AMS Committee on Wildfire Weather, Technology and Risk
Committee Meeting
August 28th, 2023

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Present	Name	Present
Brian D'Agostino	X	Maria Sharpe	
Alexandra Grayson	X	Nicholas McCarthy	
Lisa Kriederman	X	Pam Emch	X
Sarah Fairman	X	Philip Bartlett	
Branko Kosovic		Randy Denzer	
Brian Viner		Robyn Heffernan	X
Craig Clements		Tim Brown	
Douglas Hilderbrand	X	Steve Vanderburg	X

1) **Quick review of minutes/action items from May meeting**
   - Brian: Send vote for 2025 session and special attention to joint sessions
   - Brian: Send out first draft for review and comments
   - Others: See Committee charters for reference

2) **Review of 2023 Committee Goals**

   a. ***Participation in 2024 AMS Annual Meeting? -*** Abstracts closed on Friday.

      i. We have a session out in the call for abstracts for the Commission on Weather, Water and Climate Enterprise (WWCE) symposium.

      ii. We are working on a joint session with the Forum on Climate Linked Economics.

      iii. We inquired with AMS Conference Organizers about starting a new conference in 2025 – I did submit the form below for the First Annual Wildfire Conference
         - We can fill out this form as a next step if we are interested. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0v7h51u7PeNLnKTeWKtuuPoQQRxKgnTrcwulQvZeg2LUfBw/viewform?usp=sf_link [docs.google.com]
         - Sunday - Wednesday: Student engagement on Sunday, Energy Committee uses similar timeline

   - Separate conference/symposium in competition with more established conferences or join; heavier workload; decision should consider gaps at conference
   - Not a large fire community attending AMS Annual Conference
   - Moving forward based on the vote

- Making many joint sessions a goal moving forward (i.e. Energy, EM,

b. **Collaborate with existing AMS efforts on wildfire? (AMS Forest and Fire Conference)**

Let's discuss opportunities

- Interdisciplinary engagement with broader wildfire community, external to AMS
- Seasonal weather webinar hosted by Doug, focused on hazards/events
    - Maui webinar with speaker from the committee
- AMS Statement with Committee on Emergency Management
    - One of our roles and responsibilities is to respond to events with statements pushed through AMS platform
    - Fundamentals, established practices, lessons learned
    - Known and documented restrictions for warnings
        - what we know, what we're currently doing, direction forward
    - What we don't know and where we need the research community's help

c. **Development of an AMS Statement/Committee Charter:**

Let's discuss feedback and next steps on the draft charter.

- Pam found the January 2020 terms of reference document (Ad Hoc, approved by Commissioner)
    - Will the charter be an update or a revamp of this document?
    - AMS Council needs to approve Standing committee terms of reference, so there is another one
- Description of Committee not on the AMS website

3) Action Items:

1. Gauge interest in participating in opportunities with full Committee (AMS Maui webinar hosted by Doug, Joint statement on Maui)
    a. Connecting with the Committee on Emergency Management (Melissa Huffman, Meteorologist in Charge, Dallas-Fort Worth)
2. Pam will circulate Ad Hoc terms of reference and look for the Standing terms of reference

4) Next Meeting Agenda Item

1. Feedback and next steps on draft charter/terms of reference, description of Committee on AMS website
2. Joint session submissions