



CUAHSI

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CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2019

Roll Call

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

Term expires 12/31/2019

Elizabeth Boyer, Penn State University

Michael Gooseff, University of Colorado X

David Hyndman, Michigan State University X

Holly Michael, University of Delaware

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)

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

Jeanne VanBriesen, Carnegie Mellon University (Chair)

Gretchen Miller, Texas A&M University X

Alejandro Flores, Boise State University X

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

16-Sept-2019

12:00 EDT Call to Order

1. Executive Director update
 - a. CUAHSI staffing
 - i. Bales reported that H. Happy has been hired as CUAHSI's new controller, replacing Jessica Annadale.
 - ii. Bales reported he has made an offer to another staff person to support CUAHSI's operations.
 - b. Reminder of January 2020 Board Meeting: January 9 – 10, 2020 in Washington, DC
 - i. Bales reminded directors to reserve dates in their calendars for the January 2020 Board meeting.
 - c. Update on CZ Hub Proposal
 - i. Bales reported that he is collaborating with a strong team to develop a collaborative proposal for the Critical Zone Hub. He has formed several strategic collaborations across various existing efforts and jointly with other organizations, and feels the proposal is proceeding.
 - ii. Gooseff asked how Bales is handling inquiries from other Thematic Cluster areas. Bales reported he has had several preliminary inquiries and has not discussed specific details.
 - d. New Member applications
 - i. Bales reported complete applications have been received from the University of Houston and the University of Kansas.
 - ii. **Motion: Accept the applications for membership from the Univ. of Kansas and Univ. of Houston.**
 1. **Motion: Hyndman**
 2. **Second: Valocchi**
 3. **Discussion: (none)**
 4. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
 - e. Bales' travel
 - i. The Board has approved travel to the AWRA event and Internet of Water event. Bales reported he has been invited to give a seminar at Utah State that will immediately precede the travel that has been previously approved.
 - ii. **Motion to approve Bales' travel to Utah State University prior to the AWRA and IoW events.**
 1. **Motion: Hyndman**

- 2. Second: Gooseff**
- 3. Discussion: (none)**
- 4. Vote: Approved (unanimous)**

2. Chair Update
 - a. Loheide reported that the review of the Executive Director and setting of salary was communicated to the NSF, per usual protocols. The NSF response was generally that this was internal to CUAHSI and was not necessary. Loheide indicated that the plan moving forward would be to include the NSF in future years, and CUAHSI has often done.
3. Update on new Director nominations.
 - a. Loheide, AghaKouchak, and C. Welty are the nomination committee for the Board of Directors elections. They are actively recruiting candidates, and will issue an open call to the members in the coming weeks. Loheide requested any suggestions be forwarded his way for recruitment.
4. Update on Biennial Planning
 - a. Miller reported that the committee is working to finalize keynote speakers based on the list that was previously discussed. The group is working to finalize sessions and chairs in the coming weeks.
5. Membership meeting planning (December 2 at 14:00 EST)
 - a. Bales reviewed a draft agenda for the Membership Meeting, modified from what has been done during past years. He noted that there is capacity for additional student speakers this year representing results of CUAHSI programs to raise their visibility to the members.
 - b. The group discussed the preliminary polling questions that were circulated. Miller suggested polling on plans for attendance at the Town Hall and/or soliciting town-hall topics from the community that could be added to existing plans.
 - c. Bales requested input on possible student speakers be emailed to him.
6. AGU CUAHSI Town Hall planning (date and time unknown).
 - a. Bales reviewed a draft agenda for the Town Hall meeting. Loheide initiated a discussion focused on the outcomes that CUAHSI is seeking from the event. Bales stated a primary goal of advertising CUAHSI services to the community, and engaging the community with the new NSF program director.
 - b. Loheide asked how this would be differentiated from the reception.
 - c. Gooseff suggested that student outreach is critical to getting early career hydrologists “into the fold”. He endorsed an emphasis on the capabilities of CUAHSI services that will help new participants see what is possible.
 - d. Gooseff suggested that Lautz might be interested in a panel discussion about the role of CUAHSI from the NSF perspective, and opportunities for PIs to maximize “return on investment”.
 - e. Valocchi suggested highlighting the growth areas identified in the new cooperative agreement.
7. Loheide opened the floor for any other business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

12:40 EDT Adjourned