University of Utah Student AMS Minutes

General Meeting #: 1  
Date and Time: 09/03/2008, 1:00 PM  
Place: INSCC 110  
Recorded By: Kiera Ellsworth

1. AMS President Matt Brewer called the meeting to order.

2. University of Utah Student AMS President Matt Brewer introduced the AMS Officers to the chapter. They are: 
   - President: Matt Brewer 
   - Vice President: Tricia Oliphant 
   - Treasurer: Dan Tyndall 
   - Secretary: Kiera Ellsworth

3. Introduction of the University of Utah Meteorology Student Advisory Council Representatives (SAC Reps). Matt introduced the SAC Reps to the chapter members and explained the duties of a SAC Rep including assisting the meteorology department with Retention, Promotion, and Tenure of Staff (RPTs). He emphasized SAC Reps are the link between students, who have concerns with the curriculum or faculty, and the faculty. The SAC Reps for the 2008-2009 school year are: 
   - Joel Lisonbee 
   - Matt Brewer 
   - Kiera Ellsworth

4. Treasurer Dan Tyndall introduced chapter members to the UtahSkiWeather.com website run by the U of U meteorology department. Renewing the contract with the U of U for three years would cost $446.60. A portion of the money the U of U pays the meteorology department for the Campus Forecast Service will be used to fund UtahSkiWeather.com. Matt made a motion to vote on renewing the contract for three years at a cost of $446.60. 
   - **Decision:** In favor: 44 votes, Opposed: 0 votes, Abstained: 0 votes. The motion passed. 
   - **Action:** University of Utah Meteorology Department Administrative Assistant Leslie Allaire will send a check to Network Solutions.

5. Graduate student Leigh Jones introduced the Campus Forecast to the chapter. Five days a week groups comprised of one graduate student leader and various other students will forecast for the University of Utah campus. Leigh presented a PowerPoint slide highlighting the times graduate students have available for Campus Forecast generation; after which she handed out sign-up sheets and requested them back at the end of the meeting. She introduced the graduate students who will be heading the five groups: Andrew Snyder, Wendy Wagner, Jon Zawislak, Ellen Ramirez, and Matt Jeglum. 
   - **Action:** Leigh Jones will make a forecast group schedule and e-mail those participating about the group they are assigned to and the time they will generate forecasts.

6. Dan introduced the local forecast contest to the chapter, explaining that some of the rules have changed from prior years. Those participating during the fall semester will be forecasting for the SLC Airport for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Spring semester forecasting will be for Alta Collins for Tuesdays and Thursdays. More information is available at:  
   http://www.met.utah.edu/jimsteen/ams/local_forecast.html
7. Dan introduced the national forecast contest to the chapter. Graduate student Greg West is in charge of our “Utah Team.” Those interested in participating should contact Greg for additional information and visit http://www.wxchallenge.com.

8. Graduate student Joel Lisonbee introduced Educational Outreach. Learning about weather is part of the core curriculum for Utah 4th graders. Students from the U of U are encouraged to teach short lectures about the weather to the students. Those interested in teaching these school children should contact Joel. Joel will also send out monthly e-mails to let students know of participation opportunities.
   ✔ **Action:** Joel Lisonbee will send out monthly e-mails notifying members of participation opportunities in Educational Outreach.

9. Graduate student Erik Crosman discussed his Great Salt Lake breeze research project. Erik mentioned that he needed undergraduates/graduates to help with the project, forecasting weather conditions, coordinating field operations, launching radiosondes, setting up surface weather stations, and analyzing data. He mentioned that it is good field experience and will look good on a resume. Those interested should talk to Erik or Professor John Horel.

10. Kiera Ellsworth revealed the AMS T-shirt design contest. Those interested in submitting designs must do so via electronic format (ex: Desktop Publisher, Adobe Illustrator, etc.). Submissions are due to Tricia Oliphant by October 1st, 2008. The chapter will vote on the best design at the October 6th, 2008, meeting*. The winner will receive a $10 gift card to Baskin Robbins.

11. Kiera displayed T-shirts and hoodies, designed in prior years that are for sale. Hoodies sell for $10 and T-shirts sell for $5. Those interested should talk to any member of the AMS presidency.

12. Graduate student Christy Wall mentioned helping CoCoRAHS install rain gauges in their personal yards. It costs approximately $23 for a rain gauge, but with enough interest, rain gauges can be ordered in bulk for less. Those interested should contact Christy or Professor John Horel.

13. Matt asked chapter members what activities they would like to participate in this year. Possibilities mentioned were a movie night, ice skating, sledding, and attending a U of U football game.

14. Graduate student and Utah AMS chapter officer Maura Hahnenberger mentioned the possibility of joint activities with the U of U Student AMS. Matt agreed with this premise.

15. Matt asked what dates and or times would work well for future meetings. The majority of students decided that Monday, Wednesday or Friday meetings would work best.
   ✔ **Decision:** The next meeting will be October, 6th, 2008.*
   ✔ **Action:** A member of the presidency will e-mail members with the details of the next meeting.

16. The chapter gathered in the foyer for a group picture.

17. Meeting was adjourned.

* In the presidency meeting held on September 8th, 2008, a decision was made that the next meeting will be going to the University of Utah vs. Oregon State University football game at 7:00 PM.