

Agenda and Meeting Minutes (Minutes Bolded)
AMS Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Conference Call

Wednesday, Jan. 10 12:00-1:30 PM CST

Luncheon at 12:00

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1. Roll Call -- agenda and notes distributed via email

Andrew Molthan	X	Justin McLay	X
Rebecca Adams-Selin	X	Christopher McCray	X
Jennifer Alexander		Shawn Milrad	X
Cyrena-Marie Arnold		Louisa Nance	X
Robert Banks		Sam Ng	
Martin Baxter	X	Jonathan Porter	

James Belanger	X	Brent Shaw	X
Alicia Bentley	X	Joseph Slezak	
Michael Brennan		Alex Tardy	
Clark Evans	X	Jennifer Tate	X
Jason Furtado	X	Nusrat Yussouf	X
Joshua Hacker		Jerry Wegiel	
Gail Hartfield-Supina	X		

2. Hails and Farewells

- a. Thank you to Andrew Molthan, for serving as chairperson for the last three years. Our committee's activities and conferences have been highly successful in large part due to his leadership.
- b. Farewell to Jen Alexander, Michael Brennan, Josh Hacker, and Brent Shaw. Thank you to all for their support of the committee, particularly Mike and Josh for their work on conference committees, and Brent for taking charge of the GoM.
- c. Welcome to Becky (incoming chair) and Clark (incoming vice-chair)
- d. Welcome to Alicia Bentley, Louisa Nance, and Nusrat Yussouf, our highly qualified new members

3. Ongoing Conference Events

a. 98th/2018 AMS Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas

- i. Summary of Special Symposium on Impact-Based Decision Support Services, held the day prior (Clark).
 1. Fantastic slate of talks - if you're interested in decision support, from forecasting communication to data methods to support forecast operations, consider checking out the recorded presentations when they post in a month.
 2. Turnout was somewhat small at ~100-150 people through the day. The room, although large, was poorly located given the absence of the skybridge between the convention center and Hilton and overall long walks between meeting rooms in each location. Many NWS people who could travel were present, but not many NWS people could travel.
 3. Clark and Bruce awarded Curtis Alexander the STAC Early Career Achievement Award during the symposium:



4. Upcoming Conference Events

a. 29th WAF/25th NWP in Denver, June 4-8 2017

- i. Updates from Chris McCray, our chairperson
 - 1. Website is up and abstract submissions open (initial deadline 12 February) - spread the word to colleagues!
 - 2. 2017 ESP Award winners, and 2017 WAF Committee Early Career Award winner, will both be giving an invited talk.
 - 3. Currently considering invited keynote speakers beyond award winners - any thoughts welcome. Current thinking is 1 for WAF, 1 for NWP.
 - 4. Any interest/ideas for a named session? (Typical deadline is ~12 mo. ahead of time, but a case can be made for an exception.)
 - a. Would probably need to name an already existing session (instead of specifically soliciting for a named session)
 - 5. Teleconferencing - Jen Ives has a number that can be used, just let her know the time/date. She can even be on the call if helpful!

b. 99th/2019 AMS Annual Meeting Model Center Overview Symposium

- i. We agreed to host a one day model center overview symposium on our “off” years at the AMS Annual Meeting. It will contain updates from the national/international modeling centers, and state of the model talks for the major national models.
 - 1. AMS has space available for us to hold a one-day meeting in PHX
- ii. Typically that only takes about 2 oral sessions. If the AMS is giving us the whole day, perhaps we could include additional oral or poster sessions for parameterization updates, updates from the DTC, etc.
 - 1. Additional ideas welcome!
- iii. Who would be interested in chairing this? (Nusrat expressed potential interest via e-mail, but more welcome!) A low-stakes intro to conference chairing - already part of the annual meeting, agenda (and even some speakers) partially already laid out!
 - 1. Thursday 3:00 pm Ballroom K

5. Awards Process

- a. **WAF Committee Early Career Award** - awarded this year to Curtis Alexander for “leading the research organization that created NOAA’s hourly-updating, radar-initialized, storm-resolving High-Resolution Rapid Refresh (HRRR) weather model”
 - i. Award will be presented during the Special Symposium on Impact-Based Decision Support Services at the 2018 Annual Meeting (2:30p, Salon K of the Hilton - during the break in the Special Symposium on IDSS).
 - ii. Invited talk will be given at Denver WAF/NWP Conference.
- b. **Special Recognition of Shawn Milrad**
- c. Outstanding Service Award designed to award committee members that have served
- d. **Need names for judging committee for AMS awards by Feb. 1.**

6. Updates from the AMS Scientific and Technological Activities Commission

- a. Summary from Clark on Sunday’s meeting of STAC chairs.
 - i. Reiteration of [STAC Best Practices](#). Among other considerations, such as our AMS Statement, our Five Year plan will need to be revised in 2019.
 - ii. Andrew prepared a short presentation on committee best practices - other committees’ best practices seem to closely match what we do - kudos!
 - iii. Tim Spangler heads the new AMS Board on Best Practices; there is an opportunity to provide insight into what we believe should be widely used best practices in our disciplines, if desired. Existing examples include the [Best Practices of Communicating Weather Warnings via Social Media](#).
 - iv. 2019/2020 Annual: April 1 is the first major deadline (Call for Papers and Session Topic proposals) for 2019; spring conf. call to come. Considering revising the banquet/awards structure - think about input for AMS. Plans for the 2020 annual and AMS Centennial underway; opportunities to

contribute to come. Website will include historical conference preprint TOCs. Still considering moving annual meeting to another time of year, although the time frame for this is beyond the 2020 annual (if at all). STAC chairs asked for input on revising speciality conferences held with the Annual Meeting to be organized around four to eight broad themes; overall reception to this idea was lukewarm at best.

- v. Glossary of Meteorology: new Chief Editor (Ward Seguin) will, for now, be working with committee chairs and not focal points, with contact likely via phone rather than e-mail. Chair can still delegate to focal point/committee.
- vi. STAC webpages will soon shift from business- to outreach-focused. Existing information will not necessarily go away. AMS Community platform launching soon.
- vii. Board on Private Sector Meteorology has had a mentoring program for a few years; AMS as a whole will be expanding this across the society as part of an initiative led by AGU.
- viii. Evolving AMS Planning Commission - no longer just long-term planning, but also strategic planning. May reach out to committees if they feel there is an event/initiative that would benefit from committee involvement.
- ix. Committee recognition: chairs now have tags for their badges at the annual meeting. Upon departure from the committee, members will now get a certificate of recognition, while chairs will get a plaque. Those who oversee statement revisions will also get a certificate of recognition.
- x. New AMS council members - contact!

7. Glossary of Meteorology

- a. Jennifer Tate, Justin McLay, Nusrat Yussouf successfully completed their first review of geopotential height.
- b. Minor changes forthcoming in how requests for updates/reviews will be coming; see comments from STAC meeting above for details.

8. Web Updates

- a. Input from webmaster.

9. Social Media

a. Facebook - posting schedule will continue in alphabetical order

- i. January - Becky
- ii. February - Cyrena-Marie
- iii. March - Rob Banks

b. Twitter

- i. Opportunity for others to post to @AMS_WAF - password from Sam Ng

10. Next Calls (all times Central):

- a. Will continue Andrew's schedule of every other month: March, May, June (at conference), July, September, November
- b. **Doodle poll here for available times:**
<https://doodle.com/poll/d4uv5uccsqk5hc66>
 - i. Use poll to let me know what times you are generally available/unavailable during the week.