. The time to publication is about six months if no problems come up. 'Nasty-gram's will be sent to reviewers for being too slow with a response. Reviewers should let him know if a document cannot be reviewed in a timely manner. Stooksbury (GA) will post new article announcements via email list serve. Angel (IL) asked how many articles were published so far which was answered as three unsolicited. Stooksbury (GA) said that every paper will have a volume number and a paper number (of the volume) and that each paper starts with 'page 1'. Finance committee will work on page fee that will be reflected in 990EZ filing.

The dissertation award announcement was made. Crawford (OK), Curtis (NRCS), Brewer (NCDC) served on the Dissertation Award Committee. A motion to spend money for advertising the award passed. A discussion of the terms of the award followed. One requirement is that the dissertation must result in publication which is good for three years. Stooksbury (GA) suggested that the recipient should present at the AASC meeting. Knight (PA) explained that the original funding for the dissertation award came from an anonymous donation.

Several honorary members were proposed by the members (Bob Lefler, George Taylor, James O'Brien, Grant Goodge, Glen Conner, Steve Doty). A discussion ensued about how to formalize the nomination process. It was decided that the proposer submit a paragraph giving a background narrative nominating an individual to the nominations committee (Crawford, Boyles, Knight). Crawford (OK) brought up that AMS does not allow more than a certain number of honorary members per year based on percentage of full membership. A plaque for accepted individuals was suggested.

Mizzell (SC) explained that the Executive Committee will remove names from the membership list if they have not paid dues. They will lose access to the List Serve Email and eligibility for the Journal.

## **Thursday, July 10, 2008, morning session**

Knight (PA) extended thanks to Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux (VT) for hosting the meeting and to Hope Mizzell (SC) for being Secretary-Treasurer. He also recognized Marjorie McGuirk's invaluable assistance in enhancing our relationship with NCDC resulting in an increase from \$10,000 to \$100,000 for the AASC State Climate Exchange Program funding.

There was a motion and approval to nominate 15 new associate members:

Mark Brooks (North Carolina State University), Bryan Aldridge (North Carolina State University), Aaron Sims (North Carolina State University), Ameenulla Syed (North Carolina State University), Ashley Frazier (North Carolina State University), Barbara Mullins (North Dakota State University), Steven Quiring (Texas A&M), Marcus Williams (FL COAPS), Matthew Gerbush (NJ SCO), Josiah Mault (WA SCO), Michael Meyer (NRCC), Jason Shafer (Lyndon State College), Charles McGill (NWS/Burlington), Stephen Hogan (VT SCO), and Joanne Logan (University of Tennessee).

Knight (PA) recommended membership form seven standing committees to better serve the organization. The goal is to get every member involved. Only members can serve. The seven proposed standing committees include meetings, proposals, finance, policy/procedure, partners, membership/nominating, and journal.

There was discussion about need to quickly develop a White Paper on AASC's role in National Climate Services. AASC will focus on two page summary by September 2008. Standing Committee will focus on additional short and long-term planning. Redmond (WRCC) recommended creating vision for AASC for next 15 to 20 years such as document created by RISA's on their vision for 2020. AASC should consider what society will be asking for in the future and how AASC plans to respond and meet those needs. Robinson (NJ) explained that NOAA's plan was to have proposal on National Climate Services before current administration leaves. The Review Committee wanted four recommendations created to bring to new administration rather than proposal.

Executive Committee will recommend the chair for Standing Committees. McGuire recommended adding Committee on data and combining Partners Committee with Policy and Procedures Committee. Knight (PA) recommended keeping the same for now will adjust after first year.

Mote (WA) recommended summarizing standing committees and send by email to encourage participation by those not at meeting. Members suggested including newer members as well as older members. We must also include NCDC and NWS.

Action teams formed during 2007 Business Meeting will be absorbed into new Standing Committees as needed.

Members signed up for various Standing Committees which include:

**Meeting:** Adnan Akyuz, Phil Mote, Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, Jeff Andresen

**Strategic Plan:** Kelly Redmond, Mark Shaffer, John Nielsen-Gammon, Jim Angel, Mike Anderson, Deke Arndt, David Stooksbury

**Finance:** Hope Mizzell, Harry Hillaker, John Christy

**Policy and Procedures:** Ken Crawford, Jim Zandlo, Pat Guinan, Jan Curtis, Dave Robinson, Stu Foster, John Young

**Partners:** Ryan Boyles, Dennis Todey, Art Degeatano, Jan Curtis, Dave Robinson

**Membership:** Ryan Boyles, Barry Keim, Deke Arndt, Al Dutcher, Paul Knight

**Journal:** Dave Stooksbury, Editors

Closed meeting with motion from Steve Hilberg (MRCC) and Jeff Andresen (MI) provided second.