

NORTH AMERICAN INTERSTATE  
WEATHER MODIFICATION COUNCIL  
San Francisco, California  
April 17, 2007

The meeting of the North American Interstate Weather Modification Council was called to order by Arlen Huggins, Chair, on April 17, 2007, at 12:00 noon in the Lombard Room, at the Sheraton at Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, California. 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; John Andrew, State of California; and Tommy Shearrer, Texas Weather Modification Association.

Others present were Mark Schneider, Steve Hunter, Dennis Gibbs, Craig Funke, Jasper James, Carissa Potenza, Robert Greene.

#### MINUTES

Darin Langerud moved to approve the minutes of September 22, 2006 meeting as distributed. Second by Joe Busto. Motion carried.

#### FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Arlen Huggins, acting Secretary-Treasurer, presented and reviewed the financial status report as of 4/17/07. The report showed a balance of \$31,473.80.

Two corrections were noted; 1) two December payments to Josh McClintock; and 2) two February payments to Josh McClintock. Mr. Huggins will make the correct notations and redistribute the financial statement.

Darin Langerud moved to accept the 4/17/07 financial status report as corrected. Second by Joe Busto. Motion carried.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Arlen Huggins reported that to date 7 members have paid their dues. Three of these have also paid the research assessment. Mr. Huggins noted the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has also joined as an associate member for 2007.

Discussion was held on possible additional memberships.

#### NAIWMC WEB PAGE

Darin Langerud reported the web site has undergone major changes. The page is now organized much better and contains considerably more information.

Further discussion was held on possible changes and updates for the web page.

### OPERATIONAL PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES

The Council joined a telephone conference call with members from the State of Kansas. Participating in the call from Kansas were Diane Coe and Ken Grotewiel of the Kansas Water Office; and, David Brenn and Robin Jennison of the Western Kansas Groundwater Management District #1. Discussion was held regarding the Kansas efforts to involve the insurance industry in the weather modification program in that state.

In seeking alternative ways to fund weather modification programs, meetings were held with the Kansas Insurance Commissioner. The Commissioner was supportive and the staff has assisted in arranging meetings with insurance companies. A representative of the Alberta Severe Weather Management Society met with Kansas in November. Representatives of insurance companies, brokers, and service companies who are involved primarily with the crop hail insurance industry also attended.

Upon request, Darin Langerud briefly summarized the efforts in North Dakota during the mid-90's to inform and involve the insurance industry in the North Dakota programs.

The Chair briefly commented on a report to the Council of work being done by Josh McClintock Consulting, Inc.

The Kansas delegation invited the Council to hold one of their next meetings in Denver or Kansas City. The Council will consider doing so.

### STATE REPORTS

State reports were given by each member present at the meeting. Copies were made available to members present.

### CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Chair distributed copies of the April 2007 report to the Council by J. McClintock Consulting, Inc. Mr. Huggins noted there was good support by Council members during the trip to Washington, D. C. to meeting with members of Congress and committee staffs.

Senator Hutchinson has reiterated support and commitment to seeing a weather modification research bill passed in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. The Council offered changes and additions to the bill that was introduced in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. It was noted there is also support from Representative Udall's office to introduce the bill in the House of Representatives.

It was noted a meeting was held with NOAA representatives to express Council support for NOAA taking a leading role in weather modification research. It was suggested the Council may wish to look at funding this bill within NASA's weather budget.

### COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Travel Committee - No requests were received – nothing to report.

By-Laws Committee – No proposed changes – nothing to report.

Discussion was held on when memberships should begin and end. At the present time the membership runs for the calendar year.

Further discussion was held on each state's fiscal year and when funds become available.

Tommy Shearrer moved that dues must be paid anytime during the calendar year for continuing membership. Second by Darin Langerud. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee – Darin Langerud presented the following report by the Nominating Committee for board officers for the next year:

Chair – Joe Busto  
Vice Chair – Tom Ryan  
Secretary-Treasurer – Arlen Huggins

Chairman Huggins called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Tommy Shearrer moved the nominations by the Nominating Committee be accepted and a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of candidates. Second by Barry Lawrence. Motion carried.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Darin Langerud suggested the Council consider making an effort to get young persons in the area of meteorology/atmospheric sciences involved in the area of weather modification. He suggested the Council consider sponsoring a

scholarship program, possibly in conjunction with the Weather Modification Association. Mr. Langerud feels it is important to revitalize interest in this area of work.

Following further discussion, the Chair appointed Darin Langerud chair of a Scholarship Committee to bring further information to the Council at the next meeting. Mr. Langerud is to choose committee members as he sees fit.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS & OTHER

Darin Langerud commented he has done some checking on various foundations and funding available through grants from these foundations. For instance the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation supports funding of grants for area of the known, unknown, and unknowable. This might be an area the Council should pursue.

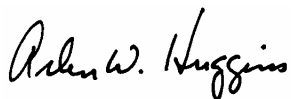
Mr. Langerud also expressed he feels the Council should have some kind of public relations plan to use when necessary to carry out the Council efforts. He noted Tammy Langerud is working on her MBA and has permission from her advisor to write such a plan for the Council. Mrs. Langerud will be pursuing this effort. When completed, the Council can review the plan and determine if there are parts, or all of the plan, they would like to use.

Tom Ryan stated he feels the Council should have something prepared for such instances when a member of the public attends meetings as a means of providing information for them, etc.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council, and the technical session, was tentatively set for September 13 & 14, 2007 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



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ARLEN HUGGINS, CHAIR

Transcribed by LeNor Dollinger