



CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2017

Roll Call

- 13 members are present, 10 needed for quorum
- “X” indicates Director is present

Term expires 12/31/2017

Erkan Istanbuluoglu, University of Washington X
D. Scott Mackay, SUNY University at Buffalo
Kamini Singha, Colorado School of Mines X
Scott Tyler, University of Nevada, Reno X

Term expires 12/31/2018

Matt Cohen, University of Florida X
David Genereux, North Carolina State University (Chair) X
Gordon Grant, Oregon State University (Chair-elect) X
Erich Hester, Virginia Tech X
Steve Loheide, University of Wisconsin-Madison X
Jeanne VanBriesen, Carnegie Mellon University X

Term expires 12/31/2019

Elizabeth Boyer, Penn State University X
Michael Gooseff, University of Colorado
David Hyndman, Michigan State University (past-Chair) X
Holly Michael, University of Delaware X
Al Valocchi, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign X

Officers & Staff Present: Jerad Bales (CUAHSI)

Minutes prepared by Bales and Ward

11:00 EST Call to Order

1. Roll call
2. Bylaws Update.
 - a. Al updated the board on the bylaw committee progress on editing the document. They are requesting board members to read the updated documents and provide feedback to the bylaws committee, Al and Jeanne. In the meantime, when the board election ballots go out to the membership, a short summary of the bylaws edits will also be sent to the members. They hope to get a vote from the membership on the revised bylaws in the next membership meeting. The main changes are: (i) A new class of international affiliates for institutions from developing countries. (ii) Moving completely to electronic notifications. (iii) Electronic voting. (iv) revisions on the issue of voting by proxy or by alternates. (v) issue of quorum (most important). (vi) issue of removing a director who is not participating. Some discussion of proxy question and Director removal, including whether non-attendance at 3 consecutive meetings should be stated as the only reason for removal of a director. VanBriesen suggested that we may not want to allow proxies outside institutions because it encourages disengagement. Jeanne prefers that the google doc is not edited directly, but instead that Directors suggest substantive comments to her and Al via email. Needs comments by Oct 6.
 - b. Motion to approve items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 in the summary document provided by Jeanne (international institutions, electronic notifications, elec voting, change requirements for quorum, and allow removal of a director for cause by BOD) as the topics of modification for the final revised version of the bylaws expected in October (not approval of actual exact text of draft revisions, vote on that will occur in membership meeting, pending board approving sending a revised version to the members at the October 25 board meeting).**
 - i. **Motion: Van Briesen**
 - ii. **Second: Hyndman**
 - iii. **Discussion (none)**
 - iv. **Vote: Yes (unanimous)**
 - c. **Motion to accept revision to bylaws that deal with quorum such that quorum is changed to equal to 50% of the number of members so long as not fewer than 40% of members are present. Van Briesen moved then removed the motion**
 - i. **Motion: Valocchi**
 - ii. **Second: Genereux**
 - iii. **Discussion: (none)**
 - iv. **Vote: Yes (unanimous)**
 - d. The Board will vote on whether the document goes to the membership on Oct 25. Only a short summary of changes will go to membership on Oct 15th with Director ballot.
3. Travel approval for Bales.

- a. Jared requests approval to travel to meetings during week of GSA. He proposes not to go to GSA and instead go to the other meetings in DC, and to participate in a NOAA workshop in DC. Another is an EPRI panel on water resources.
- b. Motion to approve travel as outlined above.**
 - i. Motion: Hyndman**
 - ii. Second: Gooseff**
 - iii. Discussion: (none)**
 - iv. Vote: Yes (unanimous)**
4. At approximately 12:00, several directors had to leave the meeting.
5. Reports from Standing Committees.
 - a. The remaining group (short of quorum) discussed the report on standing committees from Matt and Scott. Bales agreed that staff would work with the committees to see if they could articulate their tentative plans for 2018, and Jerad would bring those ideas to the board at the November meeting.
6. Any Other Business (Genereux)
 - a. Genereux requested any other business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

12:30 EST Adjourn