CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2021

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

Term expires 12/31/2021
Gordon Grant, Oregon State University X
Steve Loheide, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Past Chair) X
Jeanne VanBriesen, Carnegie Mellon University X
Gretchen Miller, Texas A&M University (Chair) 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

Term expires 12/31/2023
Jesus Gomez-Velez, Vanderbilt University X
Safeeq Khan, Univ. of California, Merced X
Sarah Ledford, Georgia State University X
Margaret Zimmer, Univ. of California, Santa Cruz X

Officers: (terms expire January 31, 2023)
Troy Gilmore, University of Nebraska (Treasurer)
Adam Ward, Indiana University (Secretary) X

CUAHSI Staff Present: Jerad Bales

Minutes prepared by Ward
1. Executive Director update
   a. Bales reported three hires in the last month including:
      i. Lisa Mucciacito, Austin Rainey, and Scott Black. The team will be contributing to community services, HydroShare computing, and HydroShare sustainability, respectively.
   b. Bales reported that he will be searching for a software developer and hydrologist to focus on training and user services in the near future.
   c. A HIS modernization project has been initiated, and a website refresh contract is being negotiated.
   d. HydroShare implementation for multiple river basins in Africa is underway, with support from the USACoE. A student working with A. Couch will be working on this project.
   e. The summer institute is open, backed by CUAHSI’s computer services.
   f. The AIH has reached out to Bales to discuss future collaborations, and Bales will follow-up on this. Bales is also working with Univ. of Minnesota to potentially support data services as an experimental watershed transitions from USGS operation to university operation.
   g. The CZ Hub has a website in development that should go live in August, and meetings have been paused for the summer as PIs focus on fieldwork.
   h. Bales is developing policy guidance for staff to accommodate remote work as the office re-opens at capacity in July 2021.
   i. Nolin asked about plans to build community amongst the staff. Bales is planning to onboard new team members together whenever possible, and he and Deanna will be considering how to build community as the office re-opens.
   j. Grant asked about mid- to long-term strategy for the CZ Hub project. Bales will share the Year 1 report with the Board so this could be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

2. Board Chair update
   a. Miller reminded the Board to register for the CUAHSI Biennial. She has a goal of 100% participation from Board members. Board members can also sign up to be mentors for early career scientists at the meeting.
   b. Miller reminded the Board that the nominating committee will be taking nominations for the 2022 slate of candidates for the board, starting at our next meeting. This includes current members whose current terms will end in 2021 and would like to continue, as well as new members who would begin to serve in 2022.

3. July 2021 BoD Meeting Agenda
   a. A draft agenda was circulated for review prior to the meeting. In addition to traditional items (e.g., fiscal reports, project updates, committee chair reports), the main order of business is several issues related to membership and bylaws. These include the future of affiliate membership, dues for PUIs, and procedural
corrections to the bylaws. The DEI standing committee will provide their first
report, and a speaker for training the Board is scheduled.
b. Miller suggested adding a discussion of PUI membership recruitment, which
follows naturally from finalizing the policies and procedures for dues and
memberships. Miller also suggested adding a time for brainstorming of future
initiatives and priorities for the organization. Jefferson and Loheide endorsed
these items.
c. Loheide suggested adding an agenda item focused on initiatives around education,
following-up directly on the panel at the Biennial meeting.
d. Loheide suggested a report-out on the Frontiers in Hydrology meeting, if there is
any need for the Board to provide input or at least a more detailed update to the
group.
4. Biennial Update
   a. Gomez-Velez reported all speakers and panelists are confirmed for all sessions.
   He will meet with the group next week to discuss procedures and expectations for
   the meeting, and to help brainstorm questions for panel discussions.
b. Nolin and Flores discussed the panelist selection for education, suggesting
   perhaps a CyberSeminar series on curriculum and program design would be a
   logical extension to feature more program directors and discuss curricular issues
   that would benefit the community. Loheide reminded the group that very few
programs have formal programs in hydrologic sciences, and this area would be a
logical basis for discussing how institutions include hydrology across a range of
other departments instead of realizing P. Eagleson’s vision of stand-alone
hydrologic science programs.
c. Bhaskar reported that the mentor-mentee matching will close in late June. She
   will work with Miller and anyone else who wants to help to pair mentors and
   mentees. At present she anticipated 1:1 mentor:mentee pairing.
d. Ledford reported that she is organizing pop-ups. She will allow for pre-recorded
   pop-ups to be shared for asynchronous viewing for those who cannot be
   accommodated for live pop-ups and/or for those who wish to have their talk
   shared.
5. Other Business
   a. Miller opened the floor to other business. Hearing none, the meeting was
   adjourned.

12:52 EDT  Adjourned