

69th annual business meeting

Minutes of the 69th Annual Business Meeting 29 January 1989—Anaheim, California

President Braham called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. A quorum was present.

President Braham discussed some of the activities of the Society in 1988, which was highlighted by the beginning of Executive Director Hallgren's term.

Past President Smagorinsky read the report of the Ballot Tellers, printed elsewhere in these pages, including the selection of James R. Mahoney as President-Elect and approval of a revised Constitution and By-Laws. Past President Smagorinsky then read the list of Fellows elected in 1988, which list is included in the accompanying report of the Secretary-Treasurer. President Braham presented certificates to those of the new Fellows present.

Secretary-Treasurer Spengler distributed a written version of the secretarial portion of his report for 1988; the financial portion was not ready, as there was insufficient time to complete the audit.

Commissioners Ryan, Orville, Houghton (with Orville acting on his behalf), Rasmussen, and Murino presented brief reports on the activities of their Commissions in 1988. All five commissions were quite active, and highlights on publications, meetings, and certification programs are included in the accompanying report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Past President Droessler moved, and the motion was duly seconded and approved by voice vote, that the acts of the

Councilors and Officers of the Society during the year ending 31 December 1988, done in the proper conduct of the business of the Society, are hereby adopted, approved, and confirmed.

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President Simpson spoke briefly, seeking the support and assistance of all. Her special objectives will be the forging of new partnerships: a uniting of the earth sciences to deal with global problems and a uniting of research and services in atmospheric sciences.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 8:08 P.M.

—KENNETH C. SPENGLER
Secretary-Treasurer

Report to Membership by Prof. Roscoe R. Braham, Jr., President, at the Annual Business Meeting of the American Meteorological Society, Anaheim, California, 29 January 1989

Ladies and Gentlemen, I call to order the Business Meeting of the 69th Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society. This meeting provides the forum for your elected officers, your commissioners, and your Boards and Committees to report on things we have done on your behalf during the preceding year. It has been an event-filled year for our Society. We will hear reports from the Council Secretary, Secretary/Treasurer of the Society, and our Commissioners. Prior to those reports, I would like to bring to your attention a few specific highlights of the past year.

Overall, this has been a very good year for the AMS. On May 1, 1988, Dick Hallgren came on board as our Executive Director. Ken Spengler has been trying to retire ever since, but as some of you had foretold, his knowledge of the Society and of its members have been absolutely essential during this transition period. Ken kindly acceded to

the Council's request to serve as Secretary/Treasurer, the post formerly held by Dr. David Landrigan. Ken continues to work actively in the Boston Headquarters.

Dr. Hallgren has been working literally night and day to learn details of the many different things in which the Society is involved. We have used the opportunity created by this change in leadership to make changes in some of the procedures used by the Executive Committee and Council in caring for Society business. These changes will increase the effort required of Councilors and increase the effectiveness of the Council.

A major activity which began in earnest last April was the preparation of what we call the "Awareness Paper." Looking forward to the Presidential and Congressional elections, we foresaw a possible opportunity to increase awareness of the new Administration and Congress to the