

*Board of Director Meeting Minutes
October 05, 2012*

Present: Diogo Bolster, Carol Johnston, Witold Krajewski, Brian McGlynn, Jim McNamara, Aaron Packman, Todd Rasmussen, Ying Fan Reinfelder, Scott Tyler, Rick Hooper, Jennifer Arrigo, Kayla Berry, Chris Graham

QUORUM

Meeting opens 12:30AM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Announcements/ short items from CUAHSI Office
 - a. Update on Website
 - i. Staff is addressing Board feedback
 - ii. Website will be transferred over to Miller Systems next week
 1. Transitioning from being hosted by AGU
 2. \$12,000-\$15,000 per year for IT support and website hosting
 - iii. Week of October 15 prospective launch date
 - b. Update on January Board Meeting
 - i. Doodle poll on availability
 - ii. 2-4 January in DC
 1. Shepherdstown unavailable first week
 - c. Fall AGU plans (Arrigo, Hooper)
 - i. Town Hall Tuesday
 - ii. Board asked to visit CUAHSI booth
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from 9/7/2012 (Krajewski)**
 - a. **Motion: Johnston**
 - b. **Second: Hannigan**
 - c. **Discussion: None**
 - d. **Approval: Yes**
 - e. Minutes from 8/1/2012 tabled to next Board Meeting
- 4) Report from Nominations Committee
 - a. Six nominations
 - i. Hannigan
 - ii. Krajewski
 - iii. Johnston
 - iv. Anne Carey (Ohio State U)
 - v. Ralph Davis (U of Arkansas)
 - vi. Brian Waldron (U of Memphis)
 - b. Nomination statements have been sent to Berry
 - c. Vote will be at annual meeting end of November
- 5) CZO National Office Discussion
 - a. Points of discussion available on CDT
 - b. Discussion points

- i. Should CUAHSI conform to NSF vision or present alternative approach?
 - 1. NSF believes it is essential that University leads office
 - a. CUAHSI could serve as support partner
 - b. Request for proposal states that University cannot be “involved” in funded CZO
 - i. Office is expected to be independent of individual CZOs
 - ii. Unclear what “involved” means
 - 1. Unclear whether one scientist at university being funded (PI, Co-PI, sub-awardee) by a CZO disqualifies entire university
 - 2. Widest interpretation is expected to disqualify most universities that would be interested in hosting network office
 - 2. Board discussion
 - a. Some in CUAHSI believe that NSF vision is not ideal vision for network office
 - i. Office should serve as support, but not serve as science lead, encouraging network level coordination
 - 1. Universities may be poor actor for this role
 - ii. Management structure would be required for proposal
 - 1. i.e. eight CZO PIs and seven community members
 - 2. Funding not sufficient for full time executive director
 - b. NSF vision of Office lead to serve as both Community Voice as well as Service leader
 - i. These roles are distinct
 - ii. CUAHSI could serve as Administrative lead, with PI as science lead.
 - c. Board consensus: Yes, CUAHSI should confirm to NSF vision
- ii. Should CUAHSI serve as subcontractor to a university or should CUAHSI be the lead on proposal?
 - 1. Board consensus: Yes, CUAHSI should serve as subcontractor
- iii. Should CUAHSI serve as subcontractor to one PI or multiple PIs?
 - 1. Hooper: CUAHSI should limit involvement to proposals where vision matches with CUAHSI vision.

- a. CUAHSI procedures were developed criteria for involvement in large proposals
 - i. CUAHSI can discriminate between proposal commitments
 - 2. CUAHSI will announce interest in serving as sub-contractor to members
 - a. Membership meeting
 - b. Email to members
 - c. Ask for one pager / presentation to board describing vision
 - iv. CUAHSI will ask for clarification on conflict of interest aspect of RFP
 - 1. Krajewski will sign letter on behalf of Board of CUAHSI
- 6) Report from NSF and NASA visits
 - a. Fringe/Indirect Issue; overcharge of Fringe to membership funds
 - i. Funding base is going up, indirect rate is going down
 - 1. Lag with NSF result in overbilling
 - a. ~\$100K last year, and expected this year
 - b. This money will be returned to NSF
 - 2. Data Center will result in much larger difference in indirect cost rates
 - a. Up to \$350K overbilling expected
 - 3. CUAHSI could request auditor to reduce CUAHSI indirect rate based on 2011 results
 - ii. 2011 fringe benefits were higher than projected
 - 1. \$10K difference
 - a. Will come out of membership fees
 - 2. Auditor and CPA disagree whether CUAHSI is responsible
 - 3. Rates are not stable, could result in similar difference
 - a. Hooper is working with NSF to resolve issue
 - b. NASA headquarters visit
 - i. Introduced CUAHSI to NASA
 - ii. Positive interaction
 - iii. NASA interested in additional use of worldwide remote sensing data
 - 1. Low awareness of NASA resources at local level
 - 2. CUAHSI connected to local level, can serve as conduit
- 7) Report from DOE meeting on Community Modeling
 - a. CUAHSI invited as organization representative
 - i. NCAR, others attending
 - b. Planning for integrated long term water model
 - i. Integrating humans, groundwater, etc...
 - ii. CHyMP mentioned
 - iii. White papers expected
- 8) 50 Years of Watershed Modeling Meeting
 - a. IWRSS model presented

- i. Emphasized CUAHSI partnership
 - b. HydroShare WRF-Hydro also presented
 - 9) Report from HydroShare kickoff meeting
 - a. Hooper, Arrigo and Pollok attended
 - b. Collaborative online environment for sharing hydrologic models and data
 - c. Building on data services developed (HIS, Water Center)
 - d. CUAHSI serves as sub-contractor
 - 10) Standing Committees update
 - a. Re-population
 - i. Chairs willing and interested in staying on
 - ii. Potential new members requested
 - 1. New members hoped to be appointed by AGU meeting
 - b. More formal Board feedback
 - i. Arrigo will contact Committee liaisons to draft feedback mechanisms
 - 11) Next Board of Directors Meeting November 2

Meeting closed 1:40 PM