

**NWS Forecast Uncertainty Steering Team  
August 29, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Paul Hirschberg  
Doug Hilderbrand  
Andrea Bleistein  
Dave Novak  
Zolton Toth  
Lee Anderson  
Bob Glahn  
Tom Hamill  
Ken Johnson  
Suzanne Lenihan  
Bernard Meisner  
Brian Motta  
Dave Myrick  
Sreela Nandi  
Jeff Osiensky  
John Sokich  
Bill Ward

**Topics and Summary:**

**1) Approval of Minutes**

- Aug 15th meeting minutes approved

**2) Action Items:**

- ACTION: Identify IWT lead for OSIP Uncertainty SON project (P. Hirschberg)
- ACTION: Please forward your ideas for “low-hanging fruit” to A. Bleistein (All)
- ACTION: Provide Doug with list of current uncertainty forecast (UF) related activities (All, Past Due) – submitted by OHD, OST, NCEP, EMP, OCWWS, OAR, WFOs have submitted

**3) New Business**

- AWIPS OB9 allocations for AWIPS II development
  - Uncertainty team does not feel we are ready to allocate any particular projects
    - We should wait until we get the results of our NURO team survey and any actions within OSIP
  - B. Glahn announced the scheduling of 3 science and technology briefings
    - More information to follow as it becomes available

**4) Old Business**

- NURO Update (L. Anderson)
  - Survey has been out for 8 days – 169 responses as of 8/29 (~49% response of total)
  - Qualitative and quantitative study
    - 3 out of 4 interviews conducted so far
    - Results no later than end of September
    - Reemphasis on responding to survey will be sent out
  - AWIPS II briefing on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – info will be provided for those who are interested
- ACUF Update (P. Hirschberg)
  - Elliot Abrams, from Accuweather, has been named the private sector co-chair for ACUF
  - ~50 volunteers
    - Possible oversight group with subgroups
  - Draft of a white paper is being reviewed by co-chairs and will be available soon
  - There might be a Town Hall meeting at the Annual AMS meeting in Jan 2008
- “Low-hanging fruit” project update
  - OSIP Uncertainty Umbrella SON will be submitted
  - Uncertainty Project sub-SON will emphasize that Uncertainty information needs to be in NDFD
    - Many possible solutions will be examined down through the OSIP process (i.e. climatological forecast error, 90<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> percentiles, etc...)
    - IWT team and lead needs to be identified
    - SON and Project Plan docs will be available for Uncertainty team review before submission
    - Emphasis right now is not on any particular solution – Emphasis is on the need of uncertainty info in NDFD

## **5) Announcements:**

## **6) Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 12th, 2:30-4:00 EST**

### **Topic(s):**

1. TBD