



CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2015, via teleconference

Roll Call

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

Term expires 12/31/2015

Anne Carey, Ohio State University X
Robyn Hannigan, University of Massachusetts-Boston
Carol Johnston, South Dakota State University X
Witold Krajewski, University of Iowa X
Brian Waldron, University of Memphis

Term expires 12/31/2016

Michael Gooseff, Colorado State University
David Hyndman, Michigan State University X
Brian McGlynn, Duke University X
Holly Michael, University of Delaware X
Todd Rasmussen, University of Georgia X
Al Valocchi, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (Chair) X

Term expires 12/31/2017

Erkan Istanbuluoglu, University of Washington X
D. Scott Mackay, SUNY University at Buffalo X
Kamini Singha, Colorado School of mines
Scott Tyler, University of Nevada, Reno (past-Chair) X

Officers & Staff Present: Adam Ward (Secretary), Rick Hooper (CUAHSI), Martin Seul (WDC), Jonathan Pollak (CUAHSI), Emily Clark (CUAHSI)

Minutes prepared by Adam Ward

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

17:00 EST Call to Order

Informational Items

1. Status of July minutes (Ward)
 - a. Ward reported minutes from 22-23 July 2015 were approved by action without meeting, with the vote as:

| BoD Member | Vote |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Carey | Approve |
| Hannigan | Abstain |
| Johnston | Abstain |
| Krajewski | Approve |
| Waldron | Approve |
| Gooseff | Approve |
| Hyndman | Approve |
| McGlynn | Approve |
| Michael | Approve |
| Rasmussen | Approve |
| Valocchi | Approve |
| Istanbuloglu | Approve |
| Mackay | Approve |
| Singha | Approve |
| Tyler | Approve |

2. Rasmussen requested BoD members to circulate the Pathfinder Fellows advertisement, and requested BoD members contact him if they are willing to help review applications.
3. WDC updates, e.g., problems with Azure, web client, noSQL, (Martin S.)
 - a. Seul reported that updates to the Water Data Center have been made to improve its performance for users. Valocchi concurred that performance is much improved thanks to the updates Seul has made.
 - b. Seul described details about performance in response to searches. He also discussed the opportunity to move the operation to different servers, addressing the increasing costs of hosting the current server database.
 - c. Seul intends to present a prototype at the next BoD meeting.
4. Appointment of Nomination Committee for Board Elections (Dave H.)
 - a. Hyndman discussed the process of requesting members for a nominating committee
 - b. Motion to appoint a Kamini Singha, Dave Hyndman, and Larry Murdoch**
 - i. Motion: Hyndman**
 - ii. Second: Tyler**
 - iii. Discussion: (none)**
 - iv. Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
 1. Istanbuloglu joined after this vote was completed.
5. Appointment of Search Committee for Executive Director (Al)
 - a. Motion to appoint Mike Gooseff, Al Valocchi, Scott Tyler, Martin Seul, and Efi Foufoula-Georgiou to the search committee for a new CUAHSI executive director**
 - i. Motion: McGlynn**

- ii. **Second: Tyler**
 - iii. **Discussion: (none)**
 - iv. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
 - b. Valocchi reported that he has circulated a draft advertisement for review and revision by the members appointed to the search committee, and that he will make a draft advertisement available to BoD members for comment before making the advertisement public.
- 6. CUAHSI Mission Statement:
 - a. Valocchi presented the following draft mission statement for CUAHSI, as finalized by the Executive Committee.
 - i. To shape the future of hydrologic science by:
 1. Strengthening multidisciplinary collaboration,
 2. Developing and operating research infrastructure,
 3. Promoting water education and training
 - b. **Motion to accept the mission statement as presented by Valocchi.**
 - i. **Motion: Hyndman**
 - ii. **Second: Rasmussen**
 - iii. **Discussion: (none)**
 - iv. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
- 7. Strategic planning process
 - a. Valocchi reported that Bob Gagosian will no longer be working with CUAHSI due to a possible conflict of interest with the NSF program managers. As such, the group will proceed without external consulting on the planning process, but may engage others as the effort progresses.
 - b. Tyler clarified that this is an organizational conflict of interest, not a personal conflict between the two parties involved (as would be the case for publication, for example).
- 8. Use of Membership funds for reception at Fall AGU (Jillians, Tuesday night) (Emily C.)
 - a. Clark described the community-building mixer that was held at Jillian's at the AGU 2014 meeting. She reported a very strong turnout at the meeting, and that it was generally useful to the community. She requested approval from the BoD for the use of membership funds in the amount of about \$3,000 to rent the space and provide appetizers from 6-8pm.
 - b. Valocchi and Hyndman expressed support for repeating this event.
 - c. **Motion to approve the use of membership funds for a community event at the Fall 2015 AGU meeting.**
 - i. **Motion: Hyndman**
 - ii. **Second: Johnston**
 - iii. **Discussion: (none)**
 - iv. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**
- 9. Update on Biennial planning (Holly, Brian W.)
 - a. Michael reported that she had provided a draft list of invited speakers and possible invitations to extend, and requested feedback. The group discussed invitations for the Eagleson Lecture.
 - b. Michael led a discussion of themed sessions to include, and presented a list of potential themes, chairs, and speakers. She requested feedback on the information presented, and assistance in brainstorming chairs and speakers for the sessions. Valocchi suggested a session about data assimilation, or integration of data and models. The group discussed a hydrogeophysics-themed session. Istanbuluoglu suggested theme titles

could be more uniform, such as “Big data in X”, “Big data in Y” to help organize the meeting. Michael will work on theme titles and making them more uniform as the planning process continues. Valocchi discussed the possibility to help use some sessions parallel to ongoing CUAHSI efforts.

10. Update on business plan (AI, Jon P.)
 - a. Valocchi shared a draft of a CUAHSI business plan, being developed partially in response to the management review by the NSF. The BoD meeting in July 2015 also focused on developing a business plan. Valocchi reported organization based on the revised mission statement, with sections focused on infrastructure, education, and community building.
 - b. Valocchi and Pollack requested the BoD to review the document circulated and provide feedback.
11. Update on the Summer Institute 2016 at the National Water Center (AI)
 - a. Valocchi reported that the NIFE program was well-received, and future activities will be hosted as a Summer Institute and the National Water Center. He is working with Hooper to draft a plan for the upcoming activity, with D. Maidment filling the role of executive coordinator for the Summer Institute. Valocchi reported a solicitation is likely to recruit “theme leaders” and “course leaders” that would help provide focus to the activities and mentoring for participants and be responsible for development of products from the activities.
 - b. Clark reported that she is working with the Univ. of Alabama Conference Services to help with logistics for the event, reducing the burden for CUAHSI.
12. Corporate sponsorship of activities (AI)
 - a. Valocchi led a discussion of the potential opportunities for corporate sponsorship of CUAHSI activities. He proposed examples that might include sponsored Pathfinder Fellowships or CyberSeminar series. The group discussed what the benefit might be to a corporate sponsor that would entice them to undertake this sponsorship.
 - b. The group was generally open to this possibility, particularly if sponsors could be well-match to events. General consensus was that CUAHSI should be open to this sponsorship, to be considered by the BoD on a case-by-case basis at this time.
13. Hyndman reported that he has worked to set-up a meeting with several representatives from the NSF to discuss CUAHSI’s current activities, future plans, instrumentation proposals, and leadership transitions at CUAHSI.
14. **Motion to adjourn.**
 - a. **Motion: Hyndman**
 - b. **Second: Tyler**
 - c. **Discussion: (none)**
 - d. **Vote: Approved (unanimous)**

17:58 EST Adjourn