



**Roll Call**

14 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 X  
Gretchen Miller, Texas A&M University (Chair) X  
Alejandro Flores, Boise State University X  
Greg Characklis, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill X

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Aditi Bhaskar, Colorado State University X  
Anne Jefferson, Kent State University  
Anne Nolin, University of Nevada-Reno X  
Ashok Mishra, Clemson University X  
Jay Zarnetske, Michigan State University X

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Jesus Gomez-Velez, Vanderbilt University X  
Safteeq Khan, Univ. of California, Merced X  
Sarah Ledford, Georgia State University X  
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

2021-05-17

12:00 EDT Call to Order

1. Executive Director update

- a. Bales reported that he has an interview scheduled for the advertised community relations specialist position. He reported a 10-week internship has been accepted to focus on DEI and communication activities. Bales noted two vacancies are presently posted for software engineers, and he will be working via the CUAHSI membership and nonprofit job advertisements will be planned. He reported plans to hire two staff members with hydrologic science backgrounds and is actively interviewing for these positions.
- b. Bales initiated a discussion of the tagline “Universities allied for water research”, questioning if this is still representative of the mission. He is working with staff to revise this with an updated version.
- c. Bales reported that he submitted the 6-mo progress report to the NSF, which was shared with the Board prior to the meeting. He is working on a similar report for the CZ Hub program.
- d. Bales reported that CUAHSI HydroShare is being used to facilitate coordinate of data for the three rivers project in Zimbabwe and Mozambique.
- e. Bales reported a successful collaborative proposal with Flores, and active effort on an NASA ROSES proposal that will run via Ohio State University. He summarized another proposal by CUAHSI post-doc NAME HERE.
- f. Bales reported that the Texas Advanced Computing Center will be conducting an external evaluation of user experience and a technical audit, as required by the award.
- g. Staff have given several recent webinars on getting started with HydroShare to help reach community members.
- h. Bales actively engages on the AGU Hydrology meeting planning, and has engaged with Anna Barros regarding coordination between CUAHSI and the Hydrology section of AGU.
- i. Bales has RFPs pending for a website refresh and hydroclient services.
- j. Grant asked about CUAHSI positioning for the proposed increase in funding to the National Science Foundation. The group discussed the roles that AGU and CUAHSI might have in any future investments in climate solutions and water resource management.

2. Board Chair update

- a. Miller reported that the ExCom reviewed and approved the final version of the CUAHSI P&T statement.
- b. Miller reported that the ExCom wants to address potential changes to the dues structure for PUIs.

3. CUAHSI dues structure

- a. Miller initiated a discussion of changing the dues structure for PUIs. Current members have dues of \$200/yr and a \$2,000 initiation fee. The group also discussed that PUI members would only have one representative, per the bylaws.

Loheide also noted that there are some programs, such as the IDTG or Pathfinders programs, are only open to graduate students and PUI students would not be able to take advantage of these programs. Grant also noted that some programs might come online that are specifically serving PUI members in the future.

**b. Motion: Establish dues for PUI members to have an initiation fee of \$700 and annual dues of \$70/yr.**

**i. Motion: Nolin**

**ii. Second: Grant**

**iii. Discussion:**

- 1. Zarnetske endorsed establishing this to enable PUI members to join immediately. He requested that this be revisited in the future to assess if the dues are appropriate as these members begin to join and participate in the organization. He suggested discussion with the first members to ensure this is reasonable.**
- 2. Ledford also suggested that the Board track if this is creating a barrier that is still prohibiting other organizations from joining.**
- 3. Bales reported that dues were discussed with PUIs by the committee focused on these. He also noted that a committee should also revisit the way that affiliate members engage with the organization and count for quorum.**

**iv. Vote: Approved (unanimous)**

**4. July Board meeting scheduling**

- a. Miller polled the Board regarding the July 2021 Board meeting scheduling. She found a large fraction of the Board expressed a preference for a virtual meeting.
- b. The Board meeting will be scheduled for July 22-23, 2021. Miller anticipates approximately half-day meetings.

**5. Executive Director performance review**

- a. Loheide is leading the performance review. Characklis will serve on the review committee, and Loheide is working to identify an external member of the committee. He expects to have a report to the Board in August 2021 or sooner.

**6. Biennial update and mentor pairing**

- a. Gomez-Velez reported that the speakers and schedules for the Biennial have been finalized and confirmed. He is working with them to allow the group to prepare for the panel discussions, and requested the Board share with him any questions or topics they would like covered in the panels. Bales asked about a final date and time for one pending webinar that remains to be scheduled. Gomez-Velez will follow-up on this in the coming days.
- b. Miller reminded the Board that registration is now open, and includes an invitation to participate in 'pop ups' at the meeting.
- c. Bhaskar introduced a plan for partnering student and early career attendees with mentors as a way to increase networking that would normally happen at poster sessions. Bhaskar is hoping to match individuals based on research interests, where participants commit to having individual meetings to network. Participants

need to sign up by 22-June to enable matching based on research interests. The Board broadly supports this effort.

7. Other Business

- a. Ledford reported CUAHSI's DEI Committee will meet for the first time today. The Board was enthusiastic about this progress.
- a. Miller opened the floor to other business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

12:57 EDT    Adjourned