

AMS Membership Elects New President and Five New Councilors

The more than 14,000 members of the American Meteorological Society, the nation's leading professional organization for those involved in the atmospheric and related sciences, recently elected Margaret (Peggy) LeMone as President. She will serve a one year term beginning in January 2010. The 2009 AMS President is Tom Karl.

Dr. LeMone is actively involved in scientific research as a Senior Scientist at NCAR. Her main current research interests are in the interaction between the atmosphere and land surface during both daytime and nighttime conditions. It is these interests that attracted her to GLOBE, since such studies often suffer from outdated characterization of the land surface.

LeMone has been primarily a field scientist, having participated in about 25 field campaigns, playing a major leadership role in many. She received her A.B. in Mathematics at the University of Missouri in 1967, and a Ph.D. from the University of Washington in 1972. She has published over 70 articles in science journals, and over a hundred conference reports, articles in World Book Encyclopedia, and other popular venues. She has worked on several textbooks, including a high school earth science text. She is author of *The Stories Clouds Tell*, a short booklet published by Project ATMOSPHERE of the American Meteorological Society. LeMone is a Fellow of the AMS and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and is a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

The membership also elected five new Councilors. The Council serves as the governing body of the Society, providing leadership and guidance for a broad range of activities. The Council meets several times throughout the year via teleconference and in person. Each Councilor serves a three-year term. The new Councilors join 10 other members already serving on the Council.

The new Councilors are Lee E. Branscome, president of Climatological Consulting Corporation (CCC), in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; Anne R. Douglass, an atmospheric scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.; R. Mike Hardesty, chief of the Atmospheric Remote Sensing Program Area at NOAA's Earth System Research Laboratory, in Boulder, Colo.; Jill F. Hasling, president and director of the Weather Research Center, Inc., and director of the John C. Freeman Weather Museum, in Houston, Texas; and Rebecca E. Morss, scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, in Boulder, Colorado.

For a complete list of the AMS Council and all AMS boards and committee, see http://www.ametsoc.org/EXEC/boards_commhp.html

For a more detailed biographies of the AMS President, President-Elect and Executive Director, see <http://www.ametsoc.org/exec/contacts.html>

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