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CUAHSI Board Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2024

Roll Call

11 members are present, 10 needed for quorum. “X” indicates present

Term expires 12/31/2024

Alejandro Flores, Boise State University X
G.H. Crystal Ng, Univ. of Minnesota
Steven Loheide, Univ. of Wisconsin - Madison X
Ashley Matheny, Univ. of Texas - Austin X
Ashok Mishra, Clemson Univ. X
Åsa Rennermalm, Rutgers Univ. X

Terms expires 12/31/2025

JP Gannon, Virginia Tech
Drew Guswa, Smith College X
Hoori Ajami, Univ. of California - Riverside X
Anne Jefferson, Univ. of Vermont (Chair) X
Jay Zarnetske, Michigan State Univ. (Past Chair)

Term expires 12/31/2026

Safeeq Khan, Univ. of California, Merced X
Sarah Ledford, Georgia State Univ. (Chair Elect) X
Amy Burgin, Univ. of Kansas
Darren Ficklin, Indiana Univ. X

Officers: (terms expire January 31, 2027)

Adam Ward, Oregon State University (Secretary) X
Steve Architzel, UC Santa Cruz (Treasurer) X

CUAHSI Staff Present: Jordan Read

Minutes prepared by Ward

Wednesday, 1-May-2024

13:01 US Eastern Call to Order

Fundraising (Ledford)

1. Ledford reported almost \$10,000 have been pledged by the Board for the matching campaign. She also updated on donations received and requested assistance completing follow-up notes to thank donors.
2. Ledford reminded the Board to recruit new member institutions, briefly discussing strategies for recruitment at WatSciCon and via other mechanisms.

Minutes

- 1. Approval of May 2024 BoD Minutes**
 - a. Motion: Ledford**
 - b. Second: Rennermalm**
 - c. Discussion: (none)**
 - d. Vote: Approved (unanimous)**

International Affiliate Dues

1. Jefferson introduced the topic of international affiliate dues, which the Board has been discussing for several months. She reported that ExCom was supportive of the proposal, but the Board is required to vote on any changes to dues. Jefferson summarized discussions, including seeking to include active engagement with CUAHSI. Notably, a waiver of annual dues is allowable for affiliates in low and lower middle income countries.
- 2. Institute annual membership dues of \$100 per year, effective in 2024, for international affiliate members, and inform affiliates from low and lower middle income countries of their ability to request a waiver of the annual dues.**
 - a. Motion: Flores**
 - b. Second: Ledford**
 - c. Discussion: (none)**
 - d. Vote: Approved (unanimous)**

Executive Director Report (Read)

1. Read reported that NSF indicated that the proposal to Geoinformatics was reviewed positively. The NSF intends to provide a supplemental award to the current cooperative agreement until CUAHSI's backlog of audits is completed. Read shared details of the funding supplement and discussions with the Board for review prior to the meeting. He anticipates funding will support ongoing operations and enable the organization to begin implementing the scope of the proposal. Read will prepare the supplemental funding request by the end of June 2024.
2. Read initiated a discussion of hiring, providing an organizational chart showing current staff and open vacancies for review by the Board. The group discussed the role of current and future hires. Loheide initiated a discussion about organizational resilience, noting the structure is fairly flat compared to the deputy director role that was previously part of the organization.

Board Chair Report (Jefferson)

1. Jefferson reported that the By-laws working group will bring a proposed revision to the July Board meeting for discussion. This will 'clean up' and clarify several items with the goal of increased transparency and efficiency.
2. Jefferson has been preparing the retreat schedule, with key items including: nominations, by-laws, executive director review, finances, and several additional items. She is planning to begin at 3pm on Thursday at WatSciCon and continue meeting all of Friday. Guswa confirmed that Board members should expect a pre-read for the by-laws revision prior to the meeting.

Corporate Sponsorship (Flores)

1. Flores reported a few contacts have been made with potential corporate sponsors. He shared a spreadsheet to begin tracking contracts and including suggested language for those who want to engage.

Adjournment

Jefferson opened the floor to other business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

13:59 US Eastern Adjourned