

**USNC-URSI Commission Business Meeting Report
2020 North American Radio Science Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMISSION CHAIRS:

Please e-mail this completed form to the USNC-URSI Secretary, Michael Newkirk (michael.newkirk@jhuapl.edu), after your Commission Business Meeting.

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Attendees: Provide full name and specify if Member (M), Associate Member (A), or Early Career (EC) member. **A phone number and email address are required.** Please add rows to the table as necessary.

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Special Sessions for the 2021 National Radio Science Meeting (NRSM) in Boulder, CO

Please complete the table below for each proposed session. Note that TWO organizers are required per session, including their email addresses. If a JOINT session is proposed, indicate which Commission(s) are involved. Please add rows to the table as necessary.

Session Title	Organizer 1 Name & Email	Organizer 2 Name and Email
Channel Sounders	Jeanne Quimby	
Rural Communications and Mapping	Chris Anderson	Jeanne Quimby

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Items from the USNC-URSI Business Meeting to announce to the Commission members:

- 1) Starting in 2021, postdocs and early career members will now get a discounted registration rate at the NRSMs in Boulder (details TBD).
- 2) At the 2021 NRSM, we will offer a tutorial session on proposal and paper writing for students and early career members. If you know of any volunteers who would like to participate in giving such a tutorial, please contact Jeff Mangum (jmangum@nrao.edu), who heads the NRSM tutorials committee.
- 3) The Joint Meeting Committee (JMC) is seeking proposals for the joint AP-S/URSI summer meeting for 2026 and after 2027.

Items from the USNC-URSI Business Meeting that require Commission discussion and/or input:

- 1) USNC-URSI leadership has agreed to join with IEEE AP-S for the 2021 ICEAA-APWC conference in September 2021, in Honolulu, HI. Please ask your Commissions whether they would like to participate in this meeting, which is two months after the AP-S/URSI meeting in Singapore and a few weeks after the 2021 URSI GASS in Rome, Italy.

If travel restrictions are lifted and the call for papers is reopened, then yes.

- 2) USNC-URSI is considering whether to continue printing programs for the NRSM and distribute only PDF programs. Please ask your members whether printed programs are still desired, and if so would they be willing to pay a \$5-10 fee to cover the printing cost.

The printed program is preferred by the Commission.

- 3) This year we received only 7 Student Paper Competition entries, and from those only 5 were qualified to be judged. Typically, at least 15 entries are received. Do members have any feedback as to what may be the reasons?

Yes. Please see Commission A Chair.

- 4) USNC-URSI is making plans to hold the 2021 NRSM either entirely online, or (if COVID restrictions relax) in person at Boulder with a partial online program. Any comments on this? If we do decide to hold an in-person meeting, what percentage of members will travel to attend?

The commission believes that In Person will be highly unlikely due to organizational travel restrictions and/or state, local, or national travel restrictions. The commission was split between synchronous vs asynchronous presentations. The commission believes the most important aspect is feedback from attendees to the students. The commission voted against an in-person meeting.

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- 5) John Volakis has a proposal to move the NRSM to Miami, FL, beginning in 2022. (Commission Chairs should have slides from the proposal.) After a site visit and further discussion, we may vote on this proposal during the 2021 NRSM. Are there any comments about the proposal?

The commission was in favor of remaining in Boulder. However, we would be receptive to reviewing a more detailed proposal for a Miami location, to include: number of direct flights from major airports, transit time from airport to venue, hotel cost, registration cost increases (if any), and transportation options and costs from motel to venue (e.g., walking distance, Uber, Taxi, etc.).

- 6) Seeking nominations for Secretary and Chair Elect.

Tabled for a discussion between Jeanne, Chris, and Ryan

Additional feedback from the Commission:

The commission was interested in developing a virtual short course to make available to URSI.

Number of Commission members attending the business meeting: 6

Number of guests attending the business meeting: 1 (probable, there was a phone number attending that did not announce their name and affiliation)

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