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CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021

Roll Call

10 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 - **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 X

Anne Nolin, University of Nevada-Reno X

Ashok Mishra, Clemson University

Jay Zarnetske, Michigan State University X

Term expires 12/31/2023

Jesus Gomez-Velez, Vanderbilt University

Safeeq Khan, Univ. of California, Merced X

Sarah Ledford, Georgia State University

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

14:00 EDT Call to Order

1. Executive Director's report
 - a. Bales reported active effort on four proposals with external collaborators, including effort from himself and staff.
 - b. Two webinar series are underway, on topics of (a) Critical Zone science, and (b) flood resilience. He noted both are well attended.
 - c. Bales welcomes Claire Cogswell, a new employee working on HydroShare documentation. Additionally, a new employee starts at CUAHSI next week and will engage on the summer institute, subcommittees, and other projects.
 - d. Bales reported that CUAHSI will sponsor registration for some early career scientists to attend the Critical Zone workshop, and sponsor travel for summer institute presentations at an upcoming conference.
 - e. Session proposals are presently being accepted for the FIHM. Bales requested creative ideas for sessions be submitted by the Board if they are interested in hosting. The group discussed the opportunity for creative session formats beyond traditional poster and oral presentation sessions.
 - f. Bales reported the HIS modernization effort is presently underway and has been going well thus far.
 - g. Bales reported early interviews are starting for the open developer position.
 - h. The 2022 Virtual University call is open, as is the HydroInformatics Fellowship.
 - i. Bales made a short presentation on the CUAHSI website refresh effort, showing effort to-date and early mock-ups. Nolin asked about accessibility for vision impaired, to which Bales reported this has been part of the design requirements for the service provider. Nolin also initiated a discussion about highlighting DEI efforts and ensuring the page is welcoming to a broad audience, possibly through an explicit callout or highlight on the homepage. The group discussed how CUAHSI's role in DEI and efforts to foster an inclusive and diverse community should be highlighted on the website. Grant suggested one possible lens is also the inequities around water and environmental justice. The Board requested Bales to coordinate with the service provider for options to highlight DEI on the website.
2. Chair's report
 - a. Miller had no new business to report.
3. FIHM advertising & Board engagement with the meeting
 - a. Miller requested that the Board help engage with the meeting by advertising on social media, proposing sessions, helping drive excitement about the meeting, and any other ways to promote and support the meeting, as CUAHSI is co-sponsoring the meeting.
 - b. Ward and Miller encouraged an active presence by the CUAHSI Board to help amplify the meeting and engagement, and ensure that CUAHSI is represented as a co-organizer of the meeting.
 - c. The group discussed possible sessions that the Board could have a role in organizing.
4. Update from nominations committee for Board election

- a. Jefferson reported that eight candidates have been identified for the six open Board seats, and a few additional candidates are deciding if they will run. The committee will finalize the slate of nominees to present to the Board at the next meeting.
5. Bylaws revision
 - a. Bales circulated documentation of proposed bylaws changes for review prior to the meeting.
 - b. Miller reviewed the proposed changes to the Bylaws and the board discussed the motivation and rationale for the changes. In summary, major changes include (a) clarification of which member classes are referred to in various locations; (b) removal of “he or she” in favor of the officer’s title; (c) a mechanism for the Board to place members on an inactive status and Executive Director to reinstate active membership; (d) definition of voting and quorum as only pertaining to active members; (e) clarifying how ballots are counted for elections; and (f) clarifying one ambiguous clause about when Board members are elected.
 - c. Miller intends to allow a short period for final reviews and then request action without meeting to endorse these changes for presentation to the membership.
 - d. Flores commended Miller, Bales, and VanBriesen for their efforts in review and recommendation.
6. Annual meeting planning
 - a. This item was tabled for the October 2021 meeting.
7. AGU Hydrology Section - CUAHSI event
 - a. Bales has been in discussion with the AGU Hydrology section about a joint event at the AGU. No decisions have been made at present.
8. Other Business
 - a. Miller opened the floor to other business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

14:59 EDT Adjourned