

**Quarterly Meeting for the American Meteorological Society (AMS)  
Committee for Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography and Climatology  
Meeting Minutes**

**Time: 7:00-8:30 am EST**

**Date: January 30th, 2024**

### 1. Meeting Participants

The following members participated in the AMS Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography and Climatology (SatMOC) Committee meeting and video conference on Friday, March 31st, 2023.

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### 2. Agenda

- Welcome

**K Schontz/J. Apke welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

- Membership update - Welcome to Larry Di Girolamo!

K. Shontz introduced Dr. Larry Di Girolamo as a new member to SATMOC. Larry was a former member, and currently serves as a professor in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. We also welcomed Mathew Van Den Heever to the group, who joins as a student member from the University of Colorado in Boulder, CO.

- Committee Governance

- Review and baseline of the new SATMOC TOR (Kathryn)

K. Shontz: The updated terms of reference document can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hC-7uSwoHhODtpm217DNJlJcHq6z9Aj9y2z3hWKy1A/edit#heading=h.xjjo6n6qw5zr>. The group discussed the newly added roles, meant to clarify each persons responsibilities within SATMOC such that K. Shontz is no longer the single point of failure, and we can better distribute the work load of the committee. While not yet on the TOR document, it was noted that an Emeritus Chair can be appointed in addition to a Chair and Vice Chair. We also discussed the heavy workload on the Conference Coordinator, and possibilities of splitting that job up between more members aside from Gary. We also discussed the new duties of the vice-chair, including coordinating award nominations, recruiting for SATMOC positions, and updating the AMS glossary.

ACTION ITEM: (SATMOC Committee) Review the TOR document and provide any suggested updates to K. Shontz/J. Apke before the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM: (J. Apke) Assign new committee roles to members prior to the next meeting.

- Awards Planning and Nominations (Jason)

J. Apke: SATMOC continues to facilitate the nominations for deserving personnel to AMS and STAC-level awards. We can coordinate that either via direct email to myself ([jason.apke@gmail.com](mailto:jason.apke@gmail.com)) or via the google doc here, which contains all the appropriate links for nomination for an award.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kY0KhTPwAa1TkfVWTf40y96eXNjRgMD/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=113748775851602540036&rtfpof=true&sd=true>

The nomination process usually takes ~ 1 month, and requires a CV, a cover letter, and three recommendation letters. NOTE: AMS Level Award Nominations for 2025 are Due May 1st! The committee further discussed how stac picks between the active members for awards, and who could be eligible. It was noted that SATMOC serves to help others get resources to put together AMS-level Award nominations, while also identifying and nominating talent that may currently be unrecognized.

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- Next steps on moving SATMOC to an annual cadence

K. Shontz: Plans have been made to switch SATMOC from an 18-month cadence to an annual cadence, which will require more planning on our part, but also be more inclusive.

- Conference/Meeting Prep

- 2024 Annual:

- Check in on how things are going (Gary, Jim)

- SATMOC

G. McWilliams: The sessions so far are going with good attendance. We have 61 oral presentations and 31 posters.

- OESS

G. McWilliams: We had 128 oral presentations and 51 posters. Beginning Tuesday OESS has two concurrent sessions including joint sessions with AI, with Tropical (the Vernon Devorak Memorial Session), and Future of Weather, US-Intl, R2O, and 26SatMet.

- JCSDA

J. Yoe: The meeting so far went smoothly though it was noted the room was a bit smaller. The ERT-GST key notes were very effective, though we may want to make a note for future sessions about getting away from NOAA leadership speakers.

New Orleans has tilted towards a thriving planet, local actionable science theme.

- Training
- Student Networking

G. McWilliams: We had another successful student networking event, again heavily attended. It ran later this time due to the late end time of the exhibitor opening night, and though everyone was tired, we felt the event was a success.

- Early lessons learned from Precipitation Thematic Lifecycle Day (Kathryn, Sara)

S Tucker: It was noted that the thematic day occurs on Wednesday, and lessons learned will be discussed at the next SATMOC meeting.

○ Future Meeting Preparation:

- Recommitment to DEIA objectives and how we can implement for our conferences (Kathryn/Jim)

J. Yoe noted that this year we had younger and more diverse chairs, and we will want to continue giving those opportunities to a more diverse population at future meetings. This will be discussed in further detail at subsequent meetings.

- Virtual training plans for summer (Jun)

To be discussed at future meetings.

- Plans for joint NOAA Satellite Conference/SATMOC (Kathryn)

To be discussed at future meetings.

- Looking forward to next Annual Meeting (Gary)

● Closing and Gratitude

J. Apke thanked the members for their participation and volunteer work in SATMOC, and noted that surveys for meeting times will be sent out in the near future.

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