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August 17, 2022

# Roll Call

9 members are present, 9 needed for quorum. "X" indicates present

# **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 Jay Zarnetske, Michigan State University X

### **Term expires 12/31/2023**

Jesus Gomez-Velez, Vanderbilt University (resigned from Board) Safeeq Khan, Univ. of California, Merced Sarah Ledford, Georgia State University Margaret Zimmer, Univ. of California, Santa Cruz

## **Term expires 12/31/2024**

Holly Barnard, Univ. of Colorado - Boulder X Alejandro Flores, Boise State University X Gretchen Miller, Texas A&M X G.H. Crystal Ng, Univ. of Minnesota Steven Loheide, Unv. of Wisconsin - Madison X Gigi Richard, Fort Lewis College (resigned from Board)

## Officers: (terms expire January 31, 2023)

Troy Gilmore, University of Nebraska (Treasurer) X Adam Ward, Indiana University (Secretary) X

#### **CUAHSI Staff Present:**

Jerad Bales X

Minutes prepared by Ward

## Wednesday, 17-Aug-2022

#### 16:03 EDT Call to Order

- 1. Report from Executive Director
  - a. Bales reported two training courses were recently completed, including HydroGeodesy and Surface Water Field School, both of which were jointly funded with other agencies.
  - b. Bales reported a successful Capstone event for the summer institute, and is coordinating with PNNL and ORNL to build relationships for similar collaborative training. Potential paths forward include short courses and/or a summer institute model that would focus on building skills in strategic areas.
  - c. Bales reported the HydroShare project is ending in late September and the team is meeting to work on future directions.
  - d. Bales reported a new project is beginning for CUAHSI to host apps and training related to the SWOT mission, in collaboration with Ohio State University.
  - e. The next increment of funding for the CZ Net and core CUAHSI funding has been authorized.
  - f. Bales reported a successful meeting with the CZ Network PIs, including brainstorming for an upcoming workshop.
  - g. The 2019 audit is proceeding as expected. He is working to provide the materials requested.
  - h. Bales outlined the following anticipated travel in the coming months:
    - i. I-GUIDE project all hands meeting: September 7 9, Chicago
    - ii. Internet of Water project meeting and office visit: September 21 23, Cambridge and Arlington
    - iii. CIRIH project meeting: October 2-6, Tuscaloosa
    - iv. AGU: December 11 17, Chicago
  - i. Motion to approve Bales' travel as outlined above.
    - i. Motion: Loheide
    - ii. Second: Nolin
    - iii. Discussion: None
    - iv. Vote: Approved (unanimous)

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#### 2. Report from Board Chair

- a. Flores received an update from the Board nominations committee. They are working to implement a more transparent processes to solicit nominations and self-nominations. He also reported some potential Board members expressed concern about the required travel to two in-person events per year, initiating a brief discussion about whether this should be the norm moving forward.
- b. The Board acknowledged that the January meeting is extremely challenging on personal lives and weather interrupted travel. Jefferson suggested an in-person summer meeting was easier, but the January meeting was more challenging for the aforementioned reasons.
  - i. Barnard suggested that an annual meeting to allow for in-person meeting with program officers is valuable. She also noted the informal interactions

that occur and build relationships, strengthening the organization. Bales reminded the Board that one meeting per year should be held in-person in the Washington, DC area to satisfy the terms and conditions of the NSF award.

- ii. Nolin noted the carbon footprint of this travel should not be ignored, indicating that the organization has the opportunity to do better on this front.
- iii. Zarnetske suggested Bales could discuss the requirement for the in-person meeting with the NSF. Barnard suggested this could be adjusted, but also acknowledged that there are funds associated with travel.
- iv. Loheide indicated that he feels in-person meetings have deeper engagement with more voices being heard.
- v. Action Item: Flores will raise this with ExCom
- c. Flores reported that negotiations continue with the candidate to whom an offer has been made. The candidate is working to gather additional detail about a few specific questions. Flores is cautiously optimistic about a successful outcome of the offer. Miller and Flores will coordinate to follow-up with the second candidate to provide an update on the search.

## 3. January 2023 Board Meeting

- a. Flores reviewed the When2Meet poll results for the January meeting. He proposed January 23-25 for the in-person meeting, allowing for about 1.5 days of strategic planning. Optimally Board members would arrive on Sunday and business would conclude to enable flights out on Wednesday evening.
- b. *Action Item:* Bales will confirm these dates work with Cindy Zook to facilitate strategic planning. (Dates are confirmed as of August 23).
- c. *Action item*: Bales to ask Staff to send a save-the-date and begin the process of organizing travel.

## 4. 2023 Biennial Meeting Planning

- a. Flores noted that the meeting theme and some details (e.g., number and types of sessions) need to be finalized in order to lock-in the appropriate reservation at the venue.
- b. Flores reported that ExCom expressed some concern about a too-narrow theme potentially excluding some members of the community.
- c. Nolin suggest an alterative being to articulate goals for the meeting to the community, which would be inclusive, rather than requiring a theme.
- d. *Action Item:* Bales to inquire about outdoor space for collaboration in outdoor spaces.
- e. Nolin and Khan will make some decisions in their kickoff meeting and present this back to the Board.
- f. *Action Item:* Nolin request the Board share ideas for individual sessions or tracks around which the meeting could be organized.

## 5. Board Liasons to Committees

a. Board resignations have caused the need to replace board liaisons for E&O and Instrumentation. Flores opened the floor to nominations or volunteers for these positions. Loheide volunteered for the E&O liaison role and Barnard for the Instrumentation liaison role.

#### 6. Misc. Business

- a. Flores followed up on a few past commitments to help connect Board members with PUIs in terms of their needs, connecting, and potentially recruiting Board members. Board members agreed to continue on this effort.
- b. Flores noted that ExCom is considering drafting an ad hoc committee to engage with PUIs and ensure their needs are heard and being considered.
- c. Flores reported a small delegation from CUAHSI will plan a visit to the National Water Center to build and strengthen relationships with that organization. Flores, Zimmer, and Ledford have expressed interest in this meeting.
- d. Jefferson confirmed that she will begin work on future CUAHSI awards at the end of summer.
- 7. Flores opened the floor to any other business. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting.

16:59 EDT Adjourned