



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INDUSTRIAL METEOROLOGISTS

Wednesday, August 12, 2009
National Weather Center
Norman, Oklahoma

The NCIM Annual Meeting was held Wednesday, August 12, 2009, in the National Weather Center on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. The annual meeting was held in conjunction with the American Meteorological Society's Commission on the Weather and Climate Enterprise Summer Community Meeting (<http://www.ametsoc.org/boardpages/cwce/docs/2009-08/index.html>) held August 10 - 13, 2009, in the National Weather Center. Monday evening, August 10, 2009, NCIM members and guests enjoyed dinner at Legends Restaurant in Norman. Tuesday morning, NCIM members met at the National Weather Center with National Weather Service Director, Jack Hayes.

Welcome and Introductions

The NCIM Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.. The meeting agenda is attached to these minutes. NCIM Past President, Walt Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Members in attendance were:

George Frederick
Gale Hoffnagle
Jill Hasling
Walt Lyons
Steve Root

Keith Seitter
John Toohey-Morales
Dick Westergard
Kit Wagner

These 9 members failed to constitute a quorum for the conduct of NCIM business. Therefore no official actions were taken during the Annual Meeting.

Guests in attendance were:

Joe Schaefer, Director, NWS Storm Prediction Center.

Walt Lyons acknowledged NCIM members who could not attend the Annual Meeting and sent their regrets and regards. NCIM heard from Stan Marsh, Jan Null, Elliott Abrams, Paul Fransioli, and Michelle Campbell.

Approval of 2009 NCIM Mid-Year Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2009 Mid-Year Meeting minutes. The motion was voted on and approved at the meeting. Subsequently it was noted that a quorum was not present so the Mid-Year Meeting minutes will have to be approved at a future meeting.

Results of the 2009 Elections for Officers and Directors

Walt Lyons reported that the June 2009 NCIM officer and director elections were carried out by electronic ballot. Paul Fransioli and Steve Root were elected NCIM Directors for 2009 to 2011. Gale Hoffnagle was elected President Elect for 2009-2011.

The NCIM Board of Directors on August 11, 2009, approved NCIM Secretary, Michelle Campbell, remaining as NCIM Secretary even though she will be unable to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting and the 2010 Mid-Year Meeting. Treasurer, Kit Wagner, will take the minutes for those meeting.

The New NCIM Affiliate Membership Class

The Affiliate Member class was created in April 2009 with the approval by NCIM members of amendments to the NCIM Constitution and By-laws. The Affiliate membership is for those persons who support the goals of NCIM and wish to affiliate with NCIM, but are not pursuing the CCM. Two applications have already been received.

NCIM Membership Update

Randy Evans has been elected a Consultant Member of NCIM.

Update: 2009 Public Private Partnership Forum

Dick Westergard attended the 2009 AMS Public-Private Partnership Forum (<http://www.ametsoc.org/boardpges/cwce/docs/2009-04/index.html>). Dick presented a report on the meeting which is attached to these minutes. Dick also reported that he visited four congressional offices during the forum where he offered to provide contacts from among NCIM members to assist congressional staff with issues about the commercial weather and climate enterprise.

Update: NOAA Science Advisory Board

John Toohey-Morales has been appointed to the NOAA Science Advisory Board's (<http://www.sab.noaa.gov/index.html>) Environmental Information Services Working Group. John will report periodically on issues of interest to NCIM.

NCIM Financial Report

Walt Lyons distributed a report from Stan Marsh on the NCIM investment account. The report is attached to these minutes.

NCIM Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Kit Wagner, distributed the NCIM financial report for July 2008 through June 2009. The report is attached to these minutes. Kit Wagner explained that the AMS failed to bill NCIM for the 2008 and 2009 Loren W. Crow Memorial Scholarship. AMS has been notified and will soon send a \$4000 invoice for those two years. That expense will appear in the 2009 to 2010 fiscal year.

Awareness campaign for government procurement officers

Steve Hanna and Tim Hall are working as a NCIM ad hoc committee to find a way to encourage government procurement officers to specify meteorologists in government contracts for work requiring meteorological services. Many government contracts are let to companies without meteorological expertise to carry out the meteorological work. A solicitation for examples was sent to NCIM member, but few responses were received. The members at the meeting suggested that AMS and NCIM make the CCM listings on their web page more prominent (e.g., "Find a Certified Consulting Meteorologist"). That may make it easier to find qualified meteorologists when they are needed.

NCIM Input to the Third CCM Forum, Atlanta 2010

August 15 is the deadline for topics and presentations for the Third CCM Forum at the 2010 AMS Annual Meeting. One topic suggested at this meeting was to announce the NCIM private-sector census initiative (see below).

NCIM Web Site & Blog

Dick Westergard reported that the NCIM website and blog are not getting much input from NCIM members. Kit Wagner suggested that NCIM send monthly reminders to members asking for content for the website. Dick asked that NCIM members that have news or information that they would like to share with other NCIM members to send him an email (shadetreemet@aol.com).

NCIM Responses to the Updated NWS Strategic Plan

NCIM members met on Tuesday morning, August 11, 2009, with Jack Hayes, Director of the National Weather Service. The preparation of the NWS Strategic Plan was discussed at that meeting. A summary of that meeting is attached to these minutes. When the NWS Strategic Plan is released, perhaps around January 2010, NCIM will respond with comments.

One outcome from that meeting is an initiative for NCIM to conduct a census of the private sector in the weather and climate enterprise. NCIM members would be asked to help conduct the census by working in their geographic areas and speciality sectors. This census would be used by NCIM to recruit and to carry out its mission to educate business, industry, and the public sector. The results of the census would be provided to the NWS to indicate the scope and breath of meteorological and climate services provided by the private sector. Tim Spangler

of COMET has reported that there are over 6500 users of COMET identifying with the private sector. Many of these people may not be currently identified by groups representing private sector meteorology. Jill Hasling proposed that NCIM support summer interns to assist with a census. Gale Hoffnagle will be the contact within NCIM for this census effort.

John Toohey-Morales and Dick Westergard reported on a presentation to the Commission on the Weather and Climate Enterprise by the University of Oklahoma (OU). The University of Oklahoma is proposing to hold a biannual national conference on the weather and climate enterprise and to prepare a bi-annual report on the status of the weather and climate enterprise. Kelvin Droegemeier of OU was receptive of NCIM working with OU to include the NCIM census work in OU's effort.

Announcements from Members

NCIM plans to co-sponsor with the American Weather and Climate Industry Association (AWCIA) a reception at the AMS Annual Meeting in January 2010 in Atlanta. Treasurer, Kit Wagner, will report to the NCIM Board of Directors the available budget for a financial contribution to a reception.

Kit Wagner announced that he has one inch square stickers with the NCIM logo. Any member needing stickers to advertise NCIM can contact Kit (ncimtreasurer@telepath.com).

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.