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AMS ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2017 ELECTIONS

DECEMBER 9, 2016—BOSTON, MA—The American Meteorological Society (AMS) announced the winners of its 2017 elections for AMS president as well as five new council members, based on AMS membership voting.

Roger M. Wakimoto, Assistant Director, Directorate for Geosciences, National Science Foundation, Arlington, Virginia, will serve as the AMS president-elect during 2017, and then take over as AMS president in 2018.

"I am truly honored to have been elected president of AMS and look forward to overseeing the Annual Meeting in Phoenix in 2019," Wakimoto said after the election. "The AMS is a wonderful organization and I have personally benefitted from many of the activities that it supports, such as publications and conferences. One of my primary objectives as an incoming president is to represent your collective interests to the AMS Council and will be listening to your advice and suggestions in the coming months."

"Roger has been active in AMS for many years and in several different contexts," said Keith Seitter, AMS executive director. "He brings a wealth of experience to his new leadership role in the Society."

The election results also include five new AMS Council members: **Elizabth J. Austin**, president, WeatherExtreme Ltd.; **John V. Cortinas, Jr.**, director, NOAA/OAR Office of Weather and Air Quality; **Tanja E. Fransen**, Meteorologist in Charge, NOAA/NWS Glasgow, Montana; **David Gochis**, scientist at Research Applications Laboratory, UCAR; and **Adam Sobel**, professor at Columbia University. More than 1,900 AMS members cast ballots during voting.

Read more information on the 2017 AMS election results.

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About AMS

Founded in 1919, AMS is the leading voice in promoting and advancing the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. We are committed to supporting and strengthening the weather, water, and climate community to ensure society fully benefits from scientific education, research, and understanding.

Headquartered in Boston, with an office in Washington DC, AMS has more than 13,000 members, including researchers, scientists, broadcasters, educators, and other professionals, as well as students and weather enthusiasts. AMS publishes books, textbooks, and monographs as well as more than 2,000 articles annually across 11 peer-reviewed scientific journals. AMS set the standard for broadcast meteorologist certification in 1957, and today more than 1,500 broadcasters and consultants are AMS certified. Each year, AMS holds 8 to 12 specialty meetings and an Annual Meeting that draws more than 3,500 attendees. AMS helps inform policy makers of the latest scientific understanding and high-impact research, and promotes Earth Science literacy through initiatives for K—12 teachers and undergraduate institutions across the country.