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North Carolina

Tom Keever (North Carolina Assistant SC) reported an increase in that office's service program. The office is in need of funding and may have to close if it is not received.

Alabama

John Christy (University of Alabama/Huntsville) discussed their work on tailored high-resolution forecasts and tailored products using the long-lead outlooks.

New Jersey

David Robinson (New Jersey SC) reported that his office reorganized to bring together the various climate elements at Rutgers. This reorganization and responding to a very large number of media contacts has resulted in more visibility and recognition for the program. The office's WWW homepage can be found at: <http://climate.rutgers.edu>

Annual Banquet

The AASC Annual Banquet was held at the Grove Park Inn and Country Club on Thursday evening. Dr. D. James Baker, NOAA Administrator, was the guest speaker. The title of his presentation was "Partnerships for Uncertain Times."

Friday, August 4, 1995

The AASC annual business meeting was held during breakfast at the

Federal Building's Courtside Cafe. Minutes follow:

Minutes of Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 am by David J. Smith.

Executive Committee Report

The meeting started with the Executive Committee Report. The idea of creating a new AASC logo was brought up for discussion. John Hughes suggested the design on the meeting packet that featured shadowed boxes with the letters AASC surrounded by drawings of a snow flake, branch with leaves, the sun and a leaf could be used. Members commented that there were too many colors and that it was too complex to be used as a logo. It was decided that other possibilities should be explored.

The next topic was the idea for the creation of an AASC homepage on the World Wide Web. This homepage could contain "The State Climatologist" newsletter and a clickable image map of the United States that would link to individual state's homepages. This homepage could possibly be hosted by the NCDC computer. Other suggestions for items that could be available on the homepage included the constitution and list of officers.

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versary were urged to contact D.J.
Smith.

Keith Eggleston reported that the
arduous process of applying for
federal tax-exempt status was un-
derway and the relevant forms had
been obtained. Work on this pro-
ject will continue during the upcom-
ing year.

The final item from the Executive
Committee's Report was coop pro-
gram efforts. We were told that a
new "climate records panel" had
been formed as part of the National
Academy of Science's NWS Mod-
ernization Committee. The ques-
tion was raised, "What should the
AASC be doing" with regard to this
panel. The consensus was that we
should wait and see what this panel
does in the upcoming year. Still on
the topic of coop program efforts,
Colorado reported that they are
cultivating relationships with the
DAPMs (Data Acquisition Program
Managers). Such a relationship
can prove beneficial for both par-
ties. They urged other SCs to do
likewise. They noted that "The
State Climatologist" publication
goes to NWS offices and that arti-
cles are always needed.

Other comments regarding
strengthening the coop program
were:

* Articles could be written on this
subject for BAMS and the NWA
Digest;

* AASC might consider producing
a brochure about the coop pro-
gram;

* The observer's manual should be
reprinted.

Finally, it was noted that a "climate
reference network" was being
developed from a subset of the
cooperative observers by Tom Karl.
The members decided that we
needed to obtain more information
before this initiative could be
endorsed.

At this point in the meeting it was
finally determined that a quorum
had been obtained and business
could be conducted. The minutes
of the 1994 annual meeting were
then unanimously approved by
voice vote.

Old Business

Under Old Business, the committee
on Honorary Membership pre-
sented their report. It was sug-
gested that the category of
Honorary Members be created and
added to Section IV, Number 1 in
the Constitution. In addition, under
Section IV, Number 4 will be added
which will read:

"An Honorary Member must be
nominated for the category and
elected by receiving a majority of
the votes of those attending a
regularly scheduled meeting of the
AASC. To be eligible to be
nominated as an Honorary
Member, an individual must meet
two or more of the following criteria:

1. Been a significant contributor to
the furtherance of the goals and
objectives of the AASC;



Spouse field trip to the University of North Carolina–Asheville Botanical Gardens led by Barbara Hadeen

A few brave souls pause near the summit of Mt. Mitchell, the highest point in the U.S. east of the Mississippi River



Dr. D. James Baker, NOAA Administrator, talking to AASC President Mr. D.J. Smith and wife during the annual banquet

Many attendees renewed acquaintances and shared in lively discussions at the banquet which was held at Asheville's Grove Park Inn



The new Federal Plaza, home of the National Climatic Data Center and site of the 1995 AASC Annual Meeting

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2. Been a former State Climatologist who made significant contributions to the field of applied climatology and/or the advancement of state climate programs;

3. Been a significant contributor to the area of applied climatology; or

4. Been a Federal Employee who consistently worked in the support of the applied climatology area and in support of the State Climate Programs.

Honorary Members will pay no dues and have no vote. They are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in all activities and meetings of the AASC.

Nominations for Honorary Membership shall be made by the Nominations Committee which will provide a background narrative in support of the individual. Individual members are encouraged to provide suggestions and supporting documentation to the Nominations Committee for consideration of worthy individuals.

Nominations for no more than three (3) individuals shall be put forth by the Nominations Committee in any given year."

This amendment received unanimous approval. Suggestions for the first official installation of honorary members were Arnold Court, Paul Waite, and Stan Changnon.

Financial Report

Treasurer Keith Eggleston reported that the savings account balance increased by \$333.41 from

\$10,161.10 in August 1994 to \$10,494.51 in August 1995. The checking account balance as of July 1, 1995 was \$4,593.76 and \$1,030 in dues had been collected to date. Eggleston further noted that 37 members had paid their dues for '94-'95 and 28 had paid so far for '95-'96. [Several others paid by the end of the meeting.] This report was approved unanimously.

New Business

The first item under new business was the report of the Nominations Committee. Keith Eggleston was nominated for another term as Secretary-Treasurer, and Pam Naber-Knox as the new President-Elect. It was moved and seconded that this slate of officers be elected by acclamation. These officers were then approved by voice vote.

The following were nominated for Associate Membership: James R. Augustine by Bill Mork; Kathy Vreeland by Keith Eggleston; Robert Rohli by Bob Muller; Hope Poteat, Dave Barthel and Sandi St. Claire by David J. Smith; and Tim Brown by Kelly Redmond. These nominations were approved by voice vote.

It was noted that some Honorary Members may already exist, including Harold Crutcher. The minutes of previous meetings will be checked for others.

Also on the subject of membership, it was suggested that those Associate Members that have not paid dues in the past three years be purged from the membership list.

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The next item of new business was the location for next year's meeting. The suggestions were Portland, OR, Laramie, WY and Puerto Rico. The vote was 1 for Portland, 3 for Puerto Rico and 17 for Laramie. So the next meeting will be held in Laramie, WY on either August 1-2 or August 8-9.

In two final items, the Executive Committee will take under advisement electronic balloting in the future for votes on items such as nominations, meeting locations, by-law changes, and policy documents. David Robinson suggested that the Executive Committee do a follow-up survey to the one D.J. Smith reported on.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:23 am.

Canadian Climate Services

Friday's presentations started with a report from Environment Canada given by David Phillips. He reported that Canadian weather and climate services will receive a 33% cut in funding in the next 2 years and 800 positions will be eliminated. Weather services will be consolidated into 17 offices and 56 offices will be closed in the process. By 1997, all forecasts will be automated. Collecting and archival of basic data will continue, but services could be terminated if costs can't be recovered. Applied climatology will not be permitted unless it can provide revenue. Many coop stations will be closed.

State Reports - continued

California

The first of these was given by Bill Mork (California SC). He talked about the flooding in January and March. It was among the 3 wettest water years of the century, with 177% of the normal precipitation. Mork indicated his disappointment in lack of remarks in ASOS observations.

Nebraska

Alan Dutcher (Nebraska SC and High Plains Climate Center) reported on the Long-Lead Outlook workshop held by the High Plains Climate Center. He also noted that the wet spring followed by dry summer has resulted in many crops being delayed. He expressed his concern over the loss of NWS agricultural weather services.

South Carolina

Hope Poteat (South Carolina Assistant SC) reported that their office produces a weekly drought status report. The office responded to over 4000 data requests with the help of their CIRRU system. The State Climatologist is a member of the state hurricane task force. The office has developed a WWW homepage.

Minnesota

Jim Zandlo (Minnesota SC) also discussed the impacts of recent