CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2015, via teleconference

Roll Call

- 8 members are present, 10 needed for quorum
- "X" indicates Director is present

Term expires 12/31/2015

Anne Carey, Ohio State University
Robyn Hannigan, University of Massachusetts-Boston
Carol Johnston, South Dakota State University X
Witold Krajewski, University of Iowa
Brian Waldron, University of Memphis

Term expires 12/31/2016

Michael Gooseff, Colorado State University
David Hyndman, Michigan State University X
Brian McGlynn, Duke University
Holly Michael, University of Delaware
Todd Rasmussen, University of Georgia X
Al Valocchi, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (Chair) X

Term expires 12/31/2017

Erkan Istanbulluoglu, University of Washington X
D. Scott Mackay, SUNY University at Buffalo X
Kamini Singha, Colorado School of Mines X
Scott Tyler, University of Nevada, Reno (past-Chair) X

Officers & Staff Present: Adam Ward (Secretary), Martin Seul (WDC), Emily Clark (CUAHSI)

Minutes prepared by Adam Ward

Wednesday, November 4, 2015
17:00 EST   Call to Order

Informational Items
1. Status of October minutes (Ward)
    a. Ward reported he is waiting for responses from two BoD members to complete the action without meeting.
2. Response to NSF Management Review (Valocchi)
    a. Valocchi reported that Hooper circulated NSF's formal review of our response to the NSF Management Review of the WDC to the BoD. He summarized the main points as follows: (1) the Water Data Center would be combined with the core funding cooperative agreement for future funding; (2) NSF expects us to follow the recommendation of the Management Review to update the science plan and business plan, and CUAHSI needs to prioritize this work in the coming months; (3) NSF may allow future budgeting flexibility for more rapid deployment of software features. Following on that, Seul and Valocchi discussed staffing levels for the WDC and the possibility of hiring contract workers for targeted advances as-needed.
    b. Tyler reported that he and Hyndman have been working on research instrumentation and synthesis proposal ideas, and expect to vet these at an upcoming ExCom meeting.
3. Unpaid Members (Valocchi)
    a. Valocchi encouraged board members to contact colleagues to encourage them to pay CUAHSI dues. A list was circulated to encourage BoD members to make personal contact with their colleagues, with the goal of making contact in the next week so members are paid in time for the Membership Meeting.
    b. Commitments by the group were made for several universities, recorded by Clark on her spreadsheet during the call.
4. 2016 Training Schedule (Clark)
    a. Clark shared a list for 2016 training activities. She noted that many of the courses proposed for 2016 are repeat offerings of courses that were previously offered. As such, she encouraged the Board members to help in developing new training classes for 2017 and beyond.
5. December/January Meeting Schedule (Clark)
    a. Clark shared a list of upcoming meetings in Dec. 2015 and Jan. 2016. She outlined upcoming activities and dates, and the group coordinated on advertisement of events, coordination with AGU Hydrology section regarding AGU events.
6. Status of Pathfinder Program (Clark, Rasmussen)
    a. Rasmussen received more than 30 proposals, and has been working with Clark to coordinate reviews. He continues to work to secure reviewers. Rasmussen will request help from the BoD to review the proposals. Clark is implementing a new software program to help coordinate reviews and ease the burden on reviewers and Rasmussen.
7. CUAHSI Graduate Student Program (Clark)
    a. Clark reported an interest in formalizing a graduate student program within CUAHSI. Ideas discussed include (a) grad student rep to in-person Board meetings as observer, (b) grad student programs at Biennial and Informatics meetings, and (c) identify what CUAHSI can do to support grad student community.
    b. AGU Hydrology's student section was identified as a possible point of contact for this effort. Ward suggested an emerging Young Hydrologists organization as a possible point of contact.

8. Demo of Data Visualization Module (Seul)
    a. Seul led a brief, interactive demonstration of data visualization tools that are currently in beta form in the web client.
    b. Valocchi and Seul discussed ways to move all download capabilities into the same system, such that users can readily download what they have visualized.
9. Appointment of David Arctur to Informatics Standing Committee
    a. Valocchi reported that CUAHSI has signed a MoU with the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) that calls for an exchange of representatives between CUAHSI and OGC. This MoU is in lieu of us paying to become an OGC member. We typically attend OGC Hydro Domain Working Group meetings. David Arctur (University of Texas, Austin) is active in OGC and has agreed to serve on our Informatics Standing Committee to bring the OGC perspective. OGC develops standards for data exchange that are used in the CUAHSI WDC.
    b. This item was tabled due to lack of quorum. Valocchi reported it will be taken up at an upcoming ExCom meeting.
10. **Motion to adjourn.**
    a. **Motion: Hyndman**
    b. **Second: Rasmussen**
    c. **Discussion: (none)**
    d. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**

17:55 EST   Adjourn