



AASC (Virtual) Annual Business Meeting Minutes 18-JUN-2021

The meeting is being held virtually again this year due to the continuing covid-19 pandemic and restrictions on travel.

The meeting was accessible live via zoom at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/attendee/tZwtcOmgrDgiGdFa9CF5LJbV9z91UNGJtbpy/ics?user_id=xAht5Y1nRyqPikAFx8D9oA Passcode: 128563

The meeting was officially called to order at 11:05 EDT by President Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux.

A Quorum required as 30% of AASC voting membership was confirmed with 53 full and associate members present (47 needed).

AASC Executive Director Glenn Kerr began the meeting with a summary of zoom logistics, including interaction, questions, and virtual voting protocol.

Approval of 2020 Annual Business Meeting Minutes (Jeff Andresen, MI)

The 2020 AASC Annual Meeting Business minutes were sent out to membership via the AASC list serve. A motion to approve the 2020 AASC Business Meeting minutes by was made by Nancy Selover and seconded by Adnan Akyuz.

The 2020 minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

President's Welcome and Introduction (Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, VT)

The meeting began with the President's Welcome given by Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux. She officially recognized our retiring members and thanked them for their dedicated service to the org over the years: Stu Foster (KY), Nancy Selover (AZ), and Konstantin Vinnikov (MD).

An overview of organizational activities was provided along with acknowledgement of partnerships with NIDIS and AAS Sciline and an update on new Climate Services discussion at the federal level for which AASC has submitted a document. Thank you to Dave Robinson, Dan Leathers, and others who made this possible.

Based on discussion and recommendations from the membership during the past year, AASC is developing a code of conduct for the organization and an ad hoc committee has been convened to lead the effort.

One major activity during the past year is an effort to make AASC a more inclusive organization. President Dupigny-Giroux shared access to a googledoc collection of documents under the heading "AASC2020_Past_Present_Future" that were developed in this effort. The collection includes a visioning document shared in July of last year with membership suggestions and a starting framework on strategic directions of the organization. The googledoc collection is located at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1caXu0HF5y4Ec74gARefcZ5M3dFTFKudK>

In the continuing development of the visioning document is needed, a strategic mapping approach was proposed as a format and guide for our discussions.



A discussion of AASC and its potential roles followed. One major theme of discussion was the various roles of the SCs and Associate Members in providing climate services. In particular, how can non-SCs be more fully included in the AASC?

Discussion then turned to the changes in our community since the formation of the AASC and what they may suggest for the future. There was agreement on emphasizing 'State Climate Offices' instead of 'State Climatologists'. Our collective ultimate goal is still to best to serve the needs of our states and society and effectively work together with the different and changing layers of the climate services community.

Executive Director's Report (Glenn Kerr)

Executive Director Glenn Kerr provided a summary of activities over the past year, the challenges from the pandemic, and how we as an organization responded and can respond to the challenges.

A membership vote for was taken regarding President Leslie-Ann Dupigny-Giroux and whether her recent leadership was, 'out to lunch'. The result of the vote was 48 (91%) 'no' and 5 (9%) 'yes'.

A motion was made to officially open the business meeting by Mike Anderson and seconded by Tammy Houston. The motion was approved.

Voting on AASC Officer and new member nominations took place with the zoom e-vote procedure. By AASC constitution bylaws, votes were from Full and Associate members only.

Nominating Committee Report (Pam Knox for Hope Mizzell)

The AASC Nominating Committee consists of: Hope Mizzell (SC), Tim Brown (WRCC), Stu Foster (KY), Pam Knox (GA), and Jeff Andresen (MI).

The AASC constitution calls for an election of Treasurer and Associate Member at Large every two years in even-numbered years. The terms for both positions are 2 years.

Nominated for the position of President was:
-John Nielsen Gammon (TX)

A call was made for any other nominations from the floor. There were none. A motion was made to close nominations from the floor by Nancy Selover and seconded by Pam Knox.

John Nielsen Gammon was elected as president by a unanimous vote.

John thanked the association and expressed appreciation to Leslie Ann Dupigny-Giroux for her leadership and looks forward to moving ahead with the organization.

Nominated for the position of Secretary for a 2-year term was:
-Dave DuBois (NM)

A call was made for any other nominations from the floor. There were none. A motion made to close nominations from the floor by Nancy Selover and seconded by Pam Knox.

Dave DuBois was elected as secretary by a unanimous vote.

Nominated for the position of Associate Member at Large for a 2-year term were:
-Becky Bollinger (CO)



-Kevin Brinson (DE)

-Pam Knox (GA)

A call was made for any other nominations from the floor. There were none.

Becky Bollinger was elected by majority vote.

Given John Nielsen Gammon's election as AASC president, there is also need for a new Treasurer, which in accordance with our constitution was made by appointment of the current president Lesley Ann Dupigny-Giroux. She nominated Martha Schulski (NE) for the position.

The appointment of Martha Schulski as treasurer for a 2-year term was approved by a unanimous vote.

There were also nominations for 4 new Student Members and 22 new Associate Members.

The nominations for all new AASC members were approved by a unanimous vote.

Pam thanked all nominators for their nominations and elected officials for their willingness to serve. She reminded the membership to please reach out to Hope Mizzell or any member of the committee to let them know if you are interested in serving.

Both John Nielsen Gammon and Becky Bolinger provided introductory statements as new Treasurer and new Assoc. Member at Large.

ARSCO Committee Report (Mike Anderson, CA)

Mike provided a summary of 2020/2021 activities, the majority of which were associated with the ARSCO review process and individual SC program reviews.

Treasurer's Report (John Nielsen Gammon, TX)

Total assets as of 9 June 2021 were \$20,313.79 in Paypal, \$45,706.33 in checking, \$7.43 in savings, and \$72,017.03 in Money Market for total assets of \$138,044.58.

Associate Member at Large Update (Becky Bollinger, CO)

Becky provided a summary of the past year, the first year of her 2-year term. Becky has collected a large amount of data concerning AASC associate members' needs, concerns, and ideas with Mentimeter interactive software polling.

Membership Committee (Trent Ford for Laura Edwards)

Trent reported on committee activities during the past year, including discussion of the nomination structure and the path to membership.

DEIA Committee Update (Mary Stampone and Garrett Wheeler)

The committee was formed in 2020 to address Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion related issues in AASC. The first major objective and accomplishment was the draft of an anti-racism statement for AASC.

Break for lunch



The meeting resumed at 14:00

Executive Director's Report (Glenn Kerr, Exec. Director)

Glenn began provided a summary of activities over the past year, the challenges from the pandemic, and how AASC responded as an organization.

Welcome to New Members (Glenn Kerr, Exec. Director)

Executive Director Kerr officially welcomed new AASC members.

AASC/NCEI Collaboration (Tami Houston, Glenn Kerr)

Tami and Glenn provided a summary of new AASC/NCEI projects during the past year and an overview of the National climate Services Partnership (3-legged stool).

A motion was made to close the business meeting by Adnan Akyuz and seconded by Nancy Selover. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The Meeting was adjourned at 14:30 EDT.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Andresen (MI), Secretary