

American Meteorological Society – St. Louis Chapter Meeting

Date: 5 October 2021

Location: Veterans Tribute Park, Weldon Spring, MO

Social Time: 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Meeting Time: 7:00–7:30 p.m.



Officers in Attendance:

Matthew Beitcher – *Vice President (acting President)*

Michelle Elmore – *Secretary*

Total members in attendance: 10

Introduction:

- Introduction and Welcome to first in-person meeting since February 2020

Old Business:

- Last meeting held via Zoom on 22 March 2021
 - first ever virtual St. Louis AMS Chapter meeting
 - Michelle Elmore (Saint Louis University) presented part of her dissertation research: "*Sensitivity of Tornado Genesis to Changes in 0-500m Wind Shear in High-Resolution Simulations*"

Meeting:

- Due to President Meghan Danahey having moved out of town, Matthew Beitcher has assumed the role of acting President.
- Officer elections for each position will be initiated via an online survey sent to the chapter and will be polled once everyone has had a chance to nominate themselves or others.
- Annual dues, having been waved last year, were collected:
 - cash
 - check to St. Louis Local AMS Chapter
 - Venmo or Zelle to Matthew Beitcher
- Due to the absence of Treasurer Allison Wreath, no account report was available to be communicated.
 - Matthew Beitcher is to collaborate with Allison Wreath or Megan Danahey to get set up on the chapter's bank account.
 - Fred Glass suggested the officers look into alternative banks or credit unions which are free or easily affordable.
 - A physical copy of the chapter's account is to be requested.
 - A unanimous motion was passed by all in attendance for the chapter to reimburse Matthew Beitcher for \$65.18 he paid for the pavilion reservation for this meeting.
- The members in attendance discussed what was desired out of meetings this upcoming year regarding Covid-19 safety and precautions.
 - The members in attendance predominantly voiced their desire to attempt to continue with in-person meetings in some form.
 - An online poll will be sent to the chapter to inquire about everyone's expectations, desires, and comfort levels regarding this year's upcoming meetings while the Covid-19 pandemic persists.
- Matthew Beitcher posed to the members in attendance what we as a chapter would like to see done in order to become more active in the meteorological community and extend outreach into the general community.
 - Fred Glass recalled members having judged local science fairs in years past.
 - Attempts to promote attendance by meteorologists at Scott Air Force Base will be made by Jared Maples, Fred Glass, and Melissa Mainhart.

- Discussions were held amongst Melissa Mainhart, Jerry Prsha, Fred Glass, Jared Maples, and Matthew Beitcher regarding advertising our chapter to expand membership to non-professional and non-hobbyists and to generate a more public-facing social media presence; although expanding too broadly amongst the general community would dilute the significance of the presentations, it was agreed that the existence of membership dues would divert away individuals with less enthusiasm to learn.
- Along with other refreshers to the chapter, Michelle Elmore is to seek out the chapter bylaws.
 - If they are able to be acquired, the bylaws will be reviewed and updated as necessary.
 - If they are unable to be acquired, the bylaws will be re-written with templates provided by the AMS as a guide.