



American Association of State Climatologists Annual Meeting Minutes June 20-22, 2018

Lied Lodge and Conference Center, Nebraska City NE

AASC Business Meeting – Opened by *Hope Mizzell*, AASC President: Dave Robinson is the longest serving SC. Business Meeting called to order at 10:59 am CDT Wed. June 20th, 2018. **Quorum:** Currently we have 45 full members and 118 associates – 163 total. Need 30% of total for non-constitutional issues (49 members), and 23 full members for constitutional vote. 55 are present now, so we have a quorum.

Minutes were sent out again a week ago and no corrections have been received. Mary Knapp moved to accept minutes, Pam Knox seconded. Approved unanimously.

Schedule of Member Benefits/Costs. Reviewed the slide, and schedule was also printed with agenda for meeting. Has not changed since the webinar. This is a separate document from the Constitution and By-Laws so we will not need to amend the constitution to change the benefits and costs in the future. That complete schedule is attached to these minutes, Appendix A.

- Full members (SC or RCC Director) \$100/yr, Associates \$40/yr, Students \$20/yr. Benefits for individual members include:
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 - Free posting on AASC list-serv of ads for faculty, staff, and graduate assistant positions in climatology and related fields;
- SCO/RCC Institutional membership level:
 - Leadership Institutional Member (\$5000/yr)
 - Includes 6 memberships –(may include no more than 2 full memberships) with composition determined by the Institutional Member. Must be a single institution.
 - , Associate Institutional Member (\$2500/yr)
 - Includes 3 memberships - (may include no more than 2 full memberships) with composition determined by the Institutional Member. Must be a single institution.
 - Institutional Membership Benefits see Appendix A attached to these minutes.

The need for two full members to be included in an Institutional membership came out of a lengthy discussion that mainly concerned the Midwest Regional



Climate Center which is within the same institution as the Illinois Water Survey and State Climate Office. So one IM covers both the RCC Director and the State Climatologist. Two separate institutions co-located are not covered by this provision, such as the other RCCs which are part of separate institutions from the State Climate Office. “For institutions that house both the RCC and the SC, the category includes 2 full memberships.” It’s just \$100 extra to get the extra Full member. There are 4 RCCs co-located but only MRCC is within the same institution. Will vote on this Thursday, after the membership has a chance to think about it. Please bring your ideas to the membership committee. Laura Edwards, Monica Mattox, Stephanie McAfee, Melissa Griffin.

Treasurer’s Report – Glenn Kerr for *David Zierden, AASC Treasurer*: This is the most recent treasurers report as of June 12th. Checking account monthly includes some payroll cycles and rent for the office. Checking account balance at \$13,251.42. Money Market Fund balance \$71,527.84. PayPal account \$30,851.28 – mostly income from dues and registrations – and will go toward paying the annual meeting expenses after we transfer to checking account. Total assets \$115,630.54 as of June 12, 2018. Campbell Scientific paid sponsorship of \$1000; UNL-DNR paid \$2000; Nebraska Public Power Utility \$500, Sorghum Board \$250. We are near break even on the annual meeting, with the sponsorships. We need to be maintaining and gaining IMs to be able to continue to have an ED and grow.

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ARSCO Committee Report – *Mike Anderson, ARSCO Coordinator*: Stephanie McAfee, Tami Houston, Mark Shafer, Karin Bumbaco are the rest of the committee members. Please get your ARSCO report in. Have spoken to offices that have been late one year or two years. Need to get the reports in. ARSCO committee approved Ohio as the latest ARSCO. Reviewed the requirements to prevent offices from becoming ARSCOs then drifting off without much interaction with the association or filing annual reports. Every 5 years we need to evaluate each office. Will pull together ARSCO guidance documents. Some states have new SCs, and MOUs are outdated for many states. Need to get updated MOUs for states, starting with states with new SCs. NCEI is the signing authority for NOAA. Mary Wohlgemuth and the AASC President and the agency where the SC works will be the ARSCO signers. Almost all states need to be updated as we now have NCEI, not NCDC. Want to merge this into the 5 year ARSCO review. Suggest the ARSCO committee discuss the updating of agreements with the SCs regarding whether this is an opportunity to raise the visibility of the office and have them become an IM.



Some offices may feel this is not a good time to raise the visibility of the office. SCs need to let the ARSCO committee know if there is a politically sensitive situation for updating their MOU. Hoping to get the number of ARSCOs to equal the number of SCOs. Need new members for the committee. Need to set a timeline for when the ARSCO report is due. End of May was what it was in the past. Many of us have to do annual reporting for our institution, so it would be good if we could match that. Will stick with a May 31 deadline, but will pursue getting the late reports in this year..

Constitutional Update Proposals & Discussion – *Glenn Kerr, Executive*

Director: The EC proposes adding a Corporate membership class – is non-voting and does not convey any Associate memberships. The corporation must support our AASC vision and mission. Must subscribe to our Constitution and By-Laws. Executive Committee will provide the initial and annual membership approval for membership. Would notify all members that we are considering this corporation for membership to get feedback and vetting info. Must get a majority vote by the membership to add the corporate membership provision to the Constitution. If the proposal passes, we will include their benefits and costs in the schedule of benefits and costs.

Proposal to add Associate Member-at-Large to Executive Committee to represent the concerns of the Associate members, for a 2-year term elected by all members in even years. If this is approved, we will elect an Associate Member-at-Large at this meeting. Is Ex-Officio – non-voting member of the EC. If the person could not complete their term, the President would appoint someone to fill the term.

Corporate Membership: Need to add language that the EC can sever the membership of a corporate member if the corporate member violates our vision and mission or we decide it is not in our best interest to continue the relationship. Under Schedule of Benefits and Costs: Complimentary registration for our annual meeting (for one person). Consider allowing the corporation have 2 people come to our meeting with complimentary registration if they give us \$5000, for example. So, we want the EC to have some flexibility if it benefits the Association to have a particular Corporate member. Final language will be presented tomorrow to allow EC to sever the relationship and adjust the benefits.

Nominations (Treasurer, New Associate Members) – *AASC Nominating*

Committee & Floor: Have received two nominations for Associate Member-At-Large, in case we pass that proposal, we want candidates and will call for more nominations from the floor, so think about it. New Associate member



nominations were displayed and several more nominations were made from the floor. The complete list of new members is attached to these minutes as Appendix B. All associates nominated were approved and accepted to membership. Mary Knapp moved and Adnan seconded that we close the business meeting for today. Business Meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm. CDT

Thursday June 21, 2018

AASC Business: Discussion & Voting on Constitutional Update Proposals

– *Glenn Kerr, AASC Executive Director*: Opening the Business Meeting again Called to order at 10:45 am CDT Thurs June 21st 2018. 71 total members. Needed 49 for quorum. Have quorum. Have 33 full members, needed 23 for quorum on Constitution & By-Law issues. Proposed amendments to constitution:

Corporate membership language: Added sentence to allow disassociation if there is a grievance. Otherwise no change. **Associate Member at Large language**: changed “re-election” to “election”. Otherwise no change.

Final wording: (adding Article Sections IV.1.g. and IV.10.)

IV. Membership 1, The Membership of the Association shall consist of: g. “Corporate Membership. Corporate membership is subject to initial and annual approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. In the event there is a grievance against the corporate member, the Executive Committee retains the right to vote to disassociate with the corporate member.”

IV. Membership “10. Corporate members support AASC vision and mission and also subscribe to the Constitution and By-laws of the Association. They enjoy rights and benefits of membership as outlined in the Membership Schedule, but do not have the right to vote on matters of the AASC. Corporate members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in all activities and meetings of the AASC.”

Vote to accept the amendment language to add Corporate membership for consideration. 33 Ayes, 1 No. – approved to amend. MD SC does not think we should allow Corporations to speak on behalf of the Association, so he voted No. **Vote to actually amend the constitution to add Corporate Membership:** 33 Ayes, 1 No. The amendment is approved.

Final Wording: (adding Article Section V.2.c.)

V. Officers 2. Ex-Officio c. “Associate Member-at-Large. To directly represent the interests of Associate Members on the Executive Committee, an Associate Member-at-Large will serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. The Associate Member-at-Large will be eligible for



election by all Voting Members of the AASC every even year for a two-year term to begin immediately after the annual meeting. The President shall appoint an Associate Member to fill any vacancy that may arise in the office of the Associate-at-Large for the remainder of the unexpired term.”

Vote to accept language for amendment change to add Associate Member-at Large: 33 Ayes, 0 No.

Vote to actually amend the constitution to add Associate Member-at-Large: 33 Ayes, 0 No.

Vote on Schedule of Benefits for Membership: for IMs – changed by adding that no more than 2 Full memberships in an IM. Also that it is a single institution. This language allows the most flexibility for the institutions. Dollar equivalents gets messy.

Corporate benefits are part of the Schedule of Benefits. Registration discounts are greater for a single person, but IMs get the discount for all their covered persons, and Corporations only get 1 person discount. Amend to say “One” registration discount for the \$50, the \$150 and the Complimentary. The dollar amounts were in sync with some organizations we looked at. Also we don’t know for sure how many we might get at \$5000. Not sure the Bronze (\$500) level is necessary. One comment - A CCM might do the Bronze Level after retirement from another position. We used the AMS Corporate page to see how they used these Logos. Don’t want to give too much to the Bronze Level. So don’t give them our Logo to use. Strike 2nd sentence. Only difference between Gold and Silver is \$100 discount on our registration. Vote to accept the schedule as amended (removed 2nd sentence in Corporate item 1). 63 Ayes, 1 Nays.

Treasurer candidate: Nominated Luigi Romolo (MN). There were no other nominations. There was unanimous approval of Luigi Romolo for Treasurer for next two years.

Associate Member-at-Large candidates: Kathie Dello, Melissa Griffin, Pam Knox. Index card put name of your choice on the card and we will tally. Candidate statements: Melissa Griffin – has been a member since 2001 – is quite vocal. Happy to represent the Associates. Pam Knox – member since 1989, and was Wisconsin State Climatologist for 8 years. Has also been President and Secretary-Treasurer of the AASC. Kathie Dello – All 3 candidates are good. Is the ASC in Oregon and does most of SC work, and has been in AASC since 2009. Results of election returned. Melissa Griffin elected



the new Associate Member at Large with more than 50% of the vote. Total votes cast 68.

Honorary Member nomination Nolan Doesken: 40 years of service to Colorado State University and State of Colorado in climate. 10 years as SC in Colorado. Started CoCoRaHS, has many years of snow work and guidelines for snow observing. Has worked very hard for this organization including as President. Approved unanimously by the members. Nolan and Glen Conner are now our only two Honorary members.

Mary Knapp moved we close the business meeting. Pam Knox seconded.
Business Meeting closed. 11:40 am CDT

Respectfully submitted, Nancy J Selover, AASC Secretary



Appendix A

Schedule of Membership Benefits and Costs:

- Full members (SC or RCC Director) \$100/yr, Associates \$40/yr, Students \$20/yr.
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SCO/RCC Institutional Membership

Leadership Institutional Member: \$5,000/year

Includes 6 memberships –(may include no more than 2 full memberships) with composition determined by the Institutional Member. Must be a single institution.

Benefits for Leadership Institutional Members include:

- Direct access to and communication via the executive director regarding Federal initiatives, Congressional hearings, and funding opportunities as they relate to the expressed strategic interests and capabilities of Leader Institutions.
- Eligible for AASC Leader Seed Grant Awards for initiatives to foster collaboration with other state climate offices.
- Qualified for priority funding through the State Climatologist Exchange Program in partnership with the National Centers for Environmental Information (contingent on available Federal funds).
- Premium marketing services under the AASC umbrella, including online and print versions of customized brochures and flyers highlighting state climate office capabilities and AASC affiliation and a premium AASC webpage recognizing Leader membership and highlighting state climate office capabilities
- Free individual AASC membership and discount on AASC Annual Meeting registration for up to six representatives.
- Free posting on AASC website of ads for faculty, staff, and graduate assistant positions in climatology and related fields.
- Access to the AASC list-serve resource.
- Assistance with state climate office management planning.

Associate Institutional Member: \$2,500/year

Includes 3 memberships - (may include no more than 2 full memberships) with composition determined by the Institutional Member. Must be a single institution.

Benefits of Associate Institutional Members include:



- Direct access to and communication via the executive director regarding Federal initiatives, Congressional hearings, and funding opportunities as they relate to the expressed strategic interests and capabilities of Associate Institutions.
- Qualified for funding through the State Climatologist Exchange Program in partnership with the National Centers for Environmental Information (contingent on available Federal funds).
- Marketing services under the AASC umbrella, including online and print versions of a customized brochure highlighting the state climate office as a member of the AASC and a premium AASC webpage recognizing Associate membership and highlighting state climate office capabilities.
- Free individual AASC membership and discount on AASC Annual meeting registration for up to three representatives.
- Free posting on AASC website of ads for faculty, staff, and graduate assistant positions in climatology and related fields.
- Access to the AASC list-serve resource.
- Assistance with state climate office management planning.

Corporate Memberships:

Member Benefits	Platinum \$5000/yr	Gold \$2500/yr	Silver \$1000/yr	Bronze \$500/yr
Organization Featured as Corporate Member on AASC Website (Name/Log/Link)	X	X	X	X
AASC Newsletter Subscription	X	X	X	X
AASC List-serv Subscription	X	X	X	
Recognition in Media Releases	X	X	X	
Organization listing by category in State Climatologist Publication	X	X	X	
Logo for Exclusive Use of Corporate Member denoting level	X	X	X	
Distribution of Promotional Materials at AASC Annual Meeting	X	X	X	
\$50 Discount on Registration at AASC Annual Meeting			X	
\$150 Discount on Registration at AASC Annual Meeting		X		
Complementary Registration at AASC Annual Meeting	X			
Exhibit Space at AASC Annual Meeting	X			



Appendix B

Associate Member Nominations

Name:

Ray Wolf
Jonathan Weaver
Darrian Bertrand
Bryant Korzeniewski
Lea Hartl
Sytske Kimball
Emma Kuster
Jamie Lahowetz
Leah Kos
Scott Doering
David Smith
Garrett Wheeler

Nominated by:

Adnan Akyuz (ND)
Beth Hall (MRCC)
Aaron Sims (PA)
Adnan Akyuz (ND)
Peter Olsson (AK)
John Christie (AL)
Gary McManus (OK)
Natalie Umphlatt (HPRCC)
Gary McManus (OK)
Laura Edwards (SD)
Hope Mizzell (SC)
Mike Anderson (CA)