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COAA 2009 board of directors

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COAA '08~'09 Board Meeting

On November 15, 2008, a COAA board meeting was held in Sky's residence. The attendee includes both 2008 board members and newly elected 2009 board members. During this meeting, S.-K. Yang, the 2008 COAA President, reported COAA activities in 2008. Assignments for positions of the new 2009 board were made during this meeting. The meeting also discussed the actions to be taken for the coming year.

COAA 2009 Chinese New Year Celebration

The COAA celebrated the 2009 Chinese New Year with a lunch festival on January 31, 2009 at the Tony Lin's Kitchen in Rockville, Maryland. About 40 people, including eight COAA ex-presidents, attended the lunch party. Current president CK Tai hosted the party.

First, CK Tai introduced the current board members and the participants introduced themselves. Dr. Eddie Shih, who is among the few who have contributed most to COAA, presented quite completely the history of COAA with all the fun memories.

After lunch, the current board member held a board meeting. The issues that have been discussed includes the COAA 2010 Meeting at Taiwan that is planned to be held in June immediately after the AGU meeting, the COAA 2009 Spring Workshop to be held in early May at the University of Maryland, and updating of the COAA website.

Wei-Kuo Tao received the William Nordberg Memorial Award

Dr. Wei-Kuo Tao received the William Nordberg Memorial Award for Earth Science in 2008. This honor is the highest Goddard award in the Earth sciences and recognizes sustained, significant scientific contributions to Goddard and NASA in the Earth Sciences. The award is given annually to a Goddard employee "who best exhibits qualities of broad scientific perspective, enthusiastic programmatic and technical leadership on the national and international levels, wide recognition by peers and substantial research accomplishments in understanding Earth Science processes".

Yue-Jian Zhu received the DOC's silver medal

Mr. Yue-Jian Zhu received the DOC's silver medal for implementing the multinational North American Ensemble Forecast System that led to all-time record high scores for the Climate Prediction Center's extended range forecasts.

Bin Wang elected as an AMS fellow

Prof. Bin Wang of University of Hawaii was elected as an AMS Fellow.

Fuqing Zhang received the AMS's Meisinger Award

Prof. Fuqing Zhang of the Penn State University received the AMS's Meisinger Award "for outstanding contributions to mesoscale dynamics, predictability, and ensemble data assimilation."

COAA SCC 2009 New Year Party

On January 31, 2009, COAA Southern California Chapter (SCC) held a Chinese New Year party in a Chinese restaurant in San Gabriel, California. This was the fourth annual Chinese New Year celebration organized by COAA SCC. About 70 scholars and their families attended this event.

The moderator of the party was Prof. Jin-Yi Yu (UCI), Vice Chair of COAA SCC Executive Committee (EC) for Year 2009. The party began with an annual report by Prof. Yongkang Xue (UCLA), Chair of COAA SCC EC. The notable activities organized by COAA SCC in 2008 included a training course to the delegation of the Liaoning Meteorological Bureau, a nation-wide campaign to raise donations for the victims of Sichuan Earthquake in the Beichuan Meteorological Station, and a summer workshop themed on “Climate Change”. Prof. Xue also introduced the nine 2009 EC members, with 3 of them newly-elected. Two outgoing EC members, Ms. Qing Yue (UCLA) and Prof. Hengchun Ye (CSU-LA) received service certificates from Prof. Xue.

Prof. Kuo-Nan Liou (UCLA) gave an inspiring speech of new year greetings. He interpreted the symbolism of the Year of Ox and cited words from President Obama “In America, all things are possible; I am the example” to encourage all Chinese-American scholars to pursue their dreams with courage, persistence and endurance, just like an ox. He pointed out that the new year brings us hope and opportunities amid of depression and hardships. Prof. Yuk Yung (Caltech) presented a Chinese poem composed by

himself, in which the optimistic spirit of spring-time penetrates through the cold weather. Young scientists were greatly touched by their speeches. The talk and the poem are posted on the COAA SCC website, <http://groups.google.com/group/coaascc/web>.

Dr. Jonathan Jiang (JPL) presented a keynote talk entitled *An Astronomer’s Perspective of Earth sciences*. He showed the analogy between the earth sciences and astronomy and how his career evolved from an astronomer to an atmospheric scientist. The important message he delivered was: the Earth is such a precious and unique planet in the whole universe and human should strive to protect our home from deteriorating.

Followed the keynote speeches, representatives from major institutions (UCLA, UCI, JPL, Caltech) introduced their members with a lot of humorous remarks. Door prize drawing was conducted in between the lunch and presentations. All attendees enjoyed this happy gathering. Pictures are posted on the COAA SCC website. (Reported by Hui Su of JPL)



(Photo of the COAA SCC 2009 New Year Party, taken by Dr. Xianwei Wang)