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WELCOME

Greetings from the AMS-Local Chapter Affairs Committee! Many members of local chapters have recently submitted their applications for Chapter of the Year, and we hope that your various outreach and collaborative efforts on behalf of AMS continue this summer. We also hope that you are making plans to join us in **New Orleans** in January, 2012.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

This newsletter is a new initiative with the hope of better connecting local chapters to one another. We would like to foster collaborations between local chapters, especially, those in close geographic proximity to one another. The newsletter will be in digital format only with a featured local chapter for each publication [see reverse]. We hope that you find new ideas and ways to interact with other Chapters or simply impassion your current membership to join AMS and engage with other Professionals. Help us by sharing your professional activities with the Committee so that we can get the word out.



Local Chapters Awarded

At the Annual AMS Meeting in Seattle, WA (January 2011), many Local & Student Chapters were awarded for their significant contributions to both the AMS and their local communities. Iowa State Univ. Chapter was awarded for their commitment to increasing membership through mentoring, study sessions, and student-faculty dinner - achieving a record number of members and dedicated outreach activities and promotion of national AMS. Twin Cities [below] achieved outstanding community outreach, professional development credits for members and commitment to increasing membership with a "bring a friend" mantra. Members were kept active through "member of the month" newsletter section.



University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Student Chapter receives their ribbon for Chapter Poster. They earned first place in the Student Chapters Category on display at the AMS Annual Meeting.



AMS Local Chapter, Twin Cities accepts their award for Local Chapter of the Year with AMS President, Jon Malay (Right) at the 2011 Annual AMS Meeting. in Seattle, WA.



AMS Student Member Chris Werner presents his recent research poster at the AMS Annual Meeting.

News from AMS Headquarters

AMS Annual Meeting Information for Chapters

New Orleans, 2012

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CHAPTER BREAKFAST

We would like to invite you to the chapter officers' breakfast meeting that will be held at the upcoming 92nd Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society in New Orleans, LA on Tuesday, **24 January 2012, from 7 to 9 am**. This is being arranged by the Committee on Local Chapters Affairs in conjunction with the Society. The chapter awards will be presented to both the winning regular chapter and student chapter for 2010-2011. We will also be awarding first, second, and third place ribbons to the best local chapter posters! Posters will be judged on content and design. We ask that every chapter try to be represented. If officers will not be attending the Annual Meeting, please try and designate a member to act as the representative for the chapter.

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POSTER DISPLAYS

The poster display will be held at the New Orleans Convention Center in Hall E. Display panels will be available as well as pushpins. Each chapter will be allotted a 4' x 8' poster space to display a poster related to their local chapter history and recent activities. You may view posters from the 91st Annual Meeting at: http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/index.html. The Local Chapter Affairs Committee created a guideline for the poster award competition. You may view it online at: http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/posterguidance.html. It is requested that chapters submit an abstract (limited to 250 words or less) of what they will be displaying in order to promote attendance. Even if your chapter is unable to display a poster, abstracts on chapter history and activities are also welcome. Posters may be setup beginning on Sunday, 22 January at 12pm.

Poster Judging - If you would like your poster to be judged by the Local Chapter Affairs Committee, you must contact Kelly Savoie in advance to reserve a spot. The poster must be set-up by **11am** on Monday, 23 January. Please keep in mind that the Chapter Poster area will be marked with a sign and the poster boards will be marked alphabetically by chapter (student chapters first). Please DO NOT place your poster in any other area or it will not be judged by the Committee. You must contact Kelly Savoie if you are displaying a poster by the deadline date. If you fail to do so, and you do not have a designated poster board, your poster will not be judged by the committee. The posters may remain displayed until 1pm on Thursday, 26 January. To ensure the safe keeping of your poster, please have it removed promptly.

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AMS LOCAL CHAPTER BOOTH

AMS Local Chapters will have their own booth at the 92nd Annual Meeting. If you would like to participate by creating some handouts/brochures, or if you would be interested in volunteering a portion of your time to man the booth, please contact Kelly Savoie. It will be a fantastic way to promote your chapter!

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AMS STUDENT CONFERENCE & CAREER FAIR

The 11th Annual AMS Student Conference and Career Fair will be held, 21-22 (Sat-Sun) January 2012 as part of the 92nd AMS Annual Meeting for junior and senior undergraduates and all graduate students who are AMS members or AMS student members. There is a $25 fee for attending the conference and attendees must preregister, since there will be no on-site registration. Please note registration includes admittance to the Student Conference only. Attendees must register separately for the 92nd AMS Annual Meeting. More information on the student conference may be found online at http://annual.ametsoc.org/2012/index.cfm/information-for/students/ To learn more about AMS membership or to apply for membership online, visit our Web site at: http://www.ametsoc.org/memb/benefitsof_membership.html.

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STUDENT ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Openings for the Student Assistant Program are available to AMS student members for the Annual Meeting. Detailed information on this program as well as application forms may be found on the AMS Web site at: http://annual.ametsoc.org/2012/index.cfm/information-for/students/student-assistant-program

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UPCOMING DEADLINES

14 October 2011 - Applications are due for the Student Assistant Program - http://annual.ametsoc.org/2012/index.cfm/information-for/students/student-assistant-program

22 November 2011 - Registration deadline for chapter representatives attending the breakfast meeting AND registration deadline to reserve poster space. Please mail, fax, or email the following form: http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/bkfst2011attach.pdf.

22 November 2011 - Deadline to submit a chapter abstract for publication in the Annual Meeting Program. Please send abstracts to Kelly Savoie by email (ksavoie@ametsoc.org).

AMS Chapter Directory: http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/index.html

Successful AMS Chapters...



Featured Chapter

Southwest Pennsylvania

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The Southwest Pennsylvania Student Chapter was founded in 2002 and based at California University of Pennsylvania. Yes, they are in the state of Pennsylvania...a popular state for Meteorology with Penn State University and Millersville University also housing noteworthy Meteorology programs.

ACTIVITIES OF THE 2010-2011 YEAR

The Southwest Pennsylvania Chapter has been immensely active in the past year. Aside from sending 13 students to the Annual AMS Meeting in Seattle, they also hosted their first-annual Alumni Social at the meeting. The other significant Professional conference they attended was the National Weather Association's annual meeting in Tucson, AZ (October 2010). At both meetings, students presented research, delivered a weather briefing, and interacted with other student chapters of the AMS. Those interactions have paid off with many of the Chapter's student members attaining significant internship opportunities this summer.

The Chapter hosted a **Colloquia Series** this academic year which brought many significant Atmospheric Scientists to campus. Some notable scientists were: Charles Woodrum (NWS-Pittsburgh); Dr. John Scala (Forensic Meteorology); Dr. Karen Kosiba (VORTEX2); Dr. Chris Weiss (TTU Atmos. Sci.); Dr. Jenni Evans (PSU); Steve Zubrick (NWS-Sterling).

StormFest IV was the significant Educational Outreach event of the Year. In collaboration with the Carnegie Science Center (Pittsburgh) dozens of chapter members demonstrated a variety of science-related concepts to K-12 students. Alumni and other students from Ohio University participated. Nick Walker (The Weather Channel) entertained audiences with singing weather performances on the Science Stage.

The Chapter also participated in other outreach such as: Relay For Life, MS Walk, Science Olympiad, & Science Fair Judging.

1. **Submit Chapter News**
2. **Engage Community Outreach**
3. **Encourage AMS Membership**
4. **Interact w/Professionals**
5. **Network w/other Chapters**
6. **Involve Local NWS Offices**
7. **Support the Mission of AMS**
8. **Construct Chapter Posters**
9. **Update Chapter Directory**
10. **Attend Annual Meeting**

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks for taking the time to check our new Newsletter from the Local Chapter Affairs Committee! Let us know how we can help your Chapter better engage your membership and foster collaborations between other Chapters. We may not have all the answers but we can certainly point you to other AMS members who may lead you in the right direction. AMS Chapter interaction shouldn't just be relegated to the AMS Annual Meeting...it can happen all year long. Contact us for further information!

Chad Kauffman

LOCAL CHAPTER MISSION

The AMS Local Chapter Affairs Committee serves as a link between local student and professional chapters and the national AMS. The committee exists in order to provide guidance and support in the mission of all local AMS chapters.

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