

Board of Director Meeting Minutes June 6, 2011

Present: Ying Fan, David L. Freyberg, Carol Johnston, Witold Krajewski, Brian McGlynn, Jim McNamara, Larry Murdoch, Aaron Packman, Todd Rasmussen, Jennifer Arrigo, Rick Hooper, Conrad Matiuk

Meeting called to order by Board chair Murdoch at 3:05pm
No Quorum

- 1) Approval of minutes from 3/7/11 – Tabled to next meeting
- 2) Approval of minutes from 4/4/11 – Tabled to next meeting
- 3) Approval of minutes from 5/2/11 – Tabled to next meeting
- 4) Announcements: July Board Meeting (Arrigo); Supplemental Funding Request (Hooper)
 - a. Board meeting July 19-20; arrive Monday (7/18) in PM, full day Tuesday, conclude Wednesday ~3:00pm.
 - b. NSF OK with funds for meeting
 - c. No plans to visit CUAHSI offices; possible dinner cruise Tuesday evening
 - d. Re supplemental funding request: NSF has no funds to release yet.
- 5) Biennial Theme presentation (McNamara)
 - a. Theme: Fusing Science and Solutions: Bridging the gap between knowledge and prediction
 - b. Six sessions planned
 - i. Lessons from the field
 - ii. Lessons from the screen
 - iii. Bringing research into practice
 - iv. AR5
 - v. State of the science in current events – learning from disasters
 - vi. open
 - vii. Name an organizer for each session who will select speakers
 - c. Keynote speaker and Wolman and Egelson lectures
 - d. July Board meeting: decisions as to who to invite
 - e. McNamara have sessions descriptions by July Board meeting
 - f. Name organizers by 9/15/11
 - g. Name speakers by 1/15/12
- 6) Update on Software Engineer Search (Hooper)
 - a. One interesting candidate: Jeffrey Campbell
 - i. Conducted phone interview
 - ii. Had worked in CUERE with Claire Welty (spoke with her)
 - iii. Possibly conduct in-person interview during Logan HIS conference June 22-24
 - b. Plan B – contract with Idaho State (Dan Ames)
 - c. Either way, will know something by end of June
- 7) Update on New Rep Appointments and Dues (Matiuk)
 - a. 35 universities have paid \$17,600.00 in dues

- b. 1 new member university (CCNY) appointed 3 reps
 - c. 9 existing universities have appointed 19 expansion reps
 - i. 3 of those universities are Directors' institutions
- 8) Update on Ad-Hoc Committees (Arrigo, Band, Tyler, Hannigan)
- a. SAC Disposition – report submitted (Band)
 - b. Broadening the Funding Base (Tyler) – met twice, report in process
 - c. Corporate Engagement (Hannigan) – no activity; still a committee of one
 - i. One corporation has expressed interest; need policies and procedure in place to proceed
 - ii. Possibly integrate Funding and Corporate committees; Rasmussen and Murdoch to explore
- 9) Report and Discussion on NOAA Flood Center (Krajewski)
- a. Following the 2008 flood that devastated Eastern Iowa, including the University of Iowa campus to the tune of \$750M, the Iowa congressional delegation (the office of Congressman David Loebsack, IA-02) has been working on a piece of legislation to establish a national flood research and education center: **National Flood Research and Education Consortium (NFREC)**. Recently, they have completed what is called a “discussion draft” and are circulating it among other legislators in the US Congress. They would like to find a Republican co-sponsor of the bill before introducing it formally.
 - b. Board chairs to meet with congressional staffer to discuss ways in which CUAHSI can assist in answering the science questions
 - c. Was noted that the proposed NFREC explicitly excludes private institutions (“the Lead Partner Institution (LPI) and a variety of consortium members which must be public universities or colleges”)
 - i. This and other questions need to be raised in the discussion with the staffer
 - d. Hold off contacting membership to encourage membership support for the legislation until after the chairs meet with staffer
- 10) Report from CZO All Hands Meeting and Discussion on CUAHSI name and governance (Hooper)
- a. Topic resulted in a 45 minute discussion
 - b. Synopsis: how can CUAHSI expand its role and raise the profile of CZOs
 - i. After informal meeting with NSF, Hooper and Arrigo independently get the sense that NSF encourages CUAHSI to assist CZO in data and in education areas (and in how to use data in the furtherance of education)
 - c. Can/should CUAHSI be willing to change its governance and name (eliminate the perception of a hydrologic science bias) to enfranchise CZOs?
 - 1. There was spirited discussion on both sides of the issue
 - d. Discussed the possibility of forming a 1-3 member sub-committee to talk with CZOs to determine their sense of what CUAHSI can do to help them and to what degree CUAHSI might need to change to placate their

concerns about being subsumed by the perceived hydrologic emphasis of the consortium

- i. Packman and Murdoch to approach individual CZO PIs
- ii. Hooper to engage Tim White (CZO national coordinator) to get a sense of how to proceed

4:50 Adjourn