

Annual Business Meeting Called to order at 1:30 pm PDT 7-10-2014
Treasurer's Report – Adnan Akyuz –
Receivables:

Membership dues (55)	\$ 3,940
Annual Meeting Registration (90)	\$23,450
Extra banquet ticket	\$ 950
Institutional Membership (Leader)	\$ 5,000
Institutional Membership (Assoc.)	\$ 2,500
	<u>\$ 35,840</u>

Expenditures:

Skamania (1st deposit)	\$ 1,000
Skamania (2 nd deposit)	\$ 1,000
Registration Refund (KSU)	\$ 242.50
Refund to web designer (test Paypal)	\$ 5
Postage Stamps	\$ 9.80
Refund for overpayment	<u>\$ 58</u>
	\$-2,315.30

Available Funds:

Regular Savings Acct	\$ 7.43
Royal Money Market Acct	\$120,954.27
Share Draft Checking Acct	\$ 70,446.36
PayPal Acct	\$ 799.62
Deposit (pending) from AL	\$ 5,000
Deposit (pending) from SC	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
	\$199,707.68

2014 Annual Meeting Budget:

Expenditure:		Receivables	Balance
Skamania 1 st Dep	\$ 1,000	Registration \$ 23,450	
Skamania 2 nd Dep	\$ 1,000	Extra banquet \$ 950	
Skamania Balance	\$		
PayPal Charge	\$ 689.40		
Honorarium	\$ 100		
	<u>\$ 2,789.40</u>	\$ 24,400	\$21,610.60

- Hotel has not presented the final bill as of this business meeting. The hope is that the hotel balance will be somewhere in the neighborhood of the \$21,610.60 remaining in the budget for the meeting. Thanks to Adnan for his service to AASC. Will continue for 6 months to train the new treasurer.
- Executive Director office – Has been working with the consulting group for a couple years about the ED situation and our mission, office RFP and job posting info. Open up the discussion about the Executive Director. George Jacobsen has some questions. Has a new person to take over as part time SC when George gets back to Maine. Lots of state to state variability in capability and in methods and not sure the organization has ever had a value proposition. When we only get \$2000 per state for SCEP when we had the largest NCDC support, that's not much. There is a lot of money going to modeling and other sorts of research. All the federal agencies seem to be doing the same thing, and that's the same stuff we are trying to do in our states. We have a large potential to have a lot of influence. Maybe we are not ready for an ED, but perhaps someone from this group recently retired who is not looking for a large salary but can help move this enterprise forward. Someone who, because of their experience can easily slip into this and help shape it forward, having already been familiar with the players and the issues. Just a thought. Stu we are concerned that the job description may have scared off a number of people. Ryan, maybe we need a program coordinator at this point, not so much an ED. That's a lower level possibility for someone to keep their eye on the organization's goals and move us forward. A 4th option to the previous ones mentioned yesterday, a person from outside who can run an organization, but who could work with a committee of our group. A part

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time person (program manager – junior ED?) with experience in the SC realm, familiar with what we do. Not take 100% of this person's time. Phil – find \$10M per year to restore the climate program nationwide. Western Governors Association got NIDIS going. Climate is interesting. We are the glue that holds things together, and if we can find someone who is interested and has some money we should be able to put together a compelling proposal. Get 2 people in every state funded at the national level, by a grant – not federal employees. If we went that route, what would be different next year than this year if that happened. How would it change what any SC is doing? Jim – don't have to limit our possibilities to retired SCs or part-time retired people. A part-timer might be too slow a start. We are already behind the curve as a whole slew of climate centers have sprung up and we are not part of that. We need a faster start. Marjorie – an ED will grow with the job – that's normal. Switching titles doesn't change what they do. Their number one job is to find money to fund their position, then to find money for the organization and to get the job done. Always hesitant to pay for advice, then not follow that advice. People don't typically apply for jobs until the job are announced, since you don't want your employer to know you have applied for another job. Once we announce the position, we can expect applicants. Don't expect any interest to be expressed until the job is announced. May be a lot more people interested in an executive position in climate than you think. Also, salary is negotiable; \$45k is full time for a lot of people. Hope the ED would be closely coupled with the Exec Board. The number of acronyms are inversely proportional with the distance from Washington DC. Once progress is made, keep going, don't go backward once you have started forward. Phil M. there are several SC offices that expressed commitment to the ED through their institutional membership pledges. Their votes should count. Stu mentioned attending a meeting of the American Association of State Geologists – similar group with no staff. Where the ED sits is unimportant but having the right person is very important. If we had money, we would have an ED. It seems to be a short-term resource issue. What would be different next year if we had an ED hired this year? Any new climate services discussions that come up, we will have someone there at the table. That may be our measure of success in one year, is to have someone at the table in those discussions. We hope the ED will bring in some new potential partners for our SCs and some new collaboration opportunities for funding for our climate services. We want to look at what will be different in the next several years. This is not a one year issue, but we will grow through time. Mark Shaffer – we do need to figure out where we want to be in years or more, and how do we get larger grant funding \$10M/year. Hiring process maybe lengthy, so it will be a few months before we actually have someone in place. There are a lot of people like AAAS fellows and AMS fellows who have experience on the hill and maybe someone like that might do a lot of good for our organization, as they may fit better with our budget. Also we would like to know if there are other locations interested in hosting the office? We should probably commit to support his person in whatever location they want to be at. Hard to commit to provide space for a possible person if they take the job and if they want to be in your location. Dave - think of this person as a facilitator – to go to the table and figure out what tables to go to, and to develop relationships, and advise that a meeting will occur in a region and the EB needs to get several SCs out to that meeting. Kelly – do we jump into the deep end or jump into the shallow end and wade to the deep end, we need to make the choice that has the best chance of success. We want it to work the first time out. John Y – we seem to be a little uncertain about what we think success will be – how we will know if we have had success. The goals we have listed are mostly all goals we have alone, individually, without Washington assistance. We are more important than we think – what would the world be like without ACIS, what would it be like without AASC? The clock is ticking as states have stepped up to the plate and we need to move. Nolan – many in the room have not expressed their membership level intentions. We have had one more step up as Institutional Leader, but have not heard from many states. Nolan not sure as this discussion has not prompted him to step up to a higher level.

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Stu Foster passes the Presidency over to Dan Leathers. Thanks to Stu for his two years of leadership. Dan would like to elect a new treasurer.

- Nomination Committee – Jim Angel – Treasurer nomination – Dave Zierdan has agreed to be a candidate. If there are no other nominations – and there are none. Call for vote. Dave is elected.
- Annual Meeting Choice for 2016 – proposals? We sent out a call for proposals for the 2016 meeting. Dave DuBois is still offering New Mexico. No other proposals for the meeting. Then maybe Asheville in 2017. We were there in 2011. That would be back to central US. Vote - approved for New Mexico in 2017.
- Other Business: Associate member nominations – 6 nominations. List (Excel) attached. Approved unanimously

Web Page Discussion from Wednesday morning (7-9-2014)

- AASC Website Initiative – Ryan Boyles – A committee met over the past several months and put out a survey. Lou Vasquez is our webmaster, and does most of the web work, and would like to do more. We used to have a simple page with contact info, and in 2007 we developed stateclimate.org In 2009 is transitioned to NCSU ERC broadband. NC offers to host, but renovations are needed. What does AASC need for their web services? NC is the official AASC 501 3C location. Committee – Kevin Brinson, Ashley Hiatt, Ryan, Steve Hilberg, Nina Oakley, Lou Vasquez. Got 60 survey responses from membership. Wide views on services, needs, role of website. Services for members and the public to connect the public to us. Many want to be able to use this as a resource more frequently. Should this be a resource on climate service for the public? Most of us see our own offices as the climate service resource for the public, not our organizational website. Mixed signals on social media – for us for public, for what? Maybe AASC social media can be an aggregator of our social media feeds. The list-serv is our most popular and used service. Maybe we can combine with Forum software to make our list-serv stuff searchable. Could have closed Google Group. Can move e-mail distribution and have searchable. The site is not used much – just by us, so it will be migrated to Drupal and incorporate a few more features . New menu structure, live RSS and social media feed, connection (links) to private forums, online membership database, including status, contact info, and specialties – expertise, and repository for Exec Comm and meeting notes and other documents. Also interest in shared climate service tools, data, software – perhaps we can do this at a later time. Need a **standing committee** to support web master, Exec Dir on web/communication services. Site services will evolve to meet member needs, paid staff support or member effort will be required.
- Standing committee for web page services – nominate Nina Oakley and Kathie Dello, a core group to keep up with the webpage development. Review honorary and emeritus membership rules. If you have someone you would like added, bring it up to the Executive Board and we will look at the rules and handle it. If we need to change the by-laws, we can do that. Two committees COOP and role of SC office.. How do Institutional Memberships pay their dues – do they pay dues individually this year or ?? Annual meetings are the best opportunity for all members to pay their dues. Institutional members – potential indications – Will provide with invoices, and the IMs will provide a list of the people whose dues will be covered by their institution.
- Meeting ended at 5:05 pm, but not officially adjourned until morning of the 11th – see below.
- Move to adjourn business meeting (Nancy Selover) Seconded (Dave Zierdan) - Adjourned 8:15 am 7-11-2014