

NORTH AMERICAN INTERSTATE
WEATHER MODIFICATION COUNCIL
Santa Fe, New Mexico
September 22, 2006

The meeting of the North American Interstate Weather Modification Council was called to order by Chairman Arlen Huggins, on September 22, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Roll call confirmed the following members present: Arlen Huggins, State of Nevada; Joe Busto, State of Colorado; Tom Ryan, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Darin Langerud, State of North Dakota; LeNor Dollinger, North Dakota Weather Modification Association; Dave Cole, State of Utah; and Barry Lawrence, State of Wyoming.

Others present were Dr. Joseph Golden, Josh McClintock, Dr. Conrad Keyes, George Bomar, and Ron Vore.

MINUTES

Barry Lawrence moved to approve the minutes of April 18, 2006 meeting as distributed. Second by Darin Langerud. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Arlen Huggins presented and reviewed the financial status report as of 9/22/06. The report showed a balance of \$30,137.32.

Dave Cole moved to accept the 9/22/06 financial status report. Second by Darin Langerud. Motion carried.

COUNCIL RECORDS

To date, it has not been determined what records of the Council are being held by the State of New Mexico (pre-1998). Since 1998 the State of North Dakota and Nevada Desert Research Institute have maintained records for the Council. Mr. Huggins will check with Conrad Keyes regarding the early records.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It was reported there are 8 members, 3 associate members, and 2 affiliate members for 2006. It was noted only 4 members paid the special assessment (CO, ND, OK, WY).

Discussion was held regarding potential memberships by groups from Arizona and New Mexico. Potential member names and addresses should be sent to the Chairman.

CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE AGENCY ACTIVITIES

Discussion was held on the types of reports that should be included on the Council web page or links added to the page for providing specific information regarding weather modification projects, evaluations, and results.

It was suggested each project find the five best documented papers that we know of that give physical and/or statistical evidence of what we are trying to tell people. Either have the abstracts of those papers or write a separate summary with references. These summaries should be in language for the general public. It is felt more information needs to be made available regarding accomplishments of the weather modification projects. ***The need is evident that the best confirming evidence needs to be presented more widely. It was noted a short paper is obviously needed regarding the scientific basis for weather modification and where the science is today as it relates to summertime and wintertime weather modification.***

Josh McClintock requested members send him news items, videos, and other informational materials as they happen or are developed in their states.

Discussion was held on how to energize state congressional delegations. Josh McClintock asked members to provide him with any information on efforts in this area.

Discussion was held on how to improve the negative impression of weather modification in Congress. It was the general consensus that the Council should present a re-written bill for introduction. It was also suggested the Council should pursue authorization first, and then appropriations.

Chairman Huggins will draft new bill language. He asked members to send him their suggestions.

Darin Langerud briefly talked about possibilities of looking toward private foundations for funding for research.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By Laws Committee – No report

Nominating Committee – No report

Travel Committee – No report

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding a FAQ document developed for the Council web page. Darin Langerud asked the members to review the document and send him any additions, changes, deletions, etc.

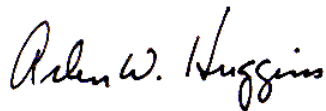
Mr. Langerud noted all minutes of the Council (since 1998) have been added to the web page. These items along with the reports that will be scanned and added to the web page will provide more types of information for difference sectors of the public.

SPRING 2007 MEETING

It was noted the meeting will be held in conjunction with the Weather Modification Association annual meeting April 17 – 20, 2007, at the Sheraton Hotel at Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, CA. The meeting was tentatively set for the afternoon of April 17th. Mr. Huggins will coordinate the Council meeting with the WMA.

It was suggested the fall meeting of the Council be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



ARLEN HUGGINS, CHAIRMAN
& ACTING SEC-TREASURER

Transcribed by LeNor Dollinger