

Meeting Outcomes and Key Messages

**Council Meeting
17-18 August 2011**



Implementing the Strategic Plan

The President-Elect, President, and Executive Director/CEO provided specific examples of how AGU is making progress advancing our strategic goals, and identified emerging issues.

- The Mission: Alignment Project (M:AP) team has made strides in 3 priority areas:
 - Affiliation/organization
 - Honors and recognition
 - Council role and composition



Implementing the Strategic Plan

- A Council work plan has been developed
- Two emerging issues have been identified and are being addressed:
 - Evolving relationships among the Board, Council, Sections/Focus Groups, Committees.
 - The need to advance interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary science while continuing to promote disciplinary “homes” for members.



Implementing the Strategic Plan

- Progress toward the Science and Society goal includes:
 - Leadership Summit on Climate Science Communication held in March
 - Climate Communication Prize established
 - Strategic communications to raise AGU's profile and defend climate science and climate scientists under attack



Implementing the Strategic Plan

- Progress toward Organizational Excellence goal includes:
 - Establishing best practices in performance evaluation, compensation, and goal setting for Executive Director
 - Development of AGU intranet that includes online collaboration space for Council



Actions Taken

- Informally agreed to individually review the list of foundations in the Development Board report and notify Carol and Chris of any personal contacts you may have.
- Approved consent agenda.
- Adopted AMS position statement on free and open communication of scientific findings.
 - Made recommendation to Outreach Committee to include this topic on list of new statements to be developed



Actions Taken

- Approved Honors and Recognition Committee recommendations on:
 - Expansion of charge to include education and outreach
 - Definition of characteristics and criteria for new Union-level medals, awards, and prizes, and for Section/Focus Group awards and lectures
 - Delegation of authority for approving new Section/Focus Group awards and lectures from the Council to the H&R Committee
 - Areas of focus for creation of new Union-level medals and awards
 - Revision of conflict of interest policy as it applies to nominators and nominees for honors and recognition



Actions Taken

- Asked M:AP team to further develop an “Ambassador Program” and continue working together for honors/recognition
- Recommended that the AGU Board change the volunteer leadership terms to a calendar year to better align with the work, the members and the organization



Review and Input Provided

- Discussed the meaning of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary science and brainstormed impact on meetings and membership affiliation.
- Discussed strategic analysis of AGU publications by Rising Tide and brainstormed improvements for journals as well as *Eos*.



Review and Input Provided

- Discussed what is required to become an authoritative voice for the Earth and space sciences, the evolution of AGU's public engagement efforts, and the need for increased member involvement.



Review and Input Provided

- Reviewed and discussed progress of M:AP team and provided extensive input on:
 - Honors and recognition
 - Affiliation/organization
 - Council role and composition
- Discussed role of Governance Committee and provided input into process and timelines for the 2012 elections.

