

Memorandum of Understanding

Between American Meteorological Society (AMS) and Nigerian Society of Physical Sciences (NSPS)

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 Nigerian Society of Physical Sciences (NSPS) agree to the following guidelines for mutually beneficial interaction.

1. Collaboration and information exchange

To the mutual benefit of both societies, AMS and NSPS 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 climate change, severe or hazardous weather, science education, or other topics within the Earth Sciences and related areas.
- 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 releases 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 NSPS regarding such endorsements between the two organizations.

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 NSPS who reside in Nigeria may join AMS as “Affiliate Members” 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 \$28 (US), which is approximately 25% of the normal AMS member rate. It is subject to inflationary increases over time at the discretion of the AMS. NSPS 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 NSPS will be asked to provide their NSPS membership number (or other appropriate identification) that can be confirmed with NSPS at the discretion of AMS.

b. NSPS membership

Members of AMS may join NSPS as “Affiliate Members” with benefits provided to Life Members as outlined on the NSPS website, including, but not limited to a 10% discount in publication fee of the society journal and member registration rate for all NSPS meetings. The dues rate for Affiliate Members will be set at the time of this MOU as \$56 (US), which is approximately 80% of the normal NSPS member rate. It is subject to inflationary increases over time at the discretion of the NSPS. AMS members will apply for Affiliate Members status directly with NSPS, and NSPS 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 NSPS.

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 and not by the host society.

6. Member publications

NSPS 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 *Journal of the Nigerian Society of Physical Sciences (JNSPS)*.

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

NSPS 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 NSPS:

 

Date: 12 March 2019

Title: NSPS President

For AMS



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