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(1) President's New Year Report by Dr. Joseph Huang

Greetings and Happy New Year from your newly elected COAA President and Board Members.

Let me first summarize some key COAA accomplishments in 2003, under the capable leadership of our immediate past-President Professor Dalin Zhang, and also provide you an outline of the future activities being planned by a very vigorous and excellent group working together as your new COAA Board for this year. We are very lucky that the immediate past-President will continue to serve on the board with us.

1. Monthly Newsletter

Thanks to Dr. Colin Shen's effort, we have published a monthly newsletter, which serves as a regular communication tool binding all COAA members together. If you know of any COAA members who are not on our mailing list, please let our Secretary Dr. Jun Du know their email address.

2. Sister-Association Relationship established with Chinese Meteorological Society (CMS)

Last December, a COAA Delegation, Dr. Dalin Zhang, Dr. Quanan Zheng, Dr. Samuel Shen and I made a trip to Beijing at the CMS' invitation to participate in their newly re-activated annual meeting. We were well received and treated as honorable guests. Near the end of the conference, we signed the sister-association paper with CMS. (Some signing photos are shown at the end of this e-Newsletter.) COAA will also do the same with the Chinese Society of Oceanography in the near future to establish a sister-association relationship on the oceanographic side.

3. COAA2004, June 27 – 30, 2004, Beijing, China

The Third International Ocean-Atmosphere Conference (COAA2004) will be held from June 27 to 30, 2004 in Beijing, China, to be jointly organized by the Chinese Meteorological Society (CMS), the Chinese Society of Oceanography, the Institute of Atmospheric Physics of Academia Sinica as well as COAA. Professor Dalin Zhang and Dr. Quanan Zheng will be COAA's representatives for the Conference Organizing Committee and the Overseas Program Co-Chairs. The meeting announcement and related information have been posted in the last issue of COAA e-Newsletter, and the COAA website (<http://www.coaaweb.org>) now accepts abstract submissions (see news item 3 in this issue). Please note that this conference was originally scheduled for July 2003, but postponed because of the last SARS episode.

4. By-law Committee

As for 2004, COAA has established a "By-law Committee" in our first board meeting to study whether the current COAA by-laws can be improved. Dr. Eddie Shih, author of the original by-law, will also serve on this

committee. We expect that this committee to report back to the Board with recommendations within three months.

5. Committee to Study Rules and Regulations for COAA Financial Sponsorship

Many COAA members actively participate in organizing international oceanic and atmospheric workshops, conferences and symposia. Some of them request financial assistances as a token of association's encouragement. But there are presently no COAA guidelines or reference to such assistances. We have set a special committee for "Rules and Regulations for COAA Financial Sponsorship" to study the issue and draft rules and regulations to be approved by the Board for future reference.

6. COAA's Name Recognition

In our second board meeting, an important issue, proposed by Dr. Dalin Zhang who was inspired by Dr. Bill Lau's remarks in the last issue of COAA Newsletter, regarding "COAA's Name Recognition" was on the table for discussion. Very active exchanges of ideas regarding this subject took place during the meeting. To elevate a scientific professional organization, such as COAA, to the level of high standard well recognized by peer organizations can be done but not easily. In addition to doing excellent research, publishing good papers in reputable journals and teaching valuable courses for the public and students, COAA members will have to do more. The foremost steps for members to follow to gain name recognition are: actively participate in academic/scientific conferences by presenting high quality papers, chair sessions, and above all, do volunteering works for the academic/scientific societies and associations, so that you may mingle and develop good friendship with mainstream leading scientists in your appropriate field; that is, volunteer to do some committee work for the professional and civic societies, communicate well in public, and more often be friends with the leading scientists. Then you will be in the minds of those leading scientists, when it comes time for them to recommend someone for a more important academic/scientific position and/or task, and it will also be easier for them to recommend you for reputable awards. We, the Board, think it is a very important issue to be seriously prepared for and discussed. The Board has set a "Name Recognition Committee" to study the issue in-depth and report back to the Board with recommended actions.

7. Communication and Information Exchange

Recently, Dr. Jin Wu, COAA's founding member and I discussed the unique role that COAA members can play in enhancing communications and facilitating exchanges among Chinese and Americans, whether in government agencies, academia or in other scientific institutions. Only communications and free exchanges of ideas among peoples of both sides can bring about mutual collaboration and understanding between two great countries seven thousand miles apart with rather different culture backgrounds. All scientists in the two countries are usually open-minded and can serve as great leaders. We COAA scientists are in a unique and distinguished position to increase the mutual understanding of these two great countries and to develop common goals for the peace and harmony of our future.

Thank You! I am looking forward to working with all of you for another productive year.

(2) Treasurer's Report for year 2003 by Dr. William Tseng

I just stepped down from a two-year term on the COAA board in September 2003. During my term, I worked one year as the Program co-chair, and another year as the Treasurer. Few years ago, I also served a two-year term as the Publicist. I always felt that to serve as a director on the COAA Board was my honor, and gave me an opportunity for learning and of making new friends. I would like to extend my thanks to all the directors and those COAA members who helped and supported me. I would like to encourage COAA members, particularly the younger ones, to serve on the Board. I should have reported the status of COAA treasury in the last issue of COAA Newsletter, but I was on a long annual leave abroad; so I make it up this time.

COAA's financial situation is sound so far. We have a positive balance, but, remember, it is the savings over ten years. So we have to establish a procedure for our expenditure to keep spending well controlled in the future, and, at the same time, we need to try to increase our income. COAA's income comes from two major sources: Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) donations and membership dues, including those of corporate members. But, among so many COAA members working in the federal government, only twenty one donated money to COAA during year 2002 (CFC has delayed sending out the exact numbers of contributors for year 2003). Clearly there is room for improvement. Therefore, first, I suggest that the next Board of Directors encourage members to participate in the CFC if they qualify to make contributions to COAA. To those unqualified to donate directly to CFC, COAA

is a registered nonprofit organization, and so when you make a donation to COAA, you have the same personal tax advantage as donating to other charitable organizations. Secondly, we have to try to improve collection of membership dues. Frequently, new members pay the first-year membership dues and then forget to renew for the following year. The Board of Directors should have the responsibility to remind the members to renew their memberships. I suggest the annual membership due be collected during the scientific or annual meetings. In addition, aggressively seeking donations from more corporations; making money from cosponsored conferences and recruiting advertisement to our publications could be other better ways to increase COAA's income.

(3) COAA2004 website for abstract submissions

Dear prospective COAA2004 participants:

We are pleased to inform you that COAA2004's website is ready to receive your abstracts. Please access IAP's website: <http://www.iap.ac.cn/Conference2004>, and then click "Submit abstract", or go directly to COAA's website: <http://www.coaaweb.org/abstracts.html> to submit your abstracts. We apologize for taking so long to make this website ready. Because of this reason, the deadline for abstract submission has been postponed to Sunday, 7 March 2004. The other deadlines remain the same as previously announced.

In the next couple of months, we will work with our host to prepare a series of conference-related activities, such as some cultural events and spouse activities during the conference, and post-conference sightseeing to various fascinating places in China. Any of your suggestions is also welcome. Please note that some of you may be invited by Chinese institutions to participate in certain research exchange activities after the conference.

Again, we strongly encourage you to book your tickets as early as possible. Based on the information we have learned, this summer's travel to East Asia appears to be tougher than ever before.

We will look forward to reading your abstracts.

Da-Lin Zhang and Quanan Zheng
Overseas Program Co-Chairs

(4) COAA to hold Spring Workshop at U. of Maryland on April 3, 2004

Workshop Topic:
Research and Applications in Atmospheric, Ocean and Earth Sciences

You are invited to participate in the upcoming COAA 2004 Spring Workshop: Research and Applications in Atmospheric, Ocean, and Earth Sciences. The purpose of this workshop is to provide an opportunity for COAA members and guests to present their research work, exchange ideas and promote networking among colleagues and fellow members. Please submit abstract and registration information to Program Chairs Xiaofeng Li (Ocean xiaofeng.li@noaa.gov) or Zhanqing Li (Atmosphere zli@atmos.umd.edu) before March 15, 2004.

Abstracts should include the title, name of author(s), affiliation(s) and contact information (phone and email address), with 200-500 words. The leading author should also submit a short bio including work experience, education, and areas of interests. Oral presentations are allotted 15- 20 minutes, but longer presentations can be accommodated. Two awards will be given for "best presentation" to junior scientists (less than 5 years from their graduation), one award for atmosphere and one for ocean/earth/environment. Both oral and poster presentations are eligible. The two best presentations will be chosen by audience's votes. Each award \$200 is to be used toward buying an airplane ticket to attend the COAA2004 Conference in Beijing (no cash for other purposes!). Award category (atmo, ocean etc.) may change depending on actual number of submitted papers and participants.

When: April 3, 2004 Saturday, 1:00 pm.- 5:00 pm

Where: Auditorium, Room 2400, Computer and Space Science Building
University of Maryland at College Park.

Free parking is available on the Q-lot next to the building, except for the first row.

Abstract Deadline: March 15, 2004.

Contact Program Chairs:

Ocean: Xiaofeng Li xiaofeng.li@noaa.gov
Atmosphere: Zhanqing Li zli@atmos.umd.edu

(5) COAA to co-organize the International Symposium on Tropical Weather and Climate

COAA will be one of the co-organizers of the International Symposium on Tropical Weather and Climate. This symposium will be held in Guangzhou, China, November 8 – 12, 2004. The Board has decided to contribute \$1000 towards the meeting expenses. Dr. Song Yang (Song.Yang@noaa.gov) is COAA's point of contact and will be COAA's representative at the symposium. Preliminary details of the meeting are as follows:

International Symposium on Tropical Weather and Climate
Guangzhou, China November 8 – 12, 2004
(TropicalWC2004@yahoo.com)

Organizers:

Zhongshan University (ZU)
CMA Institute of Tropical and Marine Meteorology (ITMM)
CMS Tropical Meteorology Committee
Chinese-American Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (COAA)

Hosts:

Guangdong Bureau of Meteorology (GBM)
Zhongshan University

Theme: Research and Operational Forecast of Tropical Weather and Climate

Topics: Papers are solicited on all aspects of tropical weather and climate in research and operational forecast.

Suggested topics/sections include:

- 1) Convection, Clouds, and Precipitation
- 2) Severe Storms and Disastrous Weather
- 3) Monsoons
- 4) Climate Variability/Predictability and Global Change
- 5) Ocean-Atmosphere-Land System
- 6) Modeling and Data Assimilation
- 7) Atmospheric Remote Sensing and Satellite Applications
- 8) Atmospheric Environment
- 9) Operational Weather and Climate Prediction

Abstract Submission:

Requirements for abstracts: Up to 400 words; in MS Word format

Deadline: July 31, 2004

Submission address:

Within Mainland China (to be determined)

Others: Dr. Donghai Wang, MS 420, NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23681, USA

Tel.: (757) 864-7595; Email: TropicalWC2004@yahoo.com or d.h.wang@larc.nasa.gov

Or Dr. Song Yang, NOAA Climate Prediction Center, 5200 Auth Road, Room 605, Camp Spring, MD 20746, USA; Tel: (301) 763-8000 x7012; Email: Song.Yang@noaa.gov

Language: Chinese or English

Financial Support: Limited funding is available to overseas scientists who need financial support. Contact Dr. Donghai Wang or Dr. Song Yang.

Committees:

• Academic Committee - Chair: Zeng Qingcun (IAP), Vice-Chairs: Luo Huiban (ZU), William K. -M. Lau (NASA)

Members: To be determined

• Program/Organizing Committee - Chairs: Li Mingjing (GBM), He Haiyan (ZU), Donghai Wang (NASA)

Members: To be determined

• Secretarial Committee - Secretary Generals: Liang Jianyin (ITMM), Wen Zhiping (ZU)

Members: To be determined

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Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences (CAMS)

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Beijing Normal University
Yunnan University
Chinese-American Oceanic and Atmospheric Association
(*To be confirmed)
*NSFC Innovation Team of IAP/LASG
*CMA National Climate Center
*Nanjing University
*Nanjing Institute of Meteorology
*National Natural Science Foundation of China

(6) Other meeting announcement: 7th International Marine Environmental Modeling Seminar
October 19 - 21, 2004, Washington, DC

Topic – Environmental Modeling for North American Coastal Waters:
Impact Assessment, Resource Management, and Mitigation

Papers on model development and applications are being accepted world-wide, and need only be applicable to North American coastal waters. Abstract Deadline March 30, 2004. Please see the seminar web site at <http://www.sintef.no/imems2004/> or contact: may.ditlevsen@sintef.no

(7) Photos of signing the sister-association agreement with CMS

