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Chapter Poster Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the AMS Annual Meeting Chapter Poster Competition! Thank you to all the chapters who participated. There were some excellent posters this year which made the judging process quite a challenge. A PowerPoint display of all poster submissions will be posted to the AMS Web site soon.

Regular Chapters:

First Place - Washington DC

Second Place - Smoky Mountain

Third Place - Northern Arizona

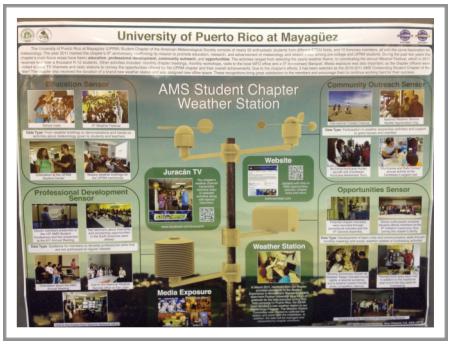


Student Chapters:

First Place - UPR Mayagüez

Second Place - Concord-Carlisle Pre-College

Third Place - Iowa State University



Local Chapters Recognized at 2012 AMS Annual Meeting

The Chapter Award Winners for 2010-2011 were recognized at the Local Chapter Officers' Breakfast meeting in New Orleans on Tuesday, 24 January 2012.



University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Student Chapter (above) and Omaha-Offutt Local Chapter (below) with AMS Past-President Jon Malay.



News from AMS Headquarters

Science Fairs

Science fairs have already started and we want to remind you that "Certificates of Outstanding Achievement" are available through AMS Headquarters free-of-charge. If you would like to order certificates, please contact Katelyn Angland (kangland@ametsoc.org). We also encourage you to submit a summary of winners when the fairs have ended. The summary should be written in paragraph format and should include the name(s) of the fair winner(s), grade and school attended, project title, and award won. A summary of winners will be published in the December issue of BAMS. Please send them electronically to Erica Callahan at (ecallahan@ametsoc.org).

Chapter Elections

As the reporting of election results is a requirement, it is crucial that you update your online local chapter directory listing when your chapter elections have been held. If you need your local chapter account number for access, please contact Kelly Savoie (ksavoie@ametsoc.org). Updated election results should be entered no later than 1 June 2012. Please keep in mind that the chapter president/chairperson is required to be a member (Associate, Member, Student) of the Society. If the chapter president/chairperson is not a member or pending member of the Society, then the chapter will not be recognized as being active. You may apply for Membership online or print an application from the AMS Web site at http://www.ametsoc.org/MEMB/apps/index.html. Please be advised that chapters will be considered inactive if the reporting of officers has not been made for two or more years.

Chapters inactive for two or more years will be dropped from the Chapter Directory. Please update your last election date even if your officers were reappointed for 2012. This will ensure that your chapter remains active in our files and that you receive important emails from AMS Headquarters.

Chapter of the Year Award Applications

The deadline for the local chapter of the year awards is 1 May 2012. Award applications and information may be found on the AMS Web site at http://www.ametsoc.org/awards/index.html. We encourage you all to apply for the 2011-2012 award so that we will have another successful year! For guidance on what the committee is looking for when judging for the award, please see http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/awardguidance.html. There is also a sample Chapter of the Year Application available at http://www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/LCAC%20COY_Sample.pdf.

Scholarships and Fellowships

AMS administers an array of undergraduate scholarship and graduate fellowship financial programs. The programs are supported by AMS members, corporations, and government agencies nationwide. These scholarships and fellowships help further the education of outstanding undergraduate and graduate students. Interested students may obtain detailed information by visiting the AMS web site at www.ametsoc.org and accessing the student resource pages. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Fernandez at 617-226-3907.

AMS Reduces Color Charge by 40%

Another chunk has been taken out of one of the most significant financial impediments to publishing: the cost of print color figures. Most recently, the color charge for authors who paid page charges in full was $150 per piece. As of 1 May 2011 AMS has reduced that charge by 40% to $90 per color piece. And we don't intend to stop there. As reduced print runs allow us to increasingly take advantage of reduced color charges afforded by digital printing additional savings will be passed on to our authors. This latest reduction in color prices reflects our continuing effort to publish visually vibrant journals of the highest quality no matter whether one is reading the print or electronic version.

AMS Membership

Have you renewed your national AMS membership for 2012? If not, visit www.ametsoc.org and renew today!

2012 AMS Washington Forum: Toward a Weather, Water and Climate-Ready Nation

(Formerly the Public-Private Partnership Forum)
University of California—Washington Center, Washington, D.C.
10-12 April 2012.

The purpose of the forum is to provide an opportunity for members of the weather, water, and climate community to meet with senior Federal agency officials, Congressional staff, and other community members to hear about the status of current programs, learn about new initiatives, discuss issues of interest to our community, identify business opportunities, and speak out about data and other needs.

For more information, please see the Forum flyer at http://www.ametsoc.org/MEET/fainst/2012washingtonforum.pdf.

FEATURED CHAPTER

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY



By Robert Nelson

ISU AMS President

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The Iowa State University Student Chapter of the AMS is one of the most successful student chapters in the nation. We were selected as 2005-2006 & 2009-2010 Student Chapter of the Year and have received Chapter Honor Roll several times. Our club's primary goals focus on academic success, community outreach, and building relationships with fellow meteorologists. We also annually fundraise and bring in a wide variety of speakers to talk to our members about career opportunities.

The ISU AMS offers academic review sessions and other services to help students thrive in the classroom. We also work closely with our department's Earth, Wind, and Fire Learning Community to help incoming meteorology and geology students adjust to college life.

The ISU AMS performs outreach at local schools and in the Ames, IA, community. Working with the community is a rewarding part of the ISU AMS that benefits both our club and the people of Ames. We work with the Central Iowa Chapter of the National Weather Association to program weather radios and with Hy-Vee to distribute severe weather tip bags across much of central Iowa.

Building relationships with fellow meteorologists is vital to having a successful experience as a undergraduate meteorologist. We hold many social events including picnics, bowling, and intramural sports which help members befriend other meteorology students and faculty. We also have a Chapter meeting once each month to keep members updated on ISU AMS events.

Our main fundraising activity is the creation and distribution of an annual weather-themed calendar which features photographs by our own members! We also provide a wide variety of invited speakers and career panels. We regularly bring in operational, broadcast and research meteorologists to describe their career paths and frequently tour television stations and NWS offices.

The West Central Florida Chapter of the AMS invites you to join us remotely for a presentation on Communicating Storm Surge Risk

When: Feb 15th, 4:15pm ET

Remote Participation: Please RSVP by contacting Matt Bolton mbolton4211@yahoo.com if you would like to join us remotely via Livestream (requires Internet access only). Please provide your name, email address, your affiliation and country (if outside the U.S.). Matt will provide you with a webpage to join us at 4:15pm.

Presenter: Dr. Betty Hearn Morrow, Consulting Sociologist - SocResearch Miami, FL

See full details at www.wcflams.org

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks for taking the time to read this 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!

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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If your chapter would like to announce upcoming events, Webinars, conferences, etc. in the next issue of the Newslettter, please email the information to amschaps@ametsoc.org by March 15, 2012.