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AMS ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2016 ELECTIONS

NOVEMBER 20, 2015—BOSTON, MA—The American Meteorological Society (AMS) today announced the winners of its 2016 elections for AMS president as well as five new council members, based on AMS membership voting.

Matthew J. Parker, CCM, a senior fellow meteorologist in the Atmospheric Technologies Group of the Department of Energy's Savannah River National Laboratory in Aiken, South Carolina, will serve as the AMS president-elect during 2016, and then take over as AMS president in 2017.

Following the election, Parker said, "Being able to lead AMS is both humbling and incredibly exciting. AMS is well poised to continue benefitting society and the world. My goals include increasing organizational value while pursuing new, dynamic partnerships that ensure a strong and bright future for our members."

Keith Seitter, AMS executive director, said, "We're very excited to have Matt assume the role of AMS president-elect. He will bring a tremendous amount of experience, understanding, and knowledge to this important role."

The election results also include five new AMS Council members: **Phil Ardanuy**, chief science officer at INNOVIM; **Andrea J. Bleistein**, change management analyst at National Weather Service; **James L. Kinter**, professor at George Mason University; **Sue Ellen Haupt**, scientific program manager at NCAR; and **Nicole Riemer**, associate professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. More than 1,900 AMS members cast ballots during voting.

Read more information on the [2016 AMS election results](#).

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About AMS

Founded in 1919, AMS is the leading professional and scientific organization in the atmospheric, oceanic, and hydrologic sciences. Headquartered in Boston, with a second office in Washington DC, AMS has a membership of more than 13,000 professionals, researchers, scientists, broadcasters, educators, students, and weather enthusiasts across the public, private, and academic sectors.

AMS publishes eleven journals, which include more than 2,000 peer-reviewed scientific articles. AMS also hosts a premier Annual Meeting, as well as an additional 8-12 specialty meetings throughout the year. AMS also publishes trade books and textbooks, provides the latest scientific research through a series of Capitol Hill briefings, and advances Earth Science literacy through educational initiatives for K-12 teachers and undergraduate institutions nationwide.