



CUAHSI

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CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2021

Roll Call

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

Term expires 12/31/2021

Gordon Grant, Oregon State University

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

Jeanne VanBriesen, Carnegie Mellon University - **Term resigned July 2021**

Gretchen Miller, Texas A&M University (Chair) X

Alejandro Flores, Boise State University (Chair elect) 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

Anne Nolin, University of Nevada-Reno X

Ashok Mishra, Clemson University X

Jay Zarnetske, Michigan State University

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) X

Adam Ward, Indiana University (Secretary) X

CUAHSI Staff Present: Jerad Bales

Minutes prepared by Ward

2021-08-18

14:00 EDT Call to Order

1. Executive Director update
 - a. Bales & Miller reminded the Board to nominate candidates for the Board election by sending them to Anne Jefferson.
 - b. CUAHSI has hired two new staff members: Claire Cogswell (Community Support Hydrologist)) and Veronica Gonzales (education program manager). Bales reported an active search for a software developer is underway.
 - c. CUAHSI Fellowship and Grant program opportunities (e.g., Pathfinder, Lets Talk About Water) will be announced via a webinar in September 2021. Bales expects this will drive interest in and visibility of the awards. Khan suggested making sure the calls were inclusive and inviting to students to help them 'see themselves' in the award. Bales also noted a specific interest in opportunities to engage undergraduate students through these programs. Ledford noted that undergraduate students would likely require an engaged mentor to write a competitive application, suggesting that a track where faculty apply to host a student would be another mechanism. Flores also suggested including expansion of these grants in association with Instrumentation & Facilities Grants as a possible way to expand the programs via awards to individual PIs. He questioned if the low number of availability gave the impression that the awards were not worth the time required to apply. Gomez-Velez also suggested providing assistance for undergraduates who wish to write proposals to help them prepare successful applications.
 - d. Bales reported that CUAHSI is a collaborator on a CZ REU proposal, and he is actively working on a collaborative proposal with Ohio State University and the USGS focused on the SWOT mission. He continued to pursue collaborations with NOAA and other federal agencies.
 - e. The HydroShare review is presently underway, including pop-ups to survey users on their experience as they are using the platform.
 - f. The Frontiers in Hydrology Meeting call for session proposals will be released by early September, with an emphasis on creative ideas for session organizations.
2. Executive Director Performance Review (closed session)
 - a. The Board entered a closed session to discuss the 2020 Review of the Executive Director. Reports from the review committee were circulated prior to the meeting.
 - b. Note: Discussion of the board during closed session is not recorded in meeting minutes.
 - c. **Motion: Accept the report of Bales' performance and reappointment in his position.**
 - i. **Motion: Mishra**
 - ii. **Second: Ledford**
 - iii. **Discussion: (none)**
 - iv. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
 - d. **Motion: Enact an <REDACTED>% raise in compensation for the executive director.**

