Annual Meeting of Membership Minutes
03 December 2007

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Meeting notes were taken by Kevin Dressler, CUAHSI Secretary. They are representation of the topical discussions and are not the opinion of the secretary.

1. Call to order—C. Welty
2. Roll call- approval of replacements—K. Dressler
   The following were approved replacements ahead of the meeting:
   Jean Bahr – U Wisconsin-Madison
   Anthony Cahill - Texas A&M
   Bridget Scanlon - UT-Austin
   Doug Jerolmack - U Penn
   Tom Harmon – UC Merced
   Fred Molz – Clemson (Did not attend by WebEx)
   Anthony Faia – Dartmouth

   *Quorum reached at 3:40 pm*

3. Announcements
   ■ 6 Awardees for Early Career Fellowships in Synthesis
   ■ Student registration sponsorships for Computational Methods for Water Resources 2008
   ■ Student visualization competition deadline September 2008
4. Approval of meeting minutes—K. Dressler
   November 30, 2006
   Motion to Approve: Jeff Dozier
   Second: Miguel Medina
   Approved: Yes

5. State of the Consortium address- C. Welty
   See archived presentation on the CUAHSI website for details

   Carry over of ~$900,000 from past years
   o Most went to WATERS subcontracts, science plan, etc
   o Now current with expenditures
     - Majority now going to staff and subcontracts
     - Membership balance of $200,000
     - Only $12,000 was disallowed in the audit
     - Spending approximately $10-15K of unrestricted (membership) funds
       o Spending more than the income off of the unrestricted funds annual investment return (~$5K)
       o Must consider funding stream for future viability of these funds

7. Discussion of a possible CUAHSI reorganization
   o ExCom has recommended not changing the CUAHSI organizational structure at this time
     - This could mean that WATERS network project office could be awarded somewhere else

   Straw pole of those on WebEx
   o on whether the Membership agrees with ExCom to retain the current structure of the CUAHSI organization
     o 70% Yes; 15% No; 15% not voted
8. CUAHSI annual meeting update- R. Hooper

9. Discussion of CUAHSI’s role in Congressional advocacy for hydrological issues- R. Hooper

No groups are advocating at a high level for hydrology at this time
UCAR (very parallel to CUAHSI in terms of university based membership) has a strong advocacy group but does no advocate for hydrology specifically

Straw poll of those on WebEx

- On whether there is support for CUAHSI exploring hydrologic advocacy
  - 70% Yes; 11% No; 19% not voted
- On whether to explore a partnership with UCAR
  - 75% Yes; 6% No; 19% not voted

10. Election of new members to the Board of Directors— C. Welty

   a. Claire Welty (will also serve as past chair)
   b. Ken Potter
   c. James McNamara
   d. Patricia Maurice
   e. David Freyberg

11. Expressions of appreciation— C. Welty

   Welty and Hooper thanked the outgoing directors, officers and Jon Duncan (Project Manager)

12. Date of next meeting— C. Welty

   Tradition is to have it the Monday before AGU which would be December 8th at 3 pm
13. Other business

- What is the likelihood that NSF would want CUAHSI to host the WATERS project office?
  - Fairly likely if CUAHSI were to agree to represent then engineering contingent
  - Could cooperate with AEESP to accomplish this

- Could a university handle this?
  - Yes, if it is just a planning grant and not the actual MREFC

14. Adjournment—C. Welty

  Motion to Adjourn: Julie Coonrod
  Second: Abe Springer
  Discussion: No
  Approved: Yes