

BACKGROUND OF THE WEATHER MODIFICATION ASSOCIATION

On April 4, 1951, Messrs Stuart Cundiff, William Lang, Eugene Bollay, Robert Elliott, John Battle, and E. C. Hartman, met during a luncheon at the Mission Inn in Riverside, California. The object of this meeting was to discuss possible methods of organizing and controlling cloud seeding operations and evaluations in California for purposes of raising the standards with respect to those engaged in the business of weather modification. It was thought by those present that if this could be accomplished, any legislation passed at that time would not regulate cloud seeding activities in any manner which would hinder experiments or operations conducted by qualified persons. At this meeting, Mr. Bollay was appointed temporary President; Mr. Battle, Secretary; and Mr. Elliott, Treasurer. It was suggested the organization be named the "Artificial Precipitation Operators Association" pending selection of a better name.

On April 17, 1951, Messrs Bollay, Cundiff, Lang, Elliott, Hartman, Lewis and MacCready met at the North American Weather Consultants office in Pasadena, California and agreed to permanently adopt the name of Weather Control Research Association. At this meeting, Mr. Robert Elliott was elected President; Mr. Robert Symons, Vice President; Mr. John Battle, Secretary-Treasurer. Tentative By-Laws were established with dues for affiliates set at \$10.00 per year.

The next meeting of the organization was held on May 17, 1951 and the program included discussions on legislation, licensing of persons engaged in cloud seeding activities, development of nuclei counters and future dues structure. Much enthusiasm was noted among those present and the new organization was established as a necessary and important part of all persons and groups having an interest in weather modification. On March 17, 1967 the name of the Weather Control Research Association was changed to the Weather Modification Association.

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