



CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2013, Washington, DC

Roll Call

- 10 members are present, needed 10 for quorum
- “X” indicates Director is present

Term expires 12/31/2013

David L. Freyberg, Stanford University (Education & Outreach Liaison) X

Brian McGlynn, Duke University

Jim McNamara, Boise State University (Observations Liaison)

Todd Rasmussen, University of Georgia X

Ying Fan Reinfelder, Rutgers University X

Term expires 12/31/2014

Diogo Bolster, University of Notre Dame X

Peter Troch, University of Arizona

Scott Tyler, University of Nevada, Reno

Denice Wardrop, Pennsylvania State University

David White, Murray State University X

Term expires 12/31/2015

Anne Carey, Ohio State University X

Robyn Hannigan, University of Massachusetts-Boston (Chair) X

Carol Johnston, South Dakota State University X

Witold Krajewski, University of Iowa (past-Chair) X

Brian Waldron, University of Memphis X

Officers & Staff Present: Rick Hooper (CUAHSI), Jennifer Arrigo (CUAHSI), Adam Ward (Secretary), Alva Couch (CUAHSI Water Data Center)

Minutes prepared by Adam Ward

Friday, November 1, 2013

14:00 EDT Call to Order

1. News from Hooper
 - a. Microsoft has granted CUAHSI up to \$40,000 of time on Azure in support of large data-set processing and services.
2. CUAHSI Staffing Update
 - a. Emily Geosling was hired as Communications Manager; start date November 25, 2013. Her CV is including as Meeting Document 1 for those interested.
 - b. Hooper continues to interview candidates for the for programmer position at the Water Data Center. Couch reported that the strongest candidates require a higher baseline salary than is currently being offered.
3. Early Career Luncheon Program for Fall American Geophysical Union meeting
 - a. Hooper will circulate a nomination form for people to be invited to attend the luncheon to the membership. He anticipates a 2-week period for nominations, and will open the process further if attendance is low.
 - b. Hooper will survey the Board to determine how many people are present, and hopes to have one director at each table.
 - c. Hooper requested the Board provide suggestions for speakers to share their experiences with CUAHSI at the event.
 - d. Rasmussen suggested the people from the CyberSeminar series would be good candidates for this opportunity, too. Krajewski suggested all Board members consider ideas to engage the whole membership, given that this is a limited opportunity.
4. Membership Meeting
 - a. The next membership meeting is slated for 3-Dec-2013, 15:00 EST. For Board members who cannot attend, please appoint a proxy and notify Hooper, Arrigo, and Ward.
 - b. The anticipated format includes a State of the Consortium discussion, election results, and expressions of appreciation.
 - c. Hooper reminded the Board that an AGU reception would not be happening this year; he questioned if anything different should be included in the format. Freyberg suggested some in-meeting polling would help keep people involved.
5. Review of Let's Talk About Water proposals
 - a. Hooper reported that one LTAW proposal has been submitted, and that a second is anticipated. The deadline for submittals is tomorrow.
 - b. Bolster, White, Johnston, and Wardrop expressed interest in serving as the Board liaison for this activity. Hooper will coordinate with the group after the proposals have been submitted.
6. Water Data Center Update
 - a. Couch provided an update on the Water Data Center (see Meeting Document 2 for PowerPoint slides). He reported that the major focus has been on the back-end,

developing the necessary infrastructure for a robust and sustainable product. He summarized several specific upgrades and issues that have been dealt with, and identified objectives for short- (complete in 2013), medium- (by January 2014), and long-term objectives. He reported excellent performance by his current team, Marie Martin and Jon Pollak.

- b. Hooper reported the Water Data Center is approximately three-months behind initial milestones. This delay is largely due to the re-engineering of the infrastructure, which was initially produced as a prototype.
 - c. Krajewski questioned the ability to move between cloud providers. Couch responded that the current move to Azure was the easiest given our current infrastructure, and that we would remain flexible to re-locate operations in the future.
7. **Renewal Proposal Response**
- a. Hooper reported that he has shared a response to questions sent from Tom Torgersen related to the NSF renewal proposal on Central Desktop (Meeting Document 3).
 - b. Hooper suggested that the Water Data Center and the core Cooperative Agreement for CUAHSI would likely be considered in tandem by the NSF, and that a single and coherent vision could be presented.
 - c. Hooper requested feedback from Board members no later than Wednesday, 06-November-2013. He requested perspective to be sure that responses are actually addressing questions from Torgersen.

8. Approval of Minutes from October 2013 Board meeting

- a. **Motion: Witold Krajewski**
- b. **Second: Carol Johnston**
- c. **Discussion: None**
- d. **Approval: Yes (unanimous)**

9. Motion to Adjourn

- a. **Motion: David Freyberg**
- b. **Second: David White**
- c. **Discussion: None**
- d. **Approval: Yes**
- e. **Abstain: None**

14:51 EDT Adjourn

Meeting Documents:

- 1. Geosling_CUAHSI_app.pdf
- 2. PowerPoint Presentation by Alva Couch
- 3. Response to Tom's Question_v2.docx