

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Between American Meteorological Society (AMS) and**  
**Australian Meteorological & Oceanographic Society (AMOS)**

As organizations with common goals of supporting the creation and dissemination of knowledge in the atmospheric and related sciences, the American Meteorological Society (AMS) and the Australian Meteorological & Oceanographic Society (AMOS) agree to the following guidelines for mutually beneficial interaction.

**1. Collaboration and information exchange**

To the mutual benefit of both societies, AMS and AMOS promote collaboration and information exchange in the following ways:

- Links to the other society in each society's website.
- Listing of each society's meetings in the calendar of meetings of the other society.
- Reporting of activities of the partner society from time to time to keep the broader membership aware of these activities.
- Collaboration or cooperation on reports or white papers on substantive issues such as science education or climate change, or other topics within the weather, water, or climate enterprise.
- Collaboration on topics associated with advancing the enterprise associated with each society, to include email exchanges, joint meetings, or other mechanisms as agreed to.

**2. Endorsement of Statements**

The AMS and AMOS both issue official statements on scientific and policy issues from time to time. The AMS policies governing the creation of statements encourages that AMS seek the endorsement of AMS statements as well as providing the possibility for AMS to endorse the statements of other societies. AMS will work with AMOS regarding such endorsements between the two organizations. Where such AMS statements have been endorsed by AMOS, the full text of such statements may be freely displayed on the AMOS website and published in the *Bulletin of the Australian Meteorological & Oceanographic Society (BAMOS)*, and where appropriate, be distributed through media and other outlets (with appropriate AMS recognition). AMOS will provide AMS with any statements it issues and these statements may be freely displayed on the AMS website and published in the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (BAMS)*, and where appropriate, be distributed through media and other outlets (with appropriate AMOS recognition).

**3. Meeting cooperation**

Each society will be listed as a cosponsor of the other's annual meeting, with all members of the partner society being eligible for a reduced registration fee at the host society's meeting (which may be higher than the member fee that is available for those members of the partner society who are affiliate members of the host society).

In some cases, the partner society may agree to organize a session at the host society's meeting.

In some cases, the two societies may choose to organize a joint conference. In those situations, a separate MOU specific to the meeting will be prepared to cover financial obligations as well as the responsibilities of each society.

Each society will offer the other one free exhibit booth space at their annual meeting. (Charge beyond the booth space charge, such as for decorating, will still apply and the exhibiting society must sign an exhibitor agreement.)

#### **4. Reciprocal membership**

##### *a. AMS membership*

Members of AMOS who reside in Australia may join AMS as "Affiliate Members" and with benefits provided to Affiliate Members as outlined on the AMS website, including, but not limited to a subscription to the digital version of the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (BAMS)*, member rates on all journals, books, and other products of the AMS, and member registration rate for all AMS meetings. The dues rate for Affiliate Members will be set at the time of this MOU as \$65 (US), which is approximately 66% of the normal AMS member rate. It is subject to inflationary increases over time at the discretion of the AMS. AMOS members will apply for Affiliate Members status directly with AMS, and AMS will handle all aspects of the application and annual renewal process. Members of AMOS will be asked to provide their AMOS membership number (or other appropriate identification) that can be confirmed with AMOS at the discretion of AMS.

##### *b. AMOS membership*

Members of AMS who reside outside Australia may join AMOS as ordinary Members, by paying the dues rate applicable for ordinary Members at the time (even if, in other circumstances, they would be expected to join AMOS as a Professional Member). This rate for ordinary Membership is substantially lower than the rate for Professional Member, but provides the same benefits as Professional Membership. AMS members will apply for Member status directly with AMOS, and AMOS will handle all aspects of the application and annual renewal process. Members of AMS will be asked to provide their AMS membership number (or other appropriate identification) that can be confirmed with AMS at the discretion of AMOS.

#### **5. Representation at annual meetings**

Each society will try to have an appropriate representative at the annual meeting of the other, recognizing that scheduling conflicts may occasionally prevent this. The travel, lodging, and registration costs associated with the representative will be borne by the organization sending the representative, or through some other arrangement, and not by the host society.

#### **6. Member publications**

AMOS will be provided a complimentary institutional subscription to the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (BAMS)*. AMS will be provided a complimentary institutional subscription to the *Bulletin of the Australian Meteorological & Oceanographic Society (BAMOS)*.

#### 7. Financial obligations

Neither society will have any financial obligation to the other. For any joint program or activity that carries with it requirement for financial considerations the two societies will execute a separate MOU for that activity.

#### 8. Term of agreement

This agreement expires five years after the date it is executed, but can be renewed for additional five-year terms through a letter signed by appropriate representatives of AMS and AMOS stating the intention to extend the agreement. The agreement can be terminated by either party in writing at any time upon thirty (30) days notice.

For AMOS:

 Date: 18 MARCH 2015

Title: AMOS President 2014-2015

For AMS:

AEMaD Date: 3/16/15

Title: AMS President 2015