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CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2020

Roll Call

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

Term expires 12/31/2020

Al Valocchi, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign X

Amir AghaKouchak, University of California-Irvine X

Jesus Gomez-Velez, Vanderbilt University X

R. Edward Beighley, Northeastern University

Term expires 12/31/2021

Gordon Grant, Oregon State University

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

Jeanne VanBriesen, Carnegie Mellon University (Past Chair) X

Gretchen Miller, Texas A&M University X

Alejandro Flores, Boise State University X

Greg Characklis, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill X

Term expires 12/31/2022

Aditi Bhaskar, Colorado State University X

Anne Jefferson, Kent State University X

Anne Nolin, University of Nevada-Reno X

Ashok Mishra, Clemson University X

Jay Zarnetske, Michigan State University X

Officers: (terms expire 12/31/2020)

Audrey Sawyer, Ohio State University (Treasurer) X

Adam Ward, Indiana University (Secretary) X

CUAHSI Staff Present: Jerad Bales

Guests: (none)

Minutes prepared by Ward

2020-09-12

13:00 EDT Call to Order

1. Executive Director's Report
 - a. New staff
 - i. Bales reported hiring a new accountant to support the comptroller, who started two weeks ago. He also reported hiring D. McKay as the Deputy Director, who will start in October 2020. He described the background and role at CUAHSI for both new hires.
 - b. Voices of the Future essay reviews.
 - i. Bales requested the Board to help advertise the 'Voices of the Future' program, and suggested Board members prepare to act as reviewers for this project.
 - c. Partnerships with NAGT and NE Big Data Innovation Hub
 - i. Bales reported CUAHSI will cosponsor a cyberseminar series with NAGT, noting their composition of primarily undergraduate institutions. He also highlighted a strategic partnership with the NE Big Data Innovation Hub.
 - d. Virtual Training Courses
 - i. Bales reported three training workshops will be hosted virtually instead of face-to-face. He noted the first of these was completed since the last Board meeting and was successful.
 - e. AGU Fall Meeting Scholarships
 - i. Bales reported CUAHSI partnered with AGU's Hydrology section to sponsor student registration.
 - f. AGU Hydrology Section Business Meeting.
 - i. Bales reported a business meeting will occur during the AGU Fall 2020 meeting, held virtually. He noted that both he and Loheide would make remarks at this meeting.
 - g. See September newsletter for information on 3 new partnerships/projects.
 - i. Bales highlighted additional strategic partnerships between CUAHSI and other organizations. He highlighted a role for CUAHSI in a convergence accelerator, a partnership with CSDMS on an EarthCube project, who will build model applications to be hosted for the community on HydroShare. He also noted a partnership with GlassNet out of Purdue University, who are working to build global information partnerships. These are detailed in the September newsletter.
2. Update from Board Chair
 - a. Loheide reported the application for the Fall 2021 Virtual University program is now live. He suggested the potential for 'themed' semesters within the program in the future, such as a food-water-energy nexus.
3. Administrative Items
 - a. Approval of CUAHSI membership for University of California Santa Cruz.

- i. Bales circulated a complete application for membership from UCSC for review prior to the meeting.
 - ii. **The CUAHSI Board of Directors approves the application of the University of California, Santa Cruz to CUAHSI membership pending receipt of initiation fee and dues.**
 - 1. **Motion: Loheide**
 - 2. **Second: Nolin**
 - 3. **Discussion: (none)**
 - 4. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
- b. Approval of new MOU with Open Geospatial Forum
 - i. Bales circulated an updated draft of the 2010 MOU between CUAHSI and the Open Geospatial forum, noting this is largely an update with no substantive changes. Bales noted several staff members are actively engaged in this collaboration.
 - ii. **Approval of the revised MOU, as drafted.**
 - 1. **Motion: Loheide**
 - 2. **Second: Nolin**
 - 3. **Discussion: (none)**
 - 4. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
- c. Approval of San Juan, PR as the site of the 2022 Joint Hydrologic Sciences meeting.
 - i. Bales reported that AGU and CUAHSI have been discussing several venues for this meeting, noting the value in San Juan and size of the available space were key factors in the selection of this site.
 - ii. **The CUAHSI Board of Directors supports CUAHSI co-sponsorship of the CUAHSI – AGU Hydrology Section Joint Hydrologic Science Meeting, to be held in San Juan, PR in June 2022.**
 - 1. **Motion: Loheide**
 - 2. **Second: Nolin**
 - 3. **Discussion: (none)**
 - 4. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
- d. 2020 Director Candidates (see attachment):
 - i. Jefferson reviewed the proposed slate of candidates for the Board seats that will be elected in 2020.
- e. Update from Membership Committee (see attachments CUAHSI Bylaws and Summary Report)
 - i. Loheide introduced the draft summary report and suggested bylaws changes from the Membership Committee, circulated to the Board prior to the meeting.
 - ii. Zarnetske briefly reviewed the committee, its charge, and the report they prepared. He reviewed a draft of proposed bylaw changes that the committee has drafted to help make CUAHSI a more conclusive organization. Zarnetske facilitated a discussion with the Board about the proposed language. Zarnetske and committee will proceed with a draft revision to the bylaws.

- iii. Zarnetske requested feedback via a google doc he shared during the meeting.
- 4. Executive Session: Review of Executive Director Performance.
 - a. (no minutes for Executive Director review)
- 5. Adjournment
 - a. Loheide opened the floor to any other business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned for the day.

14:15 EDT Adjourned