1. Welcome. Board of Trustees Chair, Roberta Balstad, called the meeting to order, presented the agenda for the meeting and asked for any changes or additions. A motion was made to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded and the agenda was approved. Roberta also reported this would be
Michael Morgan’s last Board of Trustees meeting as a representative from the National Science Foundation. Roberta read the following resolution of appreciation for Michael:

WHEREAS, Michael Morgan has served as Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences Division Director at the National Science Foundation for the past four years, and prior to his service at the National Science Foundation, Michael also served for six years on UCAR’s University Relations Committee and the Unidata Users Committee.

WHEREAS, Michael’s professionalism and steadfast support for UCAR has helped guide the organization through unstable budget challenges, and some new opportunities and has raised the visibility of NCAR within the National Science Foundation.

WHEREAS, his involvement with UCAR and NCAR at both the University of Wisconsin, Madison and the National Science Foundation has been significant and vital to the mission of both UCAR and NCAR.

NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the UCAR Board of Trustees expresses its deepest gratitude to Michael for his gracious and generous leadership and hopes our paths will cross again soon.

A motion was made to approve the resolution of appreciation, the motion was seconded, and approved.

2. Minutes. Secretary, Everette Joseph, presented the minutes from the February 2014 Board of Trustees meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report. Audit and Finance Committee Chair, Kelly Fox, reviewed the total available funding as of March 31 and reported that non-NSF and anticipated NSF new, special funding was down. However UCP funding was up due mostly to timing. Fox also reported that NSF base funding was down and that UCAR was managing to lower budgets.

4. Audit and Finance Committee. Fox reported on the topics covered by the Audit & Finance Committee during its committee meeting the previous day. The committee heard reports on the indirect cost rate, and UCAR Internal Auditor, Mary Campagnolo, presented her audit plan for the coming year. Tom Bogdan updated the Audit & Finance Committee on the progress of the Enterprise Risk Management plan, and Scott Donaldson from Ernst & Young reviewed a draft of UCAR’s 990. The committee also heard a brief update on the status of the NWSC and the Yellowstone supercomputer. Fox reported the committee had voted to recommend for Board approval, revised investment allocation ranges. A motion was made to approve the revised allocations; the motion was seconded, and approved.

5. Personnel Committee. Chair of the Personnel Committee, Jerry Melillo, reported on the committee’s work during the meeting the previous day. The committee reviewed the procedures for Affiliate Scientists, Scientist III, Senior Scientists and Emeritus nominations. The committee agreed the proper procedures for all the nominations had been followed and recommended the appointments of Alan Blyth, Elizabeth Lloyd, and Lian-Ping Wang to Affiliate Scientist. The committee recommended the approval of Gabriele Pfister to Scientist III, Gokhan Danabasoglu, Laura Pan, Roberta Casini, and Sue Ellen Haupt to Senior Scientist. The committee also recommended the approval of the Emeritus nominations of David Williamson and Jim Wilson. All nominations were approved by the Board of Trustees. Melillo also reported that in February the committee was asked to review its charter, however the committee did not have time to complete this task at this meeting, but will meet in October to review and propose an updated charter if needed.
6. **NCAR Budget & Program Committee.** Chair of the NCAR Budget and Program Committee, Rich Clark, reported on the committee's meeting held on the previous day. The committee heard from Jim Hurrell regarding the procedure for NCAR’s Annual Budget Review (ABR). The committee will have a conference call over the summer regarding NCAR’s Proposed Operating Plan (POP). Hurrell also presented the committee with the final version of the NCAR Strategic Plan. The committee recommended endorsement of the plan by the Board. A motion was made to endorse the NCAR strategic plan; the motion was seconded, and approved.

7. **NSF Remarks.** National Science Foundation AGS Director, Michael Morgan, provided the Board with an update from the National Science Foundation since the last Board meeting in February. Morgan reminded the Trustees of some of the transitions within AGS, including the retirement of Steve Nelson and Sarah Ruth stepping in as the Acting Head of NCAR and Facilities Section. Morgan will also be returning to the University of Wisconsin, Madison in early summer. Dr. France Cordova is now confirmed as the new NSF Director and the National Science Foundation will be relocating to a new building in late 2016. Morgan provided the latest on budgets: the FY14 budget for NSF is up 4.2% over FY13 post-sequester level; AGS’s budget is up 2.2% over FY13.

8. Jim Ogsbury, the Executive Director of the Western Governor’s Association, visited with the Board and provided a presentation on how best to communicate science with policymakers.

9. **Governance Task Group (GTG).** GTG Co-Chair, Mark Abbott, joined the meeting (via teleconference) and reported that the GTG was preparing to present the same “One Vote Per Member” bylaw change that was proposed in 2013. The GTG is reviewing the proposed wording for the bylaw change and will bring it to the Board for approval in the summer. Abbott said that once the Board approves the language the proposed bylaw change will be sent to the Member Representatives for comment, and if any additional changes are needed the GTG will report back to the Board with comments from the Member Representatives and will seek additional approval if needed. Abbott also reported that Noah Diffenbaugh, who was appointed to the GTG by the Board Nominating Committee, accepted the appointment.

10. **UCAR Update.** UCAR President Tom Bogdan updated the Board on a couple of projects at UCAR since the last Board meeting. Bogdan reported on the field campaign FRAPPE (Front Range Air Chemistry Experiment) that will kick off along the Front Range in June with funding from NSF, EPA, NOAA, NASA and the State of Colorado. Bogdan highlighted some of the experiences from the UVISIT program including Dr. Wen-Chau Lee’s visit to the University of Hawaii where he lectured grad students, contributed to ongoing research, mentored grad students and brought the Doppler of Wheels (DOW) which was a very exciting addition on campus and with local elementary students.

11. **Partnership & Business Development.** Ari Gerstman updated the Board on recent business development activities including the success of the second annual Research and Partnerships Summit (RaPS). RaPS was held at UCAR’s Center Green campus on April 22 and included speakers Senator Mark Udall and Congressman Jared Polis. Event sponsors included Ball Aerospace, Northrop Grumman, WeatherCall, and JOSS. The business development team is planning the third annual RaPS to be held in Washington D.C. following the 2015 May Board of Trustees meeting. Gerstman addressed a previous concern that UCAR’s new approach to business development will take away funding opportunities from the universities, by emphasizing that the focus is on “growing the pie, not competing for slices with members.” He is also noted that the team is available to help the members look for and grow new funding opportunities.

12. **Washington D.C. Update.** Meg Thompson and Joel Widder from Federal Science Partners updated the Board on the FY15 Federal budget and public policy process. They also announced that they had started their own firm and were very happy to continue to work with UCAR and the UCAR community. Thompson
and Widder reported that the budget deal that Congress reached in December freezes spending in FY15 at the FY14 levels, and removes the threat of another sequester for at least FY14 and FY15. Thompson and Widder reported on legislation, including that the Weather Forecast Improvement Bill, that easily passed in the House. The Senate is working on its own version of the bill, however, the Senate isn’t expected to act on it until the fall of 2014. The First in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act (FIRST Act) is another proposed piece of legislation that the science community, including the National Science Board, is speaking out against. The FIRST Act will dramatically cut funding for NSF social and geosciences.

13. **UCP Update.** Emily CoBabe-Ammann, UCP Director, provided the Board with an update on recent UCP activities, including a newly assembled team in the UCP Directorate, which will support the growing relationships between UCP, the UCAR President’s Office and NCAR. CoBabe-Ammann announced that GLOBE and Unidata had both won their re-competition, and that COSMIC II is now an actual program. Spark has a new director, will soon have a new name and is working on a new climate exhibit for the Mesa Lab, and JOSS is preparing for the rollout of the National Climate Assessment. CoBabe-Ammann also announced better communication coming from UCP including a monthly newsletter and new webpages. There are also a few new initiatives coming from UCP including: UCARConnect, which provides free access to audience focused and topic driven resources from across UCP and NCAR; and a Climate Services Teaming Hub, with a planned release for Fall 2014 for UCAR Members, which will be a database with institutional profiles and scientists and capabilities.

14. **UCAR Strategic Plan Retreat.** Tom Bogdan lead a discussion on the development of UCAR Strategic Plan and gave the Trustees homework for the retreat on the following day to each write a draft of a vision and a mission statement for UCAR.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session

The Board adjourned at 5:30pm

~ End of Minutes ~

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