

MINUTES OF THE AASC BUSINESS MEETING

Nugget Hotel, Sparks, NV

16 Aug 85

The meeting was called to order by President John Griffiths at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes of the 1984 Annual meeting were approved as published in the October 1984 State Climatologist.

President Griffiths remarked that all committees have been active. He commended them for their work and all members for responding to questionnaires and commenting upon reports. As long as members are willing to participate, we will have a viable and useful organization. All members are encouraged to nominate people who are active in climatology and interested in the State Climate Programs for associate membership. He also announced that Bill Bartlett and Murray Mitchell have been approved for Honorary Life Membership. Since neither was able to be at the meeting, Grant Goodge received the certificate for Bill and Tom Blackburn received the certificate for Murray.

All present expressed thanks to John James for the meeting arrangements.

Secretary-treasurer Myron Molnau reported that there is \$1395.66 in the Arcade Credit Union and \$3683.05 at First Union Bank, both in Asheville, for a total of \$5078.71 as of 1 August 1985. Expenses for the past year totaled \$618.12 for one trip each by the President to Washington, D.C., and the President-elect to the Woods Hole Workshop.

The checking account at First Union will be closed out soon and all funds kept in an interest bearing checking account at the Arcade Credit Union. It was also announced that a copy of PFS:File will be purchased to track membership and address changes. This program will then go to each succeeding secretary-treasurer. The membership list will be purged of all non-dues paying associate members sometime this winter. This time frame will allow plenty of time for Associate Members to pay their dues.

There were 14 Associate Members, 24 SC's and 9 non-members attending the meeting. Since the Nugget did not charge for the meeting rooms, no registration fee was charged. Any costs beyond income from the banquet and tour will be taken from the treasury.

The Goals Committee report was given by John Griffiths. He said we need to be careful to distinguish between goals and objectives. The full report will be in the State Climatologist. The new chairman will be Glenn Conner.

The Education Committee report was given by Wayne Wendland. The initial draft of their report was in the January newsletter. There are two lists of recommended courses for students who wish to prepare for a position in one of the SC offices or in any service-oriented climatological position. The first list is of highly recommended courses while the other is a choice of more specialized courses.

Considerable discussion followed as to whether a Master's or PhD degree is to be recommended. It was pointed out that the majority of the SC's are part of the academic community where a PhD is the standard. Wayne will incorporate all of the discussion in a new draft which will be circulated via the next Newsletter.

It was decided that the final approved version be formally published somewhere to give it wide publicity and that copies be sent to departments that provide climatological training.

Gail Bingham gave the Computer Committee report. He raised questions regarding using the CHEF format as a standard of interchange. He will also inquire further into the CLICOM computer system at NCDC.

Ken Hubbard briefly explained the Instrumentation Committee report. The report deals with the choice of a standard set of elements to be collected by automated stations. Included is also data resolution and a list of supplementary elements. The final report will go out with the next Newsletter.

The Publication Committee report was given by Paul Waite. He reviewed the status of NCDC publications with several comments about each. In the CD's, the divisional snowfall values need improvement, the SD publication needs more data from the SC's, and the HPD's, while still late, are improved over a few years ago.

Bob Muller reported for the Regional Program Committee. Much discussion took place regarding the regional programs and their relation to the SC programs. Some felt no need for them while others thought they were useful. As in the SC programs, there is great variability. Gail Bingham stressed the importance of cooperation among the SC's and NWS. It was also suggested that AASC write a letter to Dr. Hallgren, NWS, regarding the importance of climatological data.

No new business being at hand, the Nomination Committee, chaired by Russ Mather, reported (in a most humorous manner) the following nominations:

Dave Miller - President Elect  
Myron Molnau - Secretary/Treasurer

They were elected by acclamation.

New Associate Members nominations were then called for and the following were nominated and elected:

Harold Klieforth (NV) by John James  
Steve Doty (NC) by Myron Molnau  
Richard Snyder (CA) by Bill Mork  
John McLaughlin (LA) by Bob Muller

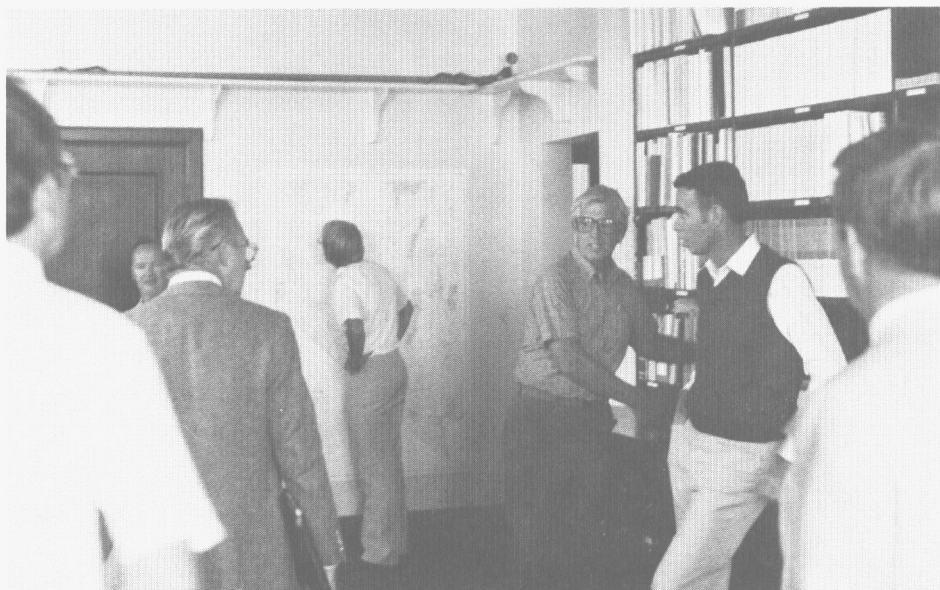
The Nomination Committee for next year will be John Purvis, Kelly Redmond, and Wayne Hamberger.

It was agreed that the AASC accept the invitation from Ken Hadeen to have next year's meeting in Asheville during the series of conferences that NCDC is planning in August.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Myron Molnau, Secretary-Treasurer

*Some of the attendees of the 1985 AASC Meeting held in the Nugget Hotel in Reno, Nevada.*



*Several of the attendees visited the Nevada State Climatologist Library at the Reno Campus of The University of Nevada.*

*Our excellent host, Mr. John James, took most of us on a tour of the Lake Tahoe area. Seen here are members of the group standing in a meadow at Squaw Valley, California, site of the 1960 Winter Olympics.*





*From the top of Eagle Rock each of the hikers was presented a spectacular view NNE over Lake Tahoe.*

*Dr. Donald T. Jensen demonstrates a snow core device used to determine the meltwater equivalent of the snow pack.*



*A telemetered precipitation gauge with a windshield. This gauge is part of the SNOTEL network, and is located about 9000 feet above sea level on a pass between Lake Tahoe and Reno.*