

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

Time: 10:30-12:30pm EDT

Date: July 16th, 2020

1. Meeting Participants

The following members participated in the AMS Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography and Climatology (SatMOC) Committee video conference on Thursday, July 16th, 2020.

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2. Agenda

10:00 Welcome and introductions - Ken Holmlund and Mitch Goldberg

Mitch welcomed everyone and overviewed the meeting agenda.

10:05 Update on committee news - Ken Holmlund and Mitch Goldberg

The possibility of AMS 2021 being virtual was extensively discussed, including the possibility and feasibility of NOAA officials using Zoom. AMS has not officially gone virtual yet, though it is widely expected not to be held in person.

10:15 Status of nominating new members - Mitch Goldberg

Two new members were added to the SATMOC committee: Cara Wilson (NOAA) is a new member and Mark Mulholland (NOAA)

10:25 Review of action items from 16 April meeting:

1) Committee members should review AMS Glossary to see if updates are needed for environmental satellite terminology.

We discussed updating other satellite terms aside from “parallax” within the AMS Glossary, Mark offered to review other satellite terms within glossary and identify if updates are needed.

2) Gary will contact the AMS to see if they will reverse their decision limiting the number of program co-chairs to 3 people.

Gary contacted the AMS about reversing their decision on limiting the number of program co-chairs. The AMS policy is that more than 3 program co-chairs can be identified but the AMS wants only 3 of those co-chairs to be responsible for AMS action items. The policy change was caused by situations where multiple co-chairs would reply to an action item and each would have a different response requiring extra work by the AMS staff to clarify. Having no more than 3 co-chairs will reduce this occurrence.

3) Committee members are asked to review and provide comments on the 5-year Plan using the Google document link Katheryn provided.

Katheryn received feedback over the last three months, and the new 5-year plan is provided in a link below.

4) Committee should be prepared to discuss at the next meeting how to establish a Twitter account for the SatMOC committee and how to broaden the awareness of the SatCOM website.

We discussed the possibility of a twitter account, and that the probability and statistics committee already has a twitter account (so it should be allowed by AMS). E. Goldenstern will explore the possibility of creating a twitter account with multiple admins.

5) Sara, Mitch, and Ken will have a telecon meeting to discuss how the connection between N-SOSA and EPIC can be improved.

This action item was established within the new 5-year plan and Sara will set up a new telecon with Mitch/Ken to talk about this more.

10:35 Report on preparations for upcoming conferences at 2021 AMS Annual Meeting

Mitch/Gary will link all upcoming conferences within the same announcement, with a draft to be sent to the committee. The links provided below elaborate on the topics discussed at each meeting. Committee members can advertise the announcements to their respective communities for better outreach on future meetings.

24th Conference on SatMOC (<https://annual.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/2021/program-events/conferences-and-symposia/24th-conference-on-satellite-meteorology-oceanography-and-climatology/>) - Ken Holmlund and Mitch Goldberg

17th Annual Symposium on Operational Environmental Satellite Systems – (<https://annual.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/2021/program-events/conferences-and-symposia/17th-annual-symposium-on-operational-environmental-satellite-systems/>) - Gary McWilliams

9th AMS Symposium on the Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation (<https://annual.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/2021/program-events/conferences-and-symposia/ninth-ams-symposium-on-the-joint-center-for-satellite-data-assimilation-jcsda/>) – Jim Yoe

4th Conference on Earth Observing Smallsats (<https://annual.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/2021/program-events/conferences-and-symposia/fourth-conference-on-earth-observing-smallsats/>) – Phil Ardanuy

10:55 Update on STAC–level award nominations

(<https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/awards/stac-board-and-committee-awards/>)

Important action item: By August 15th, recommendations are needed for awards and nomination process. We can nominate only one of the following categories.

Award nomination process and supporting documentation - Ken Holmlund

Award categories – Mitch Goldberg

Outstanding Early Career

Distinguished S/T Accomplishment

Outstanding Service

11:10 Update of 5-year plan (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y_NoUK9yB-A_-C9TloSlafkhkFGE6Efj/view?usp=sharing) – Kathryn Shontz

Kathryn discussed the 5 year plan (see link above). A few modifications were made to elaborate on details, and new additions were added to the google document. Kathryn recommended that we review the plan every meeting, with a focus on upcoming events, to keep the plan up to date. Conference cancellations were also discussed and updated within the 5-year plan, as well as possible additions to upcoming training and short-courses planned which encourage student involvement. Kathryn will have the final plan ready in the next few weeks.

11:30 Review website updates by webmaster

(<https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/stac/committees/committee-on-satellite-meteorology-oceanography-and-climatology/>) – Eric Goldenstern

Eric talked about upcoming seminars posted on the webpage (see link above). Additional plans are to bring upcoming conferences planned and hyperlinks to relevant information. We also planned on adding an account on twitter.

11:40 Any other topics

12:00 Adjourn

Action Items:

- 1) Nominations are due to Mitch/Ken for AMS STAC level awards by August 15th
- 2) Mitch, Jun and other STAC members will have a teleconference to talk about how to improve training and upcoming workshops, especially on how to tailor events for student participation.
- 3) Gary will send out a draft announcement for all upcoming conferences for the committee to review.

Next meeting will be next month, within the third week of August to discuss submitted awards.