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This newsletter is intended to enhance communications between CCMs, the BCCM, and the AMS. It is published quarterly to provide information about the on-going activities of the CCM program. All CCMs are reminded that there is a location on the AMS website for a forum to facilitate communication and exchanges between CCMs. The CCM forum can be accessed via the CCM webpage at: <http://ametsoc.org/amscert/ccm/index.html>

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The Chair's Column

Take the High Road

One challenge to being a conscientious CCM in a competitive economy (which was not invented in 2008) is reacting to a situation in our esteemed profession that involves people not adhering to appropriate professional ethical principles. In demonstrating Character during your journey to become a CCM, you undoubtedly showed familiarity with Article XII in the AMS Constitution, Guidelines for Professional Conduct. Take a moment to refresh yourself on it – the Constitution is on the Administration page on our web site. Do you understand it differently now with added experience? And then, check the articles on ethics in the June, July and November 2012 issues of BAMS, or see the compilation mentioned on [page 2](#), BAMS Ethics Articles, and watch for new articles .



Back to the opening question, how do you react to colleagues, clients, competitors... who do not share your commitment to our chosen field? Your CCM Board and the Society stand ready to advise and assist you with interpreting situations and responding as needed. Are we responsible for the whole profession? My opinion is “maybe”. Minor situations tend to take care of themselves, hoping the collective wisdom of the marketplace tends to cleanse the garden of weeds. Even so, advising AMS of concerns may be important for reasons not obvious. This could be done through the CCM Board if you wish. At the other extreme, someone interfering with proper warning information on weather or environmental situations could need prompt attention if the risk of harm were urgent. Again, AMS and the Board would assist, though contacting an appropriate authority directly may be the best action.

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CCM Award Recipient & Fellow

We would like to extend our congratulations to Gale F. Hoffnagle, CCM as the recipient of the 2014 Henry T. Harrison Award for outstanding contributions by a consulting meteorologist!



We would also like to extend our congratulations to Jay Trobec, CBM, CCM for his election as an AMS Fellow!



BAMS Ethics Articles

A series of articles encouraged by the Board of Certified Consulting Meteorologists and the National Council of Industrial Meteorologists to explore the ethical issues that can be encountered conducting business in the meteorological community has been published in BAMS. The articles have been compiled into a pdf document and are available online at [http://www.ametsoc.org/amscert/Ethics Articles Compilations.pdf](http://www.ametsoc.org/amscert/Ethics%20Articles%20Compilations.pdf). New articles will be added as they are published.

AMS Online Awards & Fellows Nominations

The Council of the American Meteorological Society invites members and friends of the AMS to submit nominations for consideration for the Society Awards, Lecturers, Named Symposia, Fellows, Honorary Members, and nominees for elective Officers and Councilors of the Society. Of particular interest to CCMs, are the following awards:

- The Henry T. Harrison Award for Outstanding Contributions by a Consulting Meteorologist
- The Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Advance of Applied Meteorology
- Fellows

The AMS Online Awards and Fellows Nominations will open starting November 1st. For a description of the awards and details on the nomination process, please see the AMS Awards site at <http://www.ametsoc.org/awards/index.html>.

Nomination Deadlines

- Online Awards and Fellows: 1 May 2014
 - Honorary members: 1 July 2014
 - Lecturers: 1 October 2014
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AMS Elections

Online voting for AMS elections is now open at <http://www2.ametsoc.org/govote.cfm>. You can view a list of candidates online at <http://www.ametsoc.org/elections/2013candidates.pdf>. We encourage all of you to participate in the voting process. The deadline for voting is December 3rd.



Volunteer Opportunities at the AMS Annual Meeting

Please email Kelly Savoie (ksavoie@ametsoc.org) if you are interested in volunteering at the AMS Annual Meeting. The following volunteer opportunities exist:

Student Conference and Career Fair:

CCM Table

Saturday (5:30pm - 7:30pm)

CCM Booth at the AMS Resource Center during high traffic times:

Monday (2:30–4:00 p.m.)

Tuesday (9:45–11:00 a.m.)

Wednesday (2:30–4:00 p.m.)

Thursday (9:45–11:00 a.m.)

PowerPoint Display at the CCM Booth

There will once again be a PowerPoint display at the CCM booth at the AMS Annual Meeting profiling the background and interests of active CCMs. If you would like to include a slide for the display, please email it to Kelly Savoie (ksavoie@ametsoc.org) by January 17th. A sample slide and PowerPoint template may be found at <http://www.ametsoc.org/amscert/ccmppsides.html>. If you participated last year, your slide will once again be included. Please email Kelly a revised slide if there are changes. Otherwise, your previous slide will be included. You may view the current PowerPoint display at <http://www.ametsoc.org/amscert/50th%20Anniversary%20CCM%20Show%20Web.ppt>.

2014 AMS Annual Meeting & Short Courses

The AMS Annual Meeting will be held 2-6 February 2014 in Atlanta, GA. The theme of the 2014 AMS Annual Meeting is “Extreme Weather—Climate and the Built Environment: New Perspectives Opportunities, and Tools.” There will also be 8 short courses offered the weekend prior to the start of the meeting. CCMs receive up to 8 professional development points for attending the meeting and completing a short course (4 point for the meeting, 4 points for a full day short course, 2 points for a ½ day short course). Early registration rates are valid through Monday, 2 December 2013.

For details on the meeting and registration information, please visit the AMS Web site at <http://annual.ametsoc.org/2014/>.

NWA Executive Director Stephen Harned, CCM #622 to Retire in 2014

Raleigh, N.C. - National Weather Association Executive Director Stephen (Steve) W. Harned has announced that he will retire effective March 1, 2014. Harned has served as the association's director since 2007.



With Harned's leadership, the association moved from paper publications to full-color electronic versions that gave authors better methods to deliver scientific information. This has better secured the National Weather Association's financial standing. "Steve has been very influential in building bridges between the National Weather Association and other professional organizations and has done extensive work in Washington D.C. to accomplish awareness on issues of importance to the operational meteorology community," stated the Association's President, Bruce Thomas. In retirement, Harned plans to devote more time to golf and to his company, Atlantic States Weather, Inc., which is a meteorological consulting firm based in North Carolina.

Prior to his career as the National Weather Association executive director, Harned had a 36-year career with the National Weather Service where he worked at several offices throughout the U.S. He was the meteorologist-in-charge of the Weather Forecast Office in Raleigh at the time of his retirement in 2004. He is a charter member of the National Weather Association, served as president in 1992 and as the technical editor of the association's National Weather Digest (now the NWA Journal of Operational Meteorology). Additionally he served in the U. S. Naval Reserves for over 25 years and rose to the rank of Naval Captain.

The National Weather Association's nearly 3000 members lead the all-inclusive, 501(c) 6 non-profit, professional association with a mission to

connect operational meteorologists in pursuit of excellence in weather forecasting, communication and service that was established in 1975. Members share information, news, studies and concerns related to operational meteorology and related activities through committee work, articles in National Weather Association publications, the annual meeting and in local chapters. It has local chapters throughout the U.S. and over 35 corporate members. Through generous donations, it offers eight scholarships and one grant for undergraduate and graduate students in atmospheric sciences and related fields. Members also support Sol Hirsch Education Grants for K-12 teachers. The National Weather Association is headquartered in Raleigh, N.C. For more information, visit www.nwas.org.

The Chair's Column

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Back to the title of this column, look at "take the high road" in a few ways:

- Refresh yourself on the Code of Ethics, and read recent BAMS articles on the subject.
- Share your concerns if you believe others should be aware of situations potentially harmful to the public or the field, utilizing the CCM Board if you wish.
- Do not hesitate to notify an appropriate authority if misinformation is being put forth that could be harmful to individuals or resources.
- Use the CCM Board as a resource to understand appropriate ethics. And please offer lessons-learned events that would be worth sharing with others.

Paul M. Fransioli, CCM #291

2013 BCCM Chair

2013 AMS Meetings of Interest

10th Symposium on Fire and Forest Meteorology, 15–17 October 2013, Bowling Green, KY

Other Meetings of Interest in 2013

The following meetings are hosted by separate organizations.

Sixth WMO Data Assimilation Symposium, 7–11 Oct 2013, College Park, MD

NSF EarthCube Domain End-user Workshop, 21–22 Oct 2013, Fairfax, VA

NOAA's 38th Climate Diagnostics and Prediction Workshop, 21–25 Oct 2013, College Park, MD

14th Northeast Regional Operational Workshop (NROW), 22–23 Oct 2013, Albany, NY

Seventh Graduate Climate Conference, 1–3 Nov 2013, Woods Hole, MA

For details about these meetings see the AMS Bulletin or check the AMS website at:

<http://www.ametsoc.org/MEET/meetinfo.html>

CCM Profiles

For the past several years CCM profiles have been published in BAMS. These are profiles that have been provided by various CCMs to help promote the program. If you have not submitted a profile in the past please consider participating and writing a bit about yourself. To submit your profile, please contact Kelly Savoie at AMS Headquarters ksavoie@ametsoc.org. Profiles published in past BAMS issues may be viewed at <http://www.ametsoc.org/amscert/ccm/ccmprofiles.html>.

Your input needed...

Fellow CCMs,

All CCMs are encouraged to submit items for this quarterly newsletter. We would like at least one article from a CCM about what they are doing for each issue. Have you recently been involved in an interesting case? Learned something new in the field or hit an unforeseen snag in your practice of meteorology? Let your fellow CCMs benefit from your experience - write a one-two page article for the CCM newsletter. Surely each of us has a piece of knowledge which is not proprietary and might contribute to the overall level of professionalism among CCMs. Please share by sending your MS Word format article to dick.westergard@shadetreemeteorology.com or Jennifer.M.Call@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Your newsletter editorial volunteers,

Jen Call and Dick Westergard

CCM Program Questions?

If you have any questions about the CCM program - including questions from others interested in applying for certification—you can either refer them to the AMS web site: (<http://www.ametsoc.org/amscert/index.html#ccm>) or, if they are looking for someone to actually talk to, feel free to refer them to a BCCM member. If the board member is unable to directly answer specific questions they will either refer the questioner to the chair or help them find the answer.