



CUAHSI

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CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2019

Roll Call

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

Term expires 12/31/2019

Elizabeth Boyer, Penn State University

Michael Gooseff, University of Colorado

David Hyndman, Michigan State University X

Holly Michael, University of Delaware X

Al Valocchi, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign X

Term expires 12/31/2020

John Albertson, Cornell University

Amir AghaKouchak, University of California-Irvine X

Jesus Gomez-Velez, New Mexico Technical University X

R. Edward Beighley, Northeastern University

Term expires 12/31/2021

Gordon Grant, Oregon State University (Past Chair) X

Steve Loheide, University of Wisconsin-Madison X

Jeanne VanBriesen, Carnegie Mellon University (Chair) X

Gretchen Miller, Texas A&M University X

Alejandro Flores, Boise State University X

Greg Characklis, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill X

Officers & Staff Present:

Adam Ward (Secretary)

Minutes prepared by Ward

26-March-2019

12:00 EDT Call to Order

1. Executive Director Report

- a. Updates from Bales delivered as written comments as he was not able to attend the meeting
 - i. We have closed out all issues related to our 2017 Management Review and have established our 2019 indirect. This was a necessary step before we could begin negotiating the renewal. NSF offered us a predetermined rate, but we have decided to go with the actual rate that was established.
 - ii. Holly Barnard (NSF program manager) told me that there would be three stipulations in her renewal report: (i) CUAHSI needs to address education, diversity, and inclusion; (ii) CUAHSI needs to develop meaningful metrics for data services adoption; (iii) CUAHSI needs to conduct a technical assessment of our data services, including identification of barriers to assessment.
 - iii. We began the first two during my visit to NSF last week, and Barnard was “thrilled” I had contacted her to initiate the conversation. I met with the GEO education committee for over an hour and have much follow up. Holly also mentioned that she thought our UX/UI effort that was presented at the January Board meeting is a step in the right direction.
 - iv. CUAHSI co-sponsored two conferences this month: The IAHS MOXXI meeting in New York, and the NC Water Resources Conference; we held a workshop at the NC meeting, with more than 30 attendees.
- b. Valocchi initiated a discussion of the need for increased uptake of CUAHSI data services as a priority for 2019. The Board discussed the recent meeting held in North Carolina about CUAHSI data services.
 - i. **Action Item: Bales and VanBriesen to debrief on the North Carolina meeting held in March 2019, with particular discussion of adoption metrics and barriers to use.**

2. Chair Report

- a. VanBriesen reported her efforts are listed as subsequent agenda items and had nothing to report beyond these tasks.

3. CUAHSI Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusions. Charge. Discussion and Approval. (Attachment 1)

- a. VanBriesen and Bales drafted a committee charge, provided in advance of the meeting. She briefly reviewed the charge and initiated a discussion of the charge.
- b. The group discussed the balance of diversity in terms of common dimensions (e.g., race, gender) and dimensions more specific to CUAHSI (e.g., engineers vs. earth scientists; field scientists vs. modelers). Loheide suggested the broadly written charge provide space for the committee to consider all dimensions. Miller

- concluded, noting the ExCom discussion endorsed letting the committee best define diversity as their work evolved.
- c. Flores noted that CUAHSI has the opportunity to serve as a leader for its members and peer organizations. The Board noted that there is both a need to understand how CUAHSI functions as an organization, as well as the potential for CUAHSI to assume a leadership role in the community.
 - d. **Motion: Approve the committee charge as presented to the Board.**
 - i. **Motion: Loheide**
 - ii. **Second: Grand**
 - iii. **Discussion: (none)**
 - iv. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
 - e. **Action Item: VanBriesen and Bales will begin discussion of who would chair the committee and which Board members should populate the Board. VanBriesen requested feedback from the Board via email on community members and representatives that would be strong members of the committee.**
4. CUAHSI engagement with undergraduate institutions (Attachments 2 and 3)
 - a. VanBriesen briefly reviewed a list of undergraduate institutions that may be interested in CUAHSI services and a possible script to discuss their current and future levels of engagement with CUAHSI. She reminded the group that this was in response to full membership being reserved to institutions with graduate programs in hydrologic sciences.
 - b. Valocchi suggested confirming that the SERC modules were updated and functioning optimally before asking about their use. Flores discussed asking about participation in InTeGrate modules.
 - c. Grant suggested that the script might identify opportunities to inform and actively engage with the people that are called. He suggested some preceding communication about CUAHSI could be shared, or making sure there is an opportunity for education and engagement for institutions that don't currently use CUAHSI services.
 - d. Valocchi suggested inviting current undergraduate institution members to a Board meeting to discuss their experiences and help develop a strategy to understand the possible demand and services of interest.
 5. CUAHSI Interactions and Engagement with AGU. Town Hall proposal for AGU2019, due April 17.
 - a. Miller reported she is working with Bales and VanBriesen to apply for a Town Hall meeting at AGU2019 to update the community on activities and also provide a forum for CUAHSI to receive feedback from members. She noted the format can be flexible.
 - b. Hyndman endorsed this as a good way to strengthen the connection between CUAHSI and AGU.
 6. Requests for CUAHSI to support / sign on letters to congress or federal agencies. Process and Policy Considerations. Discussion.

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7. New Business

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8. Adjournment

a. VanBriesen opened the floor to any other business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

12:46 EDT Adjourned