

**Arctic Research Consortium of the United States, Inc.**  
**Annual Council Forum Meeting Minutes**  
**14 May 2008**

The Annual Meeting of the ARCUS Council Forum was convened at the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, 14 May 2008.

**BUSINESS MEETING OF THE CORPORATION**

**Call to Order**

Board President Vera Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. AKDT. Vera welcomed everyone to the meeting, and invited the attendees to stand up and introduce themselves.

**Member Institutions with Representatives or Proxies Present**

Alaska North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management - *Michael Pederson*

Arctic Centre, University of Lapland - *Paula Kankaanpää*

Arizona State University - *Brian J. Eddie*

Bates College - *proxy delegated to Pamela Stern*

The Center for Northern Studies - *Pamela Stern*

Dartmouth College - *proxy delegated to William Fitzhugh*

Desert Research Institute - *Joseph R. McConnell*

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University - *James Cochran*

Louisiana State University - *H. Jesse Walker*

Marine Biological Laboratory - *Linda Deegan*

San Diego State University - *proxy delegated to Frederick Nelson*

Sandia National Laboratories - *proxy delegated to Bart Sveinbjornsson*

Smithsonian Institution - *William Fitzhugh*

SRI International - *proxy delegated to Julienne Stroeve*

Texas A&M University - *David M. Cairns*

University of Alaska Anchorage - *Bart Sveinbjornsson*

University of Alaska Fairbanks - *Susan Sugai*

University of Alaska Statewide - *proxy delegated to Susan Sugai*

University of Colorado - *Julienne Stroeve*

University of Delaware - *Frederick Nelson*

University of Miami - *Dennis A. Hansell*

University of Washington - *proxy delegated to Bart Sveinbjornsson*

Vancouver Island University - *proxy delegated to William Fitzhugh*

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution - *proxy delegated to Max Holmes*

Woods Hole Research Center - *Max Holmes*

**Member Institutions Not Represented**

Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, University of Manitoba; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Foundation for Glacier and Environmental Research, Idaho State University; Northern Illinois University; Foundation for Glacier and Environmental Research; Idaho State University; Northern Illinois University; The Ohio

State University; Oregon State University; Scandinavian Seminar; Scott Polar Research Institute; University of Massachusetts Amherst; University of New Hampshire; University of Northern British Columbia

### **Board Members Present**

Vera Alexander, Bruce Forbes, John Kelly, Leslie King, David Klein, Jack Kruse, Bill Manley, Peter Minnett, Astrid Ogilvie, Michael Retelle, Rune Storvold, Craig Tweedie, Bernie Zak, and Wendy Warnick (Ex Officio)

### **ARCUS Staff Present**

Jenny Baseman, Birte Horn-Hanssen, Kennan Jeannet, Philip Jenkins, Alysia Loring, Ronnie Owens, Zeb Polly, Joed Polly, Ben Wade, Helen Wiggins, and Alison York

### **Guests Present**

Ruth Adler, Nicholas Balascio, Elena Bondareva, Laura Brosius, Xuehua Cui, Md. Waliul Hasanat, Timo Kumpula, Jordan Lewis, Phil Loring, Elizabeth Nelson, Ethan Roth, Sean Topkok, Mead Treadwell, and Qin Yu

### **Approval of Minutes from 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

Secretary Bill Manley presented the minutes from the 2007 Annual Council Forum Meeting. Dave Cairns moved that the minutes be approved as written. William Fitzhugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Board of Directors Elections**

Peter Minnett presented the Slate of Nominees (see below) for the Board of Directors, seats 9 through 12, as endorsed by the Board of Directors (Resolution 08-01). The floor was opened for additional nominees. There were none. James Cochran moved to close nominations. Dennis Hansell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### ***Slate of Nominees***

*Seat 9 – John Tichotsky, Alaska Cambridge Group*

*Seat 10 – Hans Verlinde, Pennsylvania State University*

*Seat 11 – Craig Tweedie, University of Texas at El Paso*

*Seat 12 – William Manley, University of Colorado*

Written ballots were distributed to voting members of the Council or their designated proxy as the roll was called. Completed ballots were collected and tallied. Nominees for the Board seats, as recommended by the Board, were approved by unanimous vote of the members delegated or present.

### **The Annual Report of the Corporation**

President Vera Alexander welcomed members and thanked them for their continued support. Vera extended her thanks to the staff and stated that ARCUS was running smoothly, but that behind the calm appearance there was hard work being done by all staff and that she was continually amazed by the amount of work accomplished. Vera also

mentioned that this was the first time in several years that every member of the Board of Directors was present at an annual meeting.

Executive Director Wendy Warnick welcomed those present and thanked them for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the annual meeting and Arctic Forum. Wendy presented the annual report of the corporation, which gave an overview of ARCUS' structure and funded programs, then focused on information and outreach activities, arctic science planning, and science education. She also reviewed the impacts of each activity.

## **COUNCIL FORUM PROGRAM**

### **Appeal by Mead Treadwell**

Mead Treadwell, Chairman of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission (USARC), spoke to the Council members about a letter USARC planned to send to a meeting attended by ministers from the five arctic coastal nations. The one page letter appealed for open scientific access to the Arctic Ocean for researchers and vessels, and for the exchange of scientific research unfettered by national borders. Mr. Treadwell asked for support and signatures from ARCUS, as represented by the member institution representatives attending the Council Forum.

### **Recognition of Student Scholarship Recipients**

Craig Tweedie presented the student travel scholarship winners: Ruth Adler (The Ohio State University), Nicholas Balascio (University of Massachusetts), Elean Bondareva (Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute, Russia), Laura Brosius (University of Alaska Fairbanks), Xuehua Cui (University of Tennessee), Md. Waliul Hasanat (University of Lapland, Finland), Timo Kumpula (University of Joensuu), Jordan Lewis (University of Alaska Fairbanks), Elizabeth Nelson (University of Toronto), Ethan Roth (Scripps Institution of Oceanography), and Qin Yu (University of Virginia). The ARCUS student travel scholarship program was co-sponsored by ARCUS, the North Pacific Research Board, the International Arctic Research Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the Alaska Ocean Observing System, the Arctic Centre at the University of Lapland, and the University of Virginia.

### **ARCUS Member Institution Presentations**

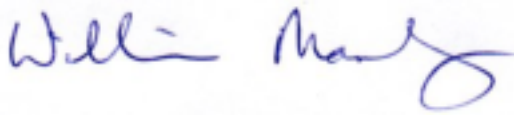
Members gave short presentations on their institutional arctic research activities: Nicholas Balascio (University of Massachusetts), David M. Cairns (Texas A&M University), James Cochran (Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory), Linda Deegan (Marine Biological Laboratory), Brian Eddie (Arizona State University), William Fitzhugh (Smithsonian Institution), William Fitzhugh on behalf of Marianne Stenbaek (McGill University), Dennis Hansell (University of Miami), Max Holmes (Woods Hole Research Center), Paula Kankaanpää (Arctic Centre, University of Lapland), Fritz Nelson (University of Delaware), Michael Pederson (Alaska North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management), Aage Rydstøm-Poulsen (University of Greenland), Pamela R. Stern (Sterling College), Julienne Stroeve (University of Colorado), Susan Sugai (University of Alaska Fairbanks), Bart Sveinbjornsson (University of Alaska Anchorage), and Bernard Zak (Sandia National Laboratories).

**New Paradigms in Polar Research—Recommendations for Member Institution  
Actions to Overcome Obstacles to Interdisciplinary and International Research**

President Vera Alexander moderated the “New Paradigms in Polar Research” roundtable, which included panel presentations by Jenny Baeseman (Association of Early Career Polar Scientists), Lawson Brigham (U.S. Arctic Research Commission), Bruce Forbes (Arctic Centre, University of Lapland), and Sean Topkok (Alaska Native Knowledge Network). Discussion between panel members and Council Forum participants followed.

**Adjournment**

James Cochran moved to adjourn the meeting. Susan Sugai seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m. EDT.



Respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

02 June 2009

Date