

AGU Natural Hazards Executive Committee Meeting

Dec. 14th, 2016 12:30-13:30pm, San Francisco Marriott Marquis

Participants

Upmanu Lall (President),
Ramesh Singh (President-Elect),
Amir AghaKouchak (Secretary),
Tony Song,
Jenny Suckale,
David Green,
Alik Ismail-Zadeh,
Richard Murane,
Daniel Wright,
Naresh Devineni,
Roger Pulwarty,
Dalia Kirschbaum,
Robert Dahlgren,
Seth Stein,
Sankar Arumugam,
Vasily Titov,

Agenda

1. Welcome to the members and guests
2. Participation of Industry in the future development of NH group activities
3. Membership – Primary membership in the NH group, Recruitment Strategies
4. Proposal to AGU for an Award in the Natural Hazards area
5. Joint AGU-IUGG (Alik Ismail-Zadeh's Proposal)
6. Announcements, and Research/Program Opportunities

Summary Report

- President Lall and President-Elect Singh welcomed the Executive Committee Members, and the incoming President-Elect (Seth Stein) and Secretary (Daniel Wright).
- Upmanu Lall briefly reported on the Gilbert White Lecture and the NH sessions, and thanked the program committee members for their efforts in organizing the NH sessions.
- Alik Ismail-Zadeh suggested fellowship/internship opportunities for NH students. The goal would be industry participation through, for example, bringing the engineering and finance communities for internships on quick loss estimates during or after extreme events. Members agreed that this idea is worth exploring. Ramesh Singh mentioned that we need to run the idea with the AGU Finance Committee.
- Ramesh Singh suggested that the primary affiliation of members of the Executive Committee and officers should be NH. Richard Murane and Seth Stein mentioned that enforcing this idea could be discouraging for people to join NH activities. The members agreed that people who are running for NH officer positions should be advised to become NH primary members.
- NH Executive Committee members agreed that an NH Award is needed and Seth Stein agreed to move the process forward. This could include changing the Gilbert White

Lecture to an award, or preferably a new NH award to recognize scientific achievements of outstanding NH members.

- Alik Ismail-Zadeh proposed a joint AGU-IUGG to celebrate the 100th anniversary of both communities. The goal would be bringing together not only scientists but also policy makers. Members agreed that this is a good idea.
- Richard Murane suggested encouraging students and early career scientists to get involved with the NH activities. Seth Stein suggested that we can engage students through field trips and summer programs. David Green stressed that there are already many workshops on different topics, and we need to identify what are the key issues that would get the students more involved. Dalia Kirschbaum suggested organizing student breakout sessions on extreme events and disaster response. Tony Song suggested a mentoring program for NH graduate students. Ramesh Singh mentioned that AGU has already a mentoring program in place, and in future newsletters we should encourage NH students to participate.
- Roger Pulwarty mentioned that the National Academy of Sciences has a program for students where they discuss advances in their fields of interest including latest technology developments. Students will discuss questions such as “How should we approach the next Katerina?”. Members agreed that organizing similar events for NH students can encourage more student participation.