



# CUAHSI

universities allied for water research

## CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

*August 19, 2019*

### Roll Call

12 members are present, 10 needed for quorum. “X” indicates present

#### **Term expires 12/31/2019**

Elizabeth Boyer, Penn State University X

Michael Gooseff, University of Colorado X

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 (*term resigned effective 1-July-2019*)

Amir AghaKouchak, University of California-Irvine X

Jesus Gomez-Velez, Vanderbilt University X

R. Edward Beighley, Northeastern University X

#### **Term expires 12/31/2021**

Gordon Grant, Oregon State University (Past Chair) X

Steve Loheide, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Chair Elect) X

Jeanne VanBriesen, Carnegie Mellon University (Chair) X

Gretchen Miller, Texas A&M University X

Alejandro Flores, Boise State University

Greg Characklis, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill X

#### **Officers: (term expires 12/31/2020)**

Audrey Sawyer, Ohio State University (Treasurer)

Adam Ward, Indiana University (Secretary) X

#### **CUAHSI Staff Present:**

Jerad Bales

Minutes prepared by Ward

19-Aug-2019

12:00 EDT Call to Order

1. Executive Director update
  - a. Status of CZ Hub proposal
    - i. Bales reported that the ExCom and ad hoc committee on the Critical Zone hub opportunity recommended CUAHSI should pursue this proposal. Bales reported that he has been in discussion with several potential partners on a Critical Zone Hub proposal, and he continues to reach out about possibilities for strategic partnerships.
  - b. Request for cyberseminar by Seth Siegel (see Attachment 02)
    - i. Bales received a request for CUAHSI to host a cyberseminar by Seth Siegl, author of multiple water-related books. Bales intends to follow-up and try to schedule a cyberseminar for the community, making it clear this was not to be an advertisement for the new book nor a political stage. Bales also noted profits from the book all go to water-related charitable organizations.
    - ii. The group discussed how future opportunities would be considered. Flores clarified that this would not include any speaking fee nor honorarium.
    - iii. Valocchi suggested that Bales request access to an outline of the talk to ensure the content was appropriate. Bales will share a proposed abstract for the talk.
    - iv. The group discussed the potential of partnering with other organizations to host the seminar and attract a large audience.
  - c. Executive Director Travel
    - i. Bales outlined two proposed trips:
      1. October 3, Washington, DC. Participate in a meeting of the NOAA Water Initiative (NWI), which aims to build the research, tools, observations, and models to improve the Nation's access to actionable water information. (Bales will likely participate virtually, but this would be a one-day travel commitment if htis is not possible).
      2. October 9, Washington, DC. Participate in meeting with EPA, IoW, and WSWC to develop design for IoW – CUAHSI metadata catalog for modernization of HIS (one-day travel, unless meeting can be arranged at NSF).
    - ii. **Motion to approve Bales' travel as outlined above:**
      1. **Motion: Hyndman**

2. **Second: Loheide**
  3. **Discussion: (none)**
  4. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
2. Chair Report including update on signing of the open modeling letter (Attachment 03)
    - a. VanBriesen reported that the ExCom considered a request for CUAHSI to sign a letter of community modeling. The letter does not include any items that the ExCom perceived as controversial nor any lobbying activities, and is a follow-up on a proposal related to Open Modeling Standards that CUAHSI participated in. The ExCom recommended Bales sign the letter as he felt appropriate.
  3. Application for membership: Universidad de El Salvador--Facultad Multidisciplinaria Paracentral (see Attachment 04)
    - a. Bales reported that a complete application for affiliate membership has been received from the Universidad de El Salvador--Facultad Multidisciplinaria Paracentral (UES-FMP, San Vicente, El Salvador). He noted this would be the first case where the initiation fees would be waived, per the updated bylaws.
    - b. Motion to approve the application for international affiliate status for the Universidad de El Salvador--Facultad Multidisciplinaria Paracentral;**
      - i. Motion: Hyndman**
      - ii. Second: Gooseff**
      - iii. Discussion: (none)**
      - iv. Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
    - c. The Board expressed excitement to welcome a new member.
  4. Review of guidance and charges to standing committees (see Attachment 05)
    - a. The Board discussed the role of the standing committees, with particular attention to specific opportunities for the committees to take more active roles in the organization.
    - b. Action Item: VanBriesen will request the chair of each standing committee to articulate current goals and activities for the committee, for review and discussion by the Board. These will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.**
  5. Biennial meeting update
    - a. Miller reported that she is in communication with a slate of featured speakers to secure their commitments for the upcoming meeting.
    - b. Miller reported that the committee has been working to assemble a list of sessions based on Board input, CUAHSI input, and review of past programs.
    - c. Miller requested suggestions for additional sessions and conveners be forwarded to her this week.
  6. Review of executive director (executive session)
    - a.
  7. VanBriesen opened the floor for any other business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned for the day.
    - a.

11:10 CDT    Adjourned

