

American Association of State Climatologists

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Asheville, North Carolina

August 8, 1986

The business meeting was called to order by President Ken Hubbard (NE) at 1400 hours. He reviewed activities of the AASC for the past year. He reminded everyone that we did pass both Education and Data Standards reports during the past year. One very valuable activity of his was to travel to Washington, DC, and meet with various NOAA and USDA people.

The minutes of last year's meeting were approved as printed in the October 1985 State Climatologist.

Myron Molnau (ID), Treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$5,461.05 as of 30 June. Interest income for the first six months of 1986 was \$171.08. All funds are now kept at the Arcade Credit Union in the Federal Building, Asheville, NC. The account at First Union Bank has been closed. A total of 19 members, 17 associate members, 7 visitors, and one honorary member were in attendance at the meeting.

Committee reports were then given. Copies of reports that are available are printed elsewhere in this edition. A synopsis follows:

Computer Committee: Gaylen Ashcroft (UT) reported that the committee thought the CLICOM system from NCDC was a good start towards minimal standardization among State Climatologists. It was also recommended that NCDC actively support any CLICOM users group.

Education: Wayne Wendland (IL) reported that the committee report has been published in the State Climatologist and has also been sent to the AMS Bulletin as a letter to the editor. This being done, no report is published in this newsletter and President Hubbard dissolved the committee.

Goals: Glen Conner (KY) gave the committee's report. After some discussion and amendment, the report was approved. Conner will remain chairman for the coming year. Any recommended changes should be sent to him.

Instrument: Ken Kunkel (NM) gave the committee's report. Discussion followed on the apparent high failure rate of the MMTS and testing of NWS instruments.

Publications: John Purvis (SC) gave the report and said he would provide a summary of their questionnaire to the State Climatologists. He stressed that State Climatologists should receive all NWS publications, especially educational. The committee also wants NCDC to look into ways whereby all data for a station is on one page.

Regional Programs: Bob Muller (LA) reported that a new regional center was established at the University of Nevada.

Climate Programs: Fred Nurnberger (MI) and Kelly Redmond (OR) reworked the climate program questionnaire and will send it out this coming year.

The new committees were instituted. There are the committee on Climate Division and Normals, chaired by Gaylen Ashcroft (UT) with Nolan Doesken (CO), Gayther Plummer (GA) and Fred Nurnberger (MI). They are to report on any problems and possible solutions with regard to current divisions and also computation of normals. The other new committee is CO<sub>2</sub> and Trace Gases chaired by Pat Michaels (VA) with members Gail Bingham (UT), Gayther Plummer (GA), Jim Newman (IN) and Tony Brazel (AZ). This group is to bring a policy statement for discussion at the 1987 meeting.

#### New Business:

Pat Michaels (VA) suggested a constitutional amendment to the effect that a State Climatologist can send a designated proxy to vote at a meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried that the now dormant Constitution Committee be empowered to suggest an amendment to be submitted to the 1987 meeting.

It was reported that Bill Bartlett was recovering from surgery. The Executive Committee was empowered to send Bill the Association's best wishes for a speedy recovery.

New Associate Members were elected after being proposed by two members. These are:

Janine Bryan, TX	(Griffith and Hubbard)
Michael Folkoff, CT	(Miller and Hubbard)
Tom Schmidlin, OH	(Dethier and Miller)
Keith Eggleston, NY	(Dethier and Miller)
Steven Williams, AL	(McNider and Muller)
David Smith, SC	(Purvis and Dale)
Paul Knappenberger, VA	(Michaels and Nurnberger)

Ken Hubbard made a plea for articles for The State Climatologist. Items such as theses or paper abstracts or synopses would be very appropriate.

Discussion followed on the format of the 1987 meeting and whether or not AASC should sponsor another conference on Human Consequences of Climate. The discussion narrowed down to a preference for a fall two day meeting with either longer reports or papers for a half day and 1 1/2 days for the business meeting. The exact format was left up to the President-elect in consultation with the full Executive Committee.

The 1987 meeting will be held in St. Paul, Minnesota, with help from Paul Waite (IA) if necessary.

Several announcements were then made. Bob Dale (IN) gave a short statement on the USDA regional committees.

Grant Goodge handed out sheets to each State Climatologist. This sheet showed error rate, etc., for each month's arrays.

The new Observers Handbook 2 will go to the printer this fall.

Election:

The Nomination Committee of Purvis (SC), Hamberger (TN), and Redmond (OR) presented the following slate:

President-elect	Pat Michaels (VA)
Secretary-Treasurer	Kelly Redmond (OR)

These were elected by acclamation.

The Nomination Committee for 1987 is to consist of Fred Nurnberger (MI), Bob Muller (LA), and Myron Molnau (ID).

As his last act as President, Ken Hubbard figuratively passed the gavel to Dave Miller (CT), who thanked him for a job well done.

A resolution passed thanking NCDC for the fine hospitality and particularly Grant Goodge and Steve Doty for all their help.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1645 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron Molnau  
Secretary - Treasurer



Attendees at the 1986 Annual Meeting of the AASC.

More attendees at the August meeting in Asheville, NC.



One of the field trips took us to the newly established Biltmore Vineyards. Mr. Steve Sorensen (extreme left) discusses the micro-climatic variations in the vineyards.