



CUAHSI

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CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021

Roll Call

10 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 - **Term resigned July 2021**

Gretchen Miller, Texas A&M University (Chair) X

Alejandro Flores, Boise State University (Chair elect) X

Greg Characklis, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill X

Term expires 12/31/2022

Aditi Bhaskar, Colorado State University X

Anne Jefferson, Kent State University X

Anne Nolin, University of Nevada-Reno X

Ashok Mishra, Clemson University X

Jay Zarnetske, Michigan State University X

Term expires 12/31/2023

Jesus Gomez-Velez, Vanderbilt University

Safeeq Khan, Univ. of California, Merced X

Sarah Ledford, Georgia State University

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 & Officers Present: Jerad Bales

Minutes prepared by Ward

1. Executive Director's report

a. Bales forwarded a written report prior to the meeting including several brief informational items:

- Bales reported that the membership report has gone to production.
- The membership meeting packet was sent out last week. Bales has received feedback from several Members who wanted to change Representatives.
- CUAHSI going to AGU; Deanna/Martin/Clara/Lisa/Tony/Jerad/Julia
- Webinar series – The Critical Zone seminar series is ending; with the next series focused on hydroconnectivity beginning.
- Bales reported on progress across the following areas of effort:
 1. Good progress on HIS modernization – we now have a proposed solution for streaming sensor data directly into HIS. Contractor developed a will/should/could/won't document on various changes to HIS>
 2. Good progress on Web site refresh – content and layout complete; now just programming to build.
 3. Good progress on NOAA proposal - Center for Research to Operations in Hydrology (CIROH) led by Univ of AL
- Contacted by USGS about helping engage the community inn funding for research and training to support the USGS mission.
- Kristin Raub – continuing to work for NEU part-time.
- Geophysics center- note call for information, which could be an indication of a RFP, which might have some relevance to CUAHSI.
- CUAHSI is joining <https://societiesconsortium.com/>. Societies Consortium on Sexual Harassment in STEMM- \$2,500 / year. He noted this will provide useful resources and practices for the organization. This primarily provides access to CUAHSI Staff, and model codes of conduct and procedures that CUAHSI can use as a basis for community events and programs.
- Grants to students. Bales reflected on the challenge that reimbursement could be a barrier for some participants (i.e., students have to spend their own funds up front.). Bales is considering approaches to reduce this potential friction.
- The [Internet of Water and CUAHSI](#) received attention within the recent congressional infrastructure bill.
- Bales expressed thanks to those who contributed to the newsletter on the occasion of CUAHSI's 20th anniversary.

2. Chair's report

- a. Miller reported that the membership meeting notices and paperwork were circulated, and that ballots for voting on the Board elections, approval of minutes, and bylaws revisions.

- b. Miller reported the December 2021 Board meeting - previously scheduled during the week of AGU - will be cancelled barring any urgent or emergency business.
 - c. In-person logistics for January 2022.
 - Miller initiated a discussion of the protocols and expectations for an in-person meeting of the Board in January 2022. The guidelines for in-person participants, as discussed by ExCom, include: masking at all times other than while eating, vaccination required, COVID testing 48-hr prior to the meeting, and a remote option for the meeting for those who would not attend in person. Group meals would be catered in at a hotel to provide additional space for eating and limiting exposure.
 - Miller conducted a ‘straw poll’ of those who would attend in person, noting the logistics and expenses to the organization are real and strong attendance would be needed to justify the event. A majority of the Board members on the call anticipate attending in person.
 - The Board confirmed that there will be arrangements for remote participation for those not able to attend in person.
3. January 2022 Meeting Preparation
- a. Flores noted a discussion would be needed for the future of the DEI effort, and asked if she would want to discuss this at the Board. Alternatively, a DEI speaker would be arranged for the Board meeting. The Board suggested several potential speakers to invite to the meeting. Bhaskar noted that a wider part of the CUAHSI community would benefit from the speakers being suggested. She suggested making this content available widely and/or using meeting time to not only learn from speakers, but to also work on how to translate the training to operational practices in the organization.
 - b. The group also discussed the potential for ADVANCE GEO bystander workshop training as a possible activity for the Board.
4. Other Business
- a. Nolin reported the E&O committee would like to change its name to ‘Education and Engagement’, did not feel engaged in the biennial meeting planning, and would like to re-engage on their charter and charge. Miller suggested engagement on this as part of the committee reports at the January 2020 meeting.
 - b. Miller opened the floor to other business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

14:51 EDT Adjourned