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AMS ANNOUNCES WINNERS
OF 2018 ELECTIONS

November 16, 2017—BOSTON, MA—The American Meteorological Society (AMS) announced the winners of its 2018 elections for AMS president-elect as well as five new Council members, based on AMS membership voting.

Jenni Evans, professor of meteorology and director of the Institute for Cyber Science at the Pennsylvania State University, will serve as the AMS president-elect during 2018, and then take over as AMS president in 2019.

"As the AMS embarks on its second century, increases in data diversity and volume, combined with expanding computer capacity position us at a new horizon for understanding and predicting the Earth system" Jenni said after the election. "We are also realizing a new opportunity to increase the diversity of our community, and must make increasing diversity one of our core priorities. The third key aim is improving our communications with decision makers and society more broadly. I look forward to working with our new and continuing council and leadership, as well as the AMS core staff and many others to advance these and other objectives of the AMS mission."

"Jenni has been involved with AMS for many years on numerous levels," said Keith Seitter, AMS executive director. "The community will benefit greatly from the wealth of experience she brings to her new leadership role."

The election results also include five new AMS Council members: **Bob Henson**, meteorologist and writer, The Weather Company/Weather Underground; **Shirley Murillo**, research meteorologist, NOAA/AOML; **Melissa Burt**, research scientist, Colorado State University; **Gary Lackman**, professor and director of graduate programs, North Carolina State University; and **Jennifer Henderson**, postdoctoral fellow and social scientist, CIRES. Nearly 2,200 AMS members cast ballots during voting.

Read more information on the 2018 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 12,600 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 4,000 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.