



Notice is hereby given that there will be the 21st Annual General Meeting of the International Association of Broadcast Meteorology on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH 2018 at the Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary. It will be held during the EMS Annual Meeting & European Conference on Applied Climatology (ECAC).

The meeting will be held at 1630 in room E 338 to transact the following business:

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence, and notification of postal votes.**
- 2. Minutes of the 20th Annual General meeting (Attached)**
- 3. Any matters arising.**
- 4. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Board.**

The year since our 2017 AGM in Dublin has passed very quickly. In the meantime, the board has had many fruitful discussions via Skype. We were able to collect valuable contributions to Up Front and are very thankful to all of our supporters in writing articles. Our sponsors enable us to produce our regular news-magazine Up Front, as always they deserve a special thank you.

Many thanks to Gerald Fleming and John Teather who are actively supporting the organization together with me taking care of our regular news magazine Up Front, doing the financial work and keeping our ears and eyes open on the developments within WMO. We are very thankful that Jay Trobec, a long-term member and a profound meteorologist, active contributor to the AMS, working as Chief Meteorologist, KELOLAND TV. Ph.D. in Sioux Falls, SD, was able to represent the interests of IABM at this very important event of WMO (more detail in the Summer UP Font).

We see a development within WMO in getting more attention for IABM. As we are uniting a worldwide group of TV- and/or Radio-weather-broadcasters working for private Companies, for TV-companies or MetServices. The group is an independent communicator of weather- and climate-messages and therefore in a perfect position. Because we can consider ourselves as an important “missing link” in the whole weather- and climate-debate, especially for those who have a profound background in Meteorology. This issue was subject of studies by George Mason University in Virginia, USA (see my report in Summer Edition of Up Front).

A good example for this type of interaction was Germany during the summer of 2018. Living in Germany, summer 2018 has been quite unusual due to heat, extreme drought and some heavy precipitation events. As good or bad news weather and climate have been in the headlines for a long time, not for the sole event but also for the consequences. They had far reaching impacts and were quite often commented by professional meteorologists in the context of weather and climate-change. The spectrum of consequences touches issues like hospitalization of people with circulatory difficulties, heat-stroke and heart-problems, crop losses, not enough food-reserves for livestock, therefore existence of small farmers in danger; broken-up highways, significant cargo-load-reduction on rivers, fish-dying, wild-fires, growth of blue-green algae (can cause irritation of the skin and mucus membranes, also cercaria parasite has been detected, (causing skin rashes and can last several days), nuclear-power-plants had to reduce their output because of overheating rivers (used for the cooling circuit) causing death of fish-population.

These issues are not in our direct responsibility but they are connected to our weather-reports, because weather will determine how long the situation will last, will it get worse and when will it end. Of course the question of climate-change-connection is immanent. So profound Meteorologists, no matter if they were working in the MetService or in TV, were given frequent platforms to talk and explain, why this summer has been so unusual. Finally it has brought a lot of attention from the public and may be has unlighted a little bit of understanding climate. If people experience uncommon situations like heat or drought they are much more susceptible to understand the background. And it has not only been Germany with severe weather-events, they were distributed throughout the world.

Right now I don't think we have to fear to vanish from screen is not existent, but we have to watch the market, changes will always be there and our members have to stay flexible and adapt to different challenges. Social networks are in harsh discussions because of their often doubtful publications but they also offer a huge challenge to communicate beyond TV and Radio. We should keep this in mind.

We have reduced our cost as much as possible (see separate report of the Treasurer) but are grateful for any additional sponsoring, which will allow us to represent IABM in WMO and other conferences.

The board has decided to gain new people to represent the broadcast-community. We have solved this task almost from the beginning and are willing to support new colleagues. Keep in mind, IABM is positioned quite well in the weather-business, and propagates quality in this sometimes "fake" environment. Only quality will survive and will get attention in the future. We should continue to build on this effort for the benefit of all participants and to survive our changing environment at least in the near future. We have gained more members and hope for further contributions. Input to the organization keeps IABM alive and to all members around the world, valuable information.

4th of August, Inge Niedek

5. To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.

We continue to represent the industry through our Observer Status at the WMO. Gerald Fleming was in attendance during the Executive Council Meetings this year.

The Board has continued to manage the affairs of the Association with many Skype Conferences and emails. Not as satisfactory as face-to-face meetings, but an active dialogue has been maintained. At least with the AGM's being held during third-party conferences allows some

of us to have 'physical' meetings. But for members of the Board to attend these conferences it is done at their own cost.

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John Teather, August 2018

6. To receive a report from the Honorary Treasurer.

The financial report will be tabled at the meeting.

7. Election of the Board of Directors. The following have been nominated:

Chairman	To be confirmed at the meeting
Vice Chairman	Inge Niedek
Secretary	John Teather
Treasurer	Gerald Fleming
Membership	Tomas Molina
Publications	Vacancy
Ordinary Directors	Paul Gross, Panos Giannopoulos, Dieter Walch, Jesper Theilgaard, Jill Peeters
African Representative	Abraham Mwale
Asia Representative	Vacancy
South American Representative	Mauricio N. Saldivar
Australasia Representative	Daniel Corbet

8. Resolutions.

To consider any resolutions that has been proposed prior to the meeting.

9. Any other business.

To consider any other business appropriate to the meeting.



Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting of the International Association of Broadcast Meteorology held on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH 2017 in Helix Conference Centre Dublin, Ireland, at 1800 in the Studio 2nd Floor of the Helix Centre.

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Claire Martin, Tomas Molina, Bill Giles, Paul Gross, Panos Giannopoulos, Dieter Walch, Jesper Theilgaard, Jill Peeters, Mauricio N. Saldivar, Daniel Corbet, Abraham Mwale

2. In attendance

Inge Niedek (in the Chair), Gerald Fleming and John Teather

3. Minutes of the 19th Annual General meeting

Approved as a true record. Proposed by IN and seconded by GF

4. Any matters arising.

GF reported on his examination of the legal status of the Association. He was of the opinion that it was no longer necessary to maintain it as a Limited Company and thus save over €1,100 annually in professional fees. He proposed and IN seconded that the Board be asked to change to a Voluntary Interest Group.

5. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Board.

This year we are holding our AGM in connection with the EMS Conference in Dublin. Where we will contribute to the Media- and Communication sessions with some presentations from IABM-members. We were hoping to offer some training seminars for broadcasters, especially for developing countries, but were not able to acquire enough financial support.

We are used to have difficulties to bring our members from all over the world together or at least some on one table face to face, to discuss relevant issues like the quality of weather-reports, how the the whole media-world has changed with the social networks and if it and how much it does affect the day to day weather reports..... We bring up relevant issues to our Up Front publication representing different aspects of the whole community in the weather-broadcasting business. We have some strong supporters, who are very engaged in broadcast-meteorology, writing about the problems in their region or about other globally relevant issues. The board is thankful to our colleagues from Argentina, Africa, USA, Canada, New Zealand, Greece, Spain, Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain and Ireland, and appreciate their continuous support.

Amongst most of our board-members we have a more frequent contact and fruitful regular discussions via email or skype. We are lucky to have Claire Martin back on board as vice-chair.

Our corporate sponsors deserve a special thank you, enabling us to produce our regular news magazine Up Front. The secretariat and publication's work is done by John Teather, the financial work by Gerald Fleming, with their valuable and thankworthy support and contribution.

Back to basics: US-climate-policy and the announcement to leave the Paris climate-accord of 2015 for those familiar with the political situation has been awaited in a way, but otherwise has caught world-wide attention and concern.

IABM has supported the joint global action for the "March for Science" and also a Collective Global Climate Statement to coincide with Earth Day (focused on environmental and climate literacy). The statement has been released by 33 meteorological and climate societies and institutions, acknowledging the overwhelming scientific evidence that our planet is warming, largely due to emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities and calls for prompt, sustained, global, collaborative, evidence-based action to avoid the largest impacts of climate change.

As chair of the IABM and president of the German Meteorological Society I have attended a press conference along the G-20 summit on the 6th of July 2017. In a joint press conference, German climate researchers have combined forces to present the facts of observable climate change. Essential facts have been presented relating to global change as a basis for policy decisions and the scientific evidence has been put in context. The conference wanted to mark the meeting of the head's of state of the world's twenty leading industrial nations. Also to remind these nations, that it is essential that all states take joint mitigation measures at the global level to limit the impacts of climate change, and keeping up the momentum in the knowledge acquisition process, with unconstrained science. The conference has been supported by the Ministry for Environment and Energy of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, the German Meteorological Service (DWD), the German IPCC coordination Office, the German Climate Consortium (DKK), the Institute for Weather and Climate Communication (IWK), Klimafakaten.de, International Association of Broadcast Meteorology (IABM), German Meteorological Society (DMG).

Having mentioned this effort I turn to our many discussions within the board about climate change. Since the Paris Climate accord of 2015 we have around 195 countries involved in a type of global agreement, although not binding, and somewhat self-determined by each country concerning their contributions to protect the climate and to reduce emissions to avoid dangerous climate change and further global temperature rise above the limit of 2 degrees C.

In some countries parts of the population is concerned about climate change but don't want to hear the word climate change, and don't want to follow any government advisories against climate change. It is a very difficult issue of communication (which is a topic in the EMS-conference) the proper and understandable communication about the change of the climate, which has to be seen in relation to many other aspects a society is facing. The global picture of our future sustainable world is even bigger than that of

climate change. Just to mention population growth and the impact of developing countries

As reliable and responsible weather-broadcasters we have to see the whole picture at least have it in our mind in order to understand the mosaic of contributing factors to our global future.

Therefore we will widen our mission statement in order to provide information and advice to members and the wider community by actively encouraging and supporting the global debate over climate change and widening the scope through discussions and publications to include not only population growth and impact of developing countries but also sustainability of the ecosphere and clean and affordable energy.

Another aspect of our mission statement is that we are talking nowadays to the leaders of tomorrow. Therefore we have to emphasize on the requirement for accurate and timely communication of weather forecasts and warnings to the public without any commercial interest. The combination of advertisement and warnings of severe weather seems to be a perfect combination for private weather-services, but this is going in the wrong direction. We need independent sources like the National Meteorological Services to issue warnings without any commercial interest but only the interest servicing the well being of the people. And we need them also as a reliable portal for freely available weather forecasts without any advertisement.

Another important aspect we are focusing is the development of regional sub-groups, which take IABM and Up Front as platform for communication of regional aspects and information useful for the whole community in fact strengthening the whole group.

Thank you again to all of you contributing to IABM.

Inge Niedek, 30th of June 2017

6. To receive a report from the Honorary Secretary.

The Board has continued to manage the affairs of the Association with many Skype Conferences and emails. Not as satisfactory as face-to-face meetings, but an active dialogue has been maintained. At least with the AGM's being held during third-party conferences allows some of us to have 'physical' meetings. But for members of the Board to attend these conferences it is done at their own cost, unless they happen to live around the corner!

We continue to represent the industry through our Observer Status at the WMO. Gerald Fleming was in attendance during the Executive Council Meetings in May. However, we need to recognise that under new leadership the WMO is changing and our fear is that with the loss of Haleh Kootval in the Public Services division the whole focus will change, and in our view not for the better. We continue to make our case with all vigour.

Since the last AGM, three editions of UP FRONT have been published and distributed. I am,

as usual, very grateful to all those who have contributed articles. The new distribution method via a mass email-out has worked well and the statistics show that it is well received. These changes have ensured that a wider audience has been reached on a consistent basis. Our aim is to publish four editions each year, but this is not always possible as they tend to be event driven and that changes year by year. However, my intention is to ensure that three editions are the minimum.

The web site has also been re-designed and hopefully still has an important information role to play for the association.

John Teather, August 2017

7. To receive a report from the Honorary Treasurer.

International Association of Broadcast Meteorology Income / Expenditure for 2016 (In Euro)			
Carried Forward from 2015			€1,919
Income			
Interest etc	0		
Subscriptions	1,358		
We Are Water Foundation	0		
Currency Fluctuation (\$/€)	0		
Total	1,358	€1,358	€3,277
Expenditure			
Audit and Accounts	1,111		
Companies Office – Fees	20		
Travel Expenses	0		
Printing etc – Up Front	0		
Bank Charges, Subs collection	455		
Website Expenses	429		
Total	2,015	€2,015	€1,262
Excess of expenditure over income		€637	
In account, Jan 1st 2017			€1,262
Made up as follows:			

Current Account (€193.55)	€194
Deposit Account (US\$1,199.22)	€1,068
N.B. Compiled using the following exchange rates: €1.00 = US\$1.12125	

The accounts were approved, proposed by Inge Niedek and seconded by John Teather.

8. Election of the Board of Directors.

The following were proposed by IN, GF and JT (Specifically as shown)

Chairman	Inge Niedek (JT & GF)
Vice Chairman	Claire Martin (JT & IN)
Secretary	John Teather (GF & IN)
Treasurer	Gerald Fleming (JT & IN)
Membership	Tomas Molina
Publications	Bill Giles
Ordinary Directors	Paul Gross, Panos Giannopoulos, Dieter Walch, Jesper Theilgaard, Jill Peeters (JT & IN)
African Representative	Abraham Malwe (JT & IN)
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9. Revision of Mission Statement

It was noted that the Board had been discussing the revision of our Mission Statement. They were concerned on two fronts.

Firstly that the whole debate over Global Warming is too narrowly focussed. Certainly the change in position by the USA s going to re-open the debate. They feel that the international cooperation is perhaps getting too institutionalised and there are other factors that need including if we are to ensure 'species survival'. A rather dramatic term, but a reality if we do not start making some fundamental changes.

Secondly, they feel it important that they attend conference (when possible) and ensure that our message is delivered to the future leaders of our industry. We need to persuade them of our vision and values.

The current and revised Statements are shown below and the meeting was invited to discuss the proposals and adopt them if considered appropriate.

The change was approved. Proposed by IN and seconded by GF

CURRENT MISSION STATEMENT

- 1) To represent the worldwide broadcast meteorology community
- 2) To collaboratively work with WMO through our Observer Status, and with other appropriate organisations including SMF/FIM, AMS, EMS and NMHSs, to support and promote the profession of Broadcast Meteorology
- 3) To support and encourage members in the improved delivery of weather and climate

services to the public, especially those from developing countries

- 4) *To promote, encourage and organise conferences and other opportunities for members to network and engage in Continuing Professional Development*
- 5) *To actively encourage members to maintain the highest professional standards through promoting appropriate initiatives and mechanisms*
- 6) *To encourage members to contribute to disaster risk reduction through the provision of timely and accurate weather forecasts and warnings to the public*
- 7) *To actively support and develop regional sub-groups to enhance the focus on national and regional weather broadcast issues.*

PROPOSED REVISED MISSION STATEMENT

- 1) *To represent the worldwide broadcast meteorology community*
- 2) *To work with WMO through our Observer Status, and with other appropriate organisations including SMF/FIM, AMS, EMS and NMHSs, to support and promote the profession of Broadcast Meteorology*
- 3) *To support and encourage members to maintain the highest professional standards through promoting appropriate initiatives and mechanisms for the improved delivery of weather and climate services to the public, especially those from developing countries*
- 4) *To promote, encourage and organise conferences and other opportunities for members to network and engage in Continuing Professional Development*
- 5) *To attend other appropriate conferences to promote the IABM and emphasise the requirement for accurate and timely communication of weather forecasts and warnings to the public, in particular to the next generation of leaders in the weather community.*
- 6) *To provide information and advice to members and the wider community by actively encouraging and supporting the global debate over climate change, and widening the scope of the discussion to reflect the underlying importance of climate matters to the possibility of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals*
- 7) *To actively support and develop regional sub-groups to enhance the focus on national and regional weather broadcast issues.*

10. Resolutions.

There were no resolutions that has been proposed prior to the meeting.

11. Any other business.

There was no other business appropriate to the meeting.