

UCAR Member Committee Reports

GTG Report – Fred Carr & Scott Sternberg
Members Nominating Committee – Rich Clark
Membership Committee – Jim Carton

2015 UCAR Annual Members Meeting
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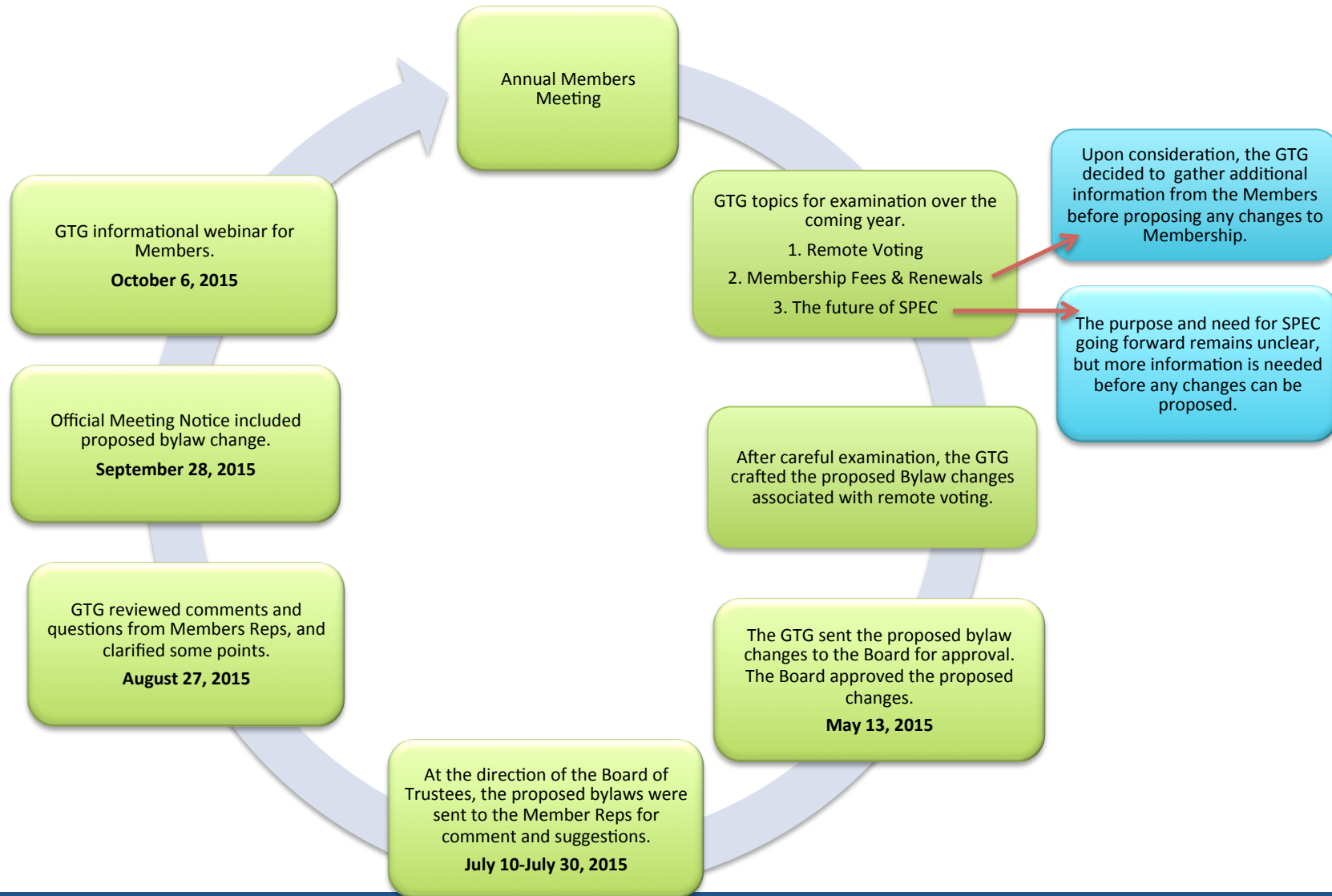
Members of the Governance Task Group (appointed by the Board of Trustees)

- Mark Abbott, Oregon State University – Co-Chair
- Ken Bowman, Texas A&M University
- Fred Carr, University of Oklahoma – Co-Chair
- Noah Diffenbaugh, Stanford University
- Yvette Richardson, Pennsylvania State University (PACUR Chair)
- Alan Robock, Rutgers University
- Scott Sternberg, Vaisala Inc.
- Sepi Yalda, Millersville University

GTG Responsibilities

The GTG is tasked with examining current UCAR governance, bylaws and practices, and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees and ultimately to the UCAR Members on changes that could enhance UCAR's ability to serve its member institutions into the future.

2015 GTG Process



Remote Voting

- To continue efforts to give all Members an equal voice and the opportunity to vote, the GTG is proposing a change that would allow votes to be cast without having to be present at the Members Meeting.
- To effect this change requires five specific bylaw changes

Proposed Bylaw Changes

1. **Allow Members to vote before the Annual Meeting starts, and restate the purpose of the Annual Meeting.**
2. **Change the definition of quorum so that it is defined as the majority of current Members.**
3. **Allow Members to vote remotely, thus not requiring presence at the Annual Meeting to vote.**
4. **Change the election of the Members Nominating Committee and the Trustees so that the candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast will be elected.**
5. **Change the affirmative requirement for the election and re-election of Members, and Bylaw Amendments from two-thirds (2/3) of Members present where a quorum is present, to two-thirds (2/3) of Members voting.**

1. Allow Members to vote before the Annual Meeting starts, and restate the purpose of Annual Meeting. – Art. 4; Sec. 1

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Members shall be held in the month of October, or during such other month as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Trustees from time to time, and shall commence on the date designated by the Board of Trustees. The purpose of the annual meeting ~~of the Members is to elect Trustees, appoint Members committees, and~~ is to conduct ~~transact~~ such ~~other~~ business, including elections, as may come before the Members at or before the meeting.

1. Allow Members to vote before the Annual Meeting starts, and restate purpose of the meeting .

Pro

- Increase participation in voting and governance, even if a Member Rep cannot attend meeting
- Allows the Voting Rep to vote before or during the annual meeting
- Still allows any business (including elections) to be conducted at annual meeting

Con

- Early voters will not have benefit of discussion at meeting

2. Change the definition of Quorum so that it is defined as the majority of current Members. *Art. 4; Sec 5*

Section 5. Quorum. ~~At each meeting of Members, the presence, through one or both representatives, of~~ A quorum is defined as a majority of the current Members ~~shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.~~ If a quorum is not present at any meeting of the Members, a majority of those Members present may adjourn the meeting ~~from time to time~~ without further notice.

2. Change the definition of Quorum so that it is defined as the majority of current Members.

Pro

- This change would remove the presence requirement at a meeting. A majority of Members still must cast a vote for the election to be valid.

Con

- May end up with a “quorum” for voting purposes, but not have enough Members attend the meeting for other business.

3. Allow Members to vote remotely, thus not requiring presence at the Annual Meeting to vote. *Art. 4; Sec 6, 7*

Section 6. Manner of Acting. Members act through their Members Representatives. Members may act by voting in elections (remotely electronically or in person) and on any other business brought before the Members. Unless otherwise required by law or these bylaws, the act of a majority of the Members ~~voting present at a meeting at which a quorum is present~~ shall be the act of the Members. ~~Each Member has one vote as to all matters required by law or these bylaws.~~

Section 7. Voting. Voting may be in person or remotely by electronic or paper ballot. Members may vote without a meeting in elections or on any other matter where the ballot is provided in written form to Members (hard copy or electronically), with the Member votes submitted by postal or other delivery, facsimile, email or any other electronic or digital means by the close of voting. Each Member has one vote as to all matters required by law or these bylaws. For an election to be valid, a majority of Members must cast votes

3. Allow Members to vote remotely, thus not requiring presence at the Annual Meeting to vote.

Pro

- The Member Rep can vote even if they cannot attend meeting
- Sustainable alternative to attending meeting
- The business portion of the Members Meeting will be webcast for remote voters to hear and participate in discussion

Con

- Fewer people may attend the Annual Meeting

4. Change the election of the Members Nominating Committee and the Trustees so that the candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast will be elected. - *Art. 5; Sec 1, - Art. 6; Sec. 3*

Article 5; Section 1. Members Nominating Committee. At each annual meeting of the Members, the members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected from among the Member Representatives by the Members for three-year terms. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast will be elected. The three- year terms shall be staggered so that in the first year after the bylaw amendment: three members are elected to a one-year term; three are elected to a two-year term; and three are elected to a three-year term. In subsequent years, members will be elected as vacancies arise. The Board of Trustees shall also appoint one member to the Nominating Committee for a one-year term who is an Institutional Trustee in her/his second term on the Board of Trustees. The Nominating Committee will make nominations for election of Trustees at the next annual meeting of the Members and for election to fill any vacancy or vacancies on the Board of Trustees. The Nominating Committee shall also nominate persons to serve on the other Members committees provided for in this Article. A report of all such nominations shall be included in the notice of each meeting of Members at which an election is to take place, except when the election is to fill a vacancy and the report is not available when the notice of the meeting is given.

Article 6; Section 3: Election and Term of Elected Trustees. At each annual meeting of the Members, Trustees shall be elected by the Members. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast will be elected. The terms of the Trustees elected at each annual meeting of the Members shall begin at the start of the first regular meeting of the Board of Trustees following their election and shall expire upon the commencement of the first regular meeting of the Board of Trustees after the third annual meeting of the Members following their election. Each Trustee shall hold office for the term for which such Trustee is elected and until the first meeting of the Board of Trustees following the annual meeting of the Members at which such Trustee's successor is elected. Any Trustee who has served two successive three-year terms shall not be eligible for reelection as a Trustee until the annual meeting of the Members following the date on which the second of said successive three-year terms expires. The provisions of this Section shall in no way limit the provisions set forth in Section 5 of this Article 6 concerning the filling of any vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees

4. Change the election of the Members Nominating Committee and the Trustees so that the candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast will be elected.

Pro

- Eliminates run-off elections if a candidate is not elected by a majority on a first ballot
- Allows highest vote recipients to be placed in office (plurality voting)

Con

- Does away with requirement of each candidate needing a majority of votes to be elected
- Tie votes still need a run-off ballot

5. Change the affirmative requirement for the election and re-election of Members and Bylaw Amendments from two-thirds (2/3) of Members present where a quorum is present, to two-thirds (2/3) of Members voting.

Art. 2; Sec 4 and 5, - Art. 14

Section 4. Election of Members. Members may be elected at any annual meeting of the Members duly held by ~~a the~~ vote of two-thirds of the Members ~~voting present at a meeting at which a quorum is present~~. Before an entity may be elected to membership in the corporation, it must have filed an application for election to membership with the Membership Committee, in accordance with the procedures and the schedule established by the Membership Committee from time to time, and must have been nominated for membership by the Membership Committee, and notice of such nomination must have been included in the notice of said annual meeting of Members.

Section 5. Reelection of Members. Written notice of the expiration of the term of membership of a Member shall be transmitted by the Secretary to said Member at least twelve months before the effective date of such expiration. Each Member so notified may file an application for reelection to membership in accordance with the procedures and the schedule established by the Membership Committee from time to time. Said application, unless withdrawn, shall be voted upon at the annual meeting of the Members held during said calendar year. The Membership Committee shall review applications for reelection and recommend action at the annual meeting of the Members; however, a recommendation by the Membership Committee for rejection of an application for reelection will not limit the right of any Member to have its application for reelection voted upon at such a meeting. A Member may be reelected to a new term at any annual meeting of the Members by ~~a the~~ vote of two-thirds of the Members ~~voting present at a meeting at which a quorum is present~~. If the Membership Committee, because of unusual circumstances pertaining to a Member's application for reelection, is unable to arrive at a recommendation regarding reelection of a Member in time to present it at such annual meeting, the question of reelection may be postponed until the following annual meeting of the Members at the request of the Membership Committee if approved by action of the Members. Such a postponement may be requested by the Membership Committee only once with respect to a Member's application for reelection. If, for any reason, an annual meeting of the Members is not held in a given year, or if an application for reelection to membership duly filed is not voted upon at a given annual meeting of the Members, the membership of a Member due to be considered for reelection at such meeting will be automatically extended, without lapse, until the next annual meeting of the Members. In such cases of delay, the new term of the reelected Member shall begin on the date such reelection would have been effective had no delay occurred, and the reelection fee to be paid by such Member upon reelection shall be that fee which would have been payable had there been no delay.

ARTICLE 14 Amendments to Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of Members ~~, duly called and held,~~ by ~~a the~~ vote of two-thirds of the Members ~~voting present at a meeting at which a quorum is present~~.

5. Change the affirmative requirement for the election and re-election of Members, and Bylaw Amendments from two-thirds (2/3) of Members present where a quorum is present, to two-thirds (2/3) of Members voting.

Pro

- These two elections still need to receive two-thirds affirmative votes; however it will be 2/3rds of the votes cast, not 2/3rds of the Members present at the meeting.

Con

- May end up with a “quorum” for voting purposes, but not have enough Members attend the meeting for other business.

Future of the Annual Members Meeting

Will these changes mean the end of the Members Meeting?

No, the Members Meeting will focus more on substantive discussions, sessions, and time for networking. Remote voting is intended to give Members another option to participate in the business of the Members Meeting and to further encourage the participation of all UCAR Members. It is not intended to diminish the purpose of or put an end to the Annual Members Meeting. Results of the elections will continue to be reported at the Annual Members Meeting.

Will Member Reps not present at the Meeting still be able to ask questions?

Yes, starting this year, UCAR is webcasting the business portion of the Members Meeting and those who cannot attend the Members Meeting in person will be able to hear the presentations and ask questions remotely.

How will amendments from the floor be handled?

- As in the past, amendments from the floor for bylaw changes are not allowed.
- Formal notice of bylaw changes is given to all Members at least fourteen days prior to the Members Meeting.
- Under the notice provisions of Colorado law, substantive changes, from what was in the original meeting notice, cannot be made at the meeting.
- Discussion and debate on pros and cons started before the meeting and can continue at the meeting
- Since Bylaw amendments are not permitted from the floor, the GTG has a comment period for Member Reps before the proposed changes are formally announced.

2016

- Membership renewals and membership fees
 - GTG will be working with the Membership Committee and PACUR over the next year to examine these topics
 - Be sure to complete the survey later today
- The future of SPEC
 - Formed by Members to review NCAR science by university peers.
 - To avoid conflict of interest NSF convened its own science review panels, SPEC was first a partner that took more of an observer role.
 - SPEC is now excluded from NSF science panel executive sessions.

Questions

Members Nominating Committee Report

2015 Members Nominating Committee

- Rich Clark, Millersville University – Chair
- Lourdes Aviles, Plymouth State University
- Judith Curry, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Noah Diffenbaugh, Stanford University
- Efi Foufoula-Georgiou, University of Minnesota
- Everette Joseph, State University of New York, Albany (Trustee Liaison)
- Kirk Maasch, University of Maine
- Berrien Moore, University of Oklahoma

Committee Responsibility

The Members Nominating Committee seeks nominations of individuals in the community to serve on the UCAR Board of Trustees, PACUR, and Membership Committees, as well as the Members Nominating Committee itself. This committee is responsible for presenting candidates at the Annual Members Meeting to be voted on by the Member Representatives.

Under the UCAR bylaws, the Members Nominating Committee is elected from among the Member Representatives only. The committee must include at least one Member Representative who is not a Trustee, and one Institutional Trustee, who is appointed by the Board of Trustees.

Committee Procedure

- Trustees serving on the Members Nominating Committee may not serve as Trustee candidates for election or re-election.
- Current members of the Nominating Committee will not be nominated to run for election to the Board of Trustees until their term on the committee expires.
- The Nominating Committee will present slates of candidate to the Members for election to the Members Nominating Committee.

Trustee Candidates

INSTITUTIONAL TRUSTEES



Eric Betterton

University of Arizona



Kristie Boering

University of California, Berkley



Rafael Bras

Georgia Institute of Technology



Tony Hansen

St. Cloud State University



Bob McCoy

University of Alaska, Fairbanks



Michael Morgan

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Trustee Candidates

TRUSTEES-AT-LARGE



Kelly Fox

University of Colorado



Kathleen Ritzman

Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Election Procedure

- Institutional Trustees – The four candidates receiving the highest majorities will be elected Trustees..
- Trustees-at-Large – These candidates run unopposed.

Member Committees

**PACUR, MEMBERSHIP, SPEC &
MEMBERS NOMINATING**

PACUR

President's Advisory Committee on University Relations
Elected for a 3-year term

- Gannett Haller, Nevada System of Higher Education
- Eric Hoffman, Plymouth State University
- Katharine Hayhoe, Texas Tech University
- Rachel Pinker, University of Maryland
- Allison Steiner, University of Michigan

Membership Committee

Elected for a 3-year term

- Rich Dixon, Texas State University, San Marcos
- Redina Herman, Western Illinois University
- Richard Grotjahn, University of California, Davis
- Tom Mote, University of Georgia
- Bob Street, Stanford University

SPEC

Scientific Programs Evaluation Committee
Elected for at 3 years, but not more than 5 years

- Jim Anderson, Arizona State University
- Bob Dickinson, University of Texas, Austin
- Jim Kinter, George Mason University
- Joyce Penner, University of Michigan
- Mary Jo Richardson, Texas A&M University

Members Nominating Committee

1 year term

- Teresa Bals-Elsholz, Valparaíso University
- Ramon Lopez, University of Texas, Austin
- Kirk Maasch, University of Maine
- Berrien Moore, University of Oklahoma

Members Nominating Committee

2 year term

- Lourdes Aviles, Plymouth State University
- Rich Clark, Millersville University
- Noah Diffenbaugh, Stanford University
- Efi Foufoula-Georgiou, University of Minnesota

Members Nominating Committee

3 year term

- Larissa Back, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Steve Businger, University of Hawaii
- Walt Robinson, North Carolina State University
- Ulii Siebt, University of California, Los Angeles
- Ping Yang, Texas A&M University

Election Procedure

PACUR, Membership and SPEC – Candidates for these committees are presented and elected as a single slate

- ✧ Election to these committees is by affirmative vote by a majority of Members present.

Members Nominating Committee – Candidates for this committee are presented as individuals.

- ✧ Nine candidates receiving a majority of votes will be elected to serve for a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

Submit your Nominations for Next
year !

Membership Committee Report

2015 Membership Committee

- Jim Carton, University of Maryland – Chair
- Bill Beasley, University of Oklahoma
- Ken Bowman, Texas A&M University
- Mary Hudson, Dartmouth College
- Daniel Keyser, State University of New York, Albany
- Kirk Maasch, University of Maine
- Tom Mote, University of Georgia
- Len Pietrafesa, North Carolina State University
- Karen Shell, Oregon State University
- Todd Sikora, Millersville University
- George Young, Pennsylvania State University

Committee Responsibilities

The Membership Committee considers applications for new and renewing members of UCAR. This committee is also responsible for reviewing criteria for membership, updating the procedures for new and renewal applications, and reporting recommendations regarding membership to the Member Representatives.

UCAR Membership Criteria

Universities and other nonprofit corporations organized and operated for educational or scientific purposes, and located within the United States, Canada, or Mexico, are eligible for UCAR membership provided they meet the following criteria:

- **Program of Studies and Research.** Has made a definitive, substantial, and continuing commitment to a full, coherent, and integrated program of course studies in one or more of the atmospheric sciences or related fields;
- **Progress in the Atmospheric Sciences.** Has made a definitive, substantial, and continuing commitment to progress in the atmospheric sciences or related fields as evidenced by scholarly works of significance by its faculty in the atmospheric sciences or related fields, and;
- **Participation in the activities of UCAR.** Has made, or—as might be the case of new Members—is willing to make, a clear commitment of active participation in UCAR activities, including its governance, programs, and facilities.

2015 Membership Renewals

- California Institute of Technology
- University of California, Davis
- Central Michigan University
- College of Charleston
- University of Delaware
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- McGill University
- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Naval Postgraduate School
- Nevada System of Higher Education
- University of New Hampshire
- Oregon State University
- Purdue University
- Universidad Metropolitana

2015 New Member Applications

- Dartmouth College
- Embry-Riddle University
- San Diego State University
- University of British Columbia

2016 Renewals

- Arizona State University
- University of Alabama in Huntsville
- Brown University
- University of Connecticut
- Creighton University
- Drexel University
- Howard University
- Iowa State University
- New Mexico Institute of Mining Technology
- Ohio State University
- Rice University
- Rutgers University
- Stanford University
- University of Texas at Arlington
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- University of Wyoming
- Yale University

Voting Procedures

Voting Procedures

- Prior to registering for the Members Meeting you and your fellow Member Rep decided which of you would be the voting Rep.
- Because presence is required at the meeting to determine the quorum, all Member Reps needed to check this morning by 8am.
- The designated Voting Rep was given the username and password for the eballot.
- ★ Remember, as the Voting Rep, you are casting the vote on behalf of the Member (your university), so don't forget to collaborate with your fellow Member Representative before casting your vote.

Voting Procedures

- Bylaws Changes and new and renewing Memberships must receive 2/3 affirmative votes to pass. The results of these ballot questions will be reported tomorrow morning.
- Vote for 4 Institutional Trustees. These candidates must receive a majority of the votes.
- Trustees-at-large run unopposed, but still must receive a majority of the votes to be elected.
- PACUR, Membership and SPEC are elected as a slate, and the slate must receive a majority of the votes.
- Vote for 9 individuals to the Members Nominating Committee: 3 for a 1-year term, 3 for a 2-year term and 3 for a 3-year term. Each individual must receive a majority of the votes to be elected.
- The names of those elected to the Board, PACUR, Membership, SPEC and the Members Nominating Committee will be reported.

Voting will be open from
10:05 this morning to 8:00am
tomorrow morning