



## CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

*November 4, 2014, via teleconference*

### **Roll Call**

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

### **Term expires 12/31/2014**

Diogo Bolster, University of Notre Dame X

Peter Troch, University of Arizona

Scott Tyler, University of Nevada, Reno (Chair) X

David White, Murray State University X

### **Term expires 12/31/2015**

Anne Carey, Ohio State University X

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

Carol Johnston, South Dakota State University X

Witold Krajewski, University of Iowa

Brian Waldron, University of Memphis X

### **Term expires 12/31/2016**

Michael Gooseff, Colorado State University X

David Hyndman, Michigan State University X

Brian McGlynn, Duke University X

Holly Michael, University of Delaware X

Todd Rasmussen, University of Georgia X

Al Valocchi, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign X

**Officers & Staff Present:** Adam Ward (Secretary), Martin Seul (CUAHSI), Rick Hooper (CUAHSI)

Minutes prepared by Adam Ward

## Tuesday, November 4, 2014

16:01 EDT Call to Order

1. Status of October BoD Meeting Minutes
  - a. Ward reported that the minutes from October 2014 are in the process of being approved via action without meeting.
2. Resolution of settlement with M. Maliouk
  - a. Tyler reported that a resolution was reached in the amount of \$12,500 as a one-time payment with no admission of wrongdoing, and a non-defamation clause. Funds for the settlement come from membership funds.
  - b. Tyler reported that the attorney who worked with CUAHSI on this issue will work with CUAHSI staff in 2015 to update policies and provide training to CUAHSI staff.
  - c. Total legal fees of about \$4,500 were incurred by CUAHSI for this. Hooper reported that he is working with the CPA to determine the appropriate account to bill for these expenses.
3. Pathfinder applications received
  - a. Rasmussen reported 46 applications, up from 23 in the past year. He will be soliciting help in judging applicants in the coming weeks, with the goal of getting three reviews for each applicant in the coming few weeks.
  - b. Gooseff asked how many fellowships could be funded. Hooper reported that funds for six can be supported.
  - c. Valocchi asked about past practices for evaluations, and asked if this were a subcommittee task or a BoD task. Rasmussen reported that a smaller group has done this in the past, but that the volume of applicants is motivating the larger review group.
  - d. Hyndman expressed concern about a large group with a small sample size each, compared with a small group that each see many applications.
  - e. Tyler suggested that Rasmussen help identify a smaller group to serve as a "core" of reviewers to add continuity to the reviews.
  - f. Rasmussen expressed a desire to provide good comments back to students, by the BoD members, with a competitive or non-competitive ranking. Hooper suggested a large group to provide feedback and an initial screening, and a smaller "core" group to conduct final rankings.
4. Plans for Fall AGU
  - a. Early Career Luncheon (confirmed for Monday lunch break)
    - i. Hooper reported a Monday timeslot has been confirmed for the Early Career Luncheon at AGU. He will solicit nominations from AGU members and then extend invitations.
    - ii. He requested BoD members confirm their availability, and confirm that they can each host a table and network with early career faculty members.
  - b. Reception at Jillians (confirmed for Tuesday evening, starting at 6pm)
    - i. Hooper reported that he has confirmed the CUAHSI social event at Jillians (adjacent to the Moscone Center).
  - c. Booth
    - i. Hooper reported the usual booth will be hosted in the exhibition hall.
  - d. Committee meetings
    - i. The Standing Committee on Instrumentation will meet on the Sunday preceding AGU in the afternoon and early evening.

- ii. The CUAHSI CLM working group will meet on Tuesday afternoon at AGU.
- 5. Appointment of Additional Members to E&O Committee
  - a. Hooper reported the following members have expressed an interest in working with the E&O Committee:
    - i. Venkatesh Merwade, Purdue University
    - ii. Nicolas Zegre, West Virginia University
    - iii. Jeff Niemann, Colorado State University
    - iv. Ryan Emanuel, North Carolina State University
  - b. Valocchi asked how these people had been identified. Hooper reported that these people were identified by community members, as part of an effort to increase membership on that committee.
  - c. **Motion to appoint Merwade, Zegre, Niemann, and Emmanuel to the E&O standing committee.**
    - i. **Motion: Hyndman**
    - ii. **Second: Bolster**
    - iii. **Discussion: (none)**
    - iv. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
- 6. Status of Water Data Center (Seul)--tabled from last meeting
  - a. Tyler reported that interviews are scheduled for the Water Data Center director search to visit CUAHSI.
  - b. Martin Seul provided an update on the Water Data Center to the Board of Directors. He reviewed the presentation appended to the minutes as Meeting Document #1. His presentation includes identification of key advances and milestones.
  - c. One key discussion point was the inclusion of spatial data from publications in the catalogue online. Hyndman also suggested inclusion of geophysical data in the system.
  - d. The group discussed integration of the WDC with ongoing NSF and other efforts, including the CZO network, LTER network, and GLEON network.
  - e. Hooper reported there is an effort to recruit students to help on the project database and implementation with universities close to the CUAHSI offices.
  - f. Johnston reported that the Informatics committee has been working actively with the WDC to help prioritize tasks and stick to that prioritization as tools and infrastructure are implemented.
  - g. The major advance for recent efforts is the web interface for the database that is built on a revamped infrastructure on the "back end" of the system. This has been a core effort for the past 18 months.

17:00 EDT      Adjourn

**Meeting Documents:**

- 1. WDC Update Presentation (WDC Update 11042014.pptx), presented by Seul.