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

Thursday, July 13 at 12 pm CT
Conference Call: 844-467-6272/788542

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

Andrew Molthan	X	Justin McLay	X
Rebecca Adams-Selin	X	Shawn Milrad	
Jennifer Alexander		Sam Ng	
Cyrena-Marie Arnold	X	Jonathan Porter	X
Martin Baxter		Brent Shaw	
James Belanger		Alex Tardy	
Michael Brennan		Jerry Wegiel	
Clark Evans	X	Christopher McCray	
Jason Furtado	X	Joseph Slezak	Unable to join
Joshua Hacker		Jennifer Tate	
Gail Hartfield-Supina		Robert Banks	X

2. **Upcoming Conference Events**
    a. **98th/2018 AMS Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas**
        i. Updates on IDSS symposium from Clark and others; abstracts 8/1
        ii. **Brenda Ward has departed AMS and we'll be working with someone new… more details forthcoming.**
        iii. **Working on progress for invited speakers, working on core science keynotes (Dr. Susan Jasko) to help kick things off. Invitations out to others, still waiting to hear back (some with NWS pending travel) and others in the private sector. Hoping to confirm before abstract deadlines, could have a one-week extension (but that's it).**
        iv. **Peter Webster Symposium was also inviting contributions, can we send a similar email to past WAF attendees? Yes, but Brenda was the point of contact. Work with her replacement to do this.**
    b. **29th WAF/25th NWP in TBD, Spring/Summer 2018**
        i. Passed along requests to Brenda to look into Denver/Nashville options

3. **Awards Process**
    a. **Award Evaluations**
        i. AMS society level awards process is complete
    b. **STAC committee awards -- selections by WAF due November 1**
        i. Updates on nomination/request process and go forward plan
        ii. Three categories: early career, contributions to the committee, scientific contributions in mid/late career.
        iii. **Decision to pick one of these categories and then narrow to draw a deeper pool of applicants; Becky will send out an email to vote on a topic area.**

4. **Committee Membership / Renewals**
    a. Need to solicit chair/vice chair nominations in July and select in August
    b. Continue soliciting vitae and statement of interest from those looking to join
        i. **Submit here:** https://www.dropbox.com/request/82Qjx5StlSEoDZGAIHAe, need to include a CV and statement of interest
        ii. Committee members who are departing are encouraged to nominate replacements; need to consider diversity and inclusion aspects of career stage, background, etc. among committee members across multiple categories including private sector, government, academia, military, and other representation.
            1. **We typically allow a subset of current student members to transition to "full" member status; then will replace outgoing members to break even or incoming chair may choose to grow committee membership in consultation with STAC**
        iii. Look to make votes/selections in late August after determining new vice chair/chair roles among current/continuing members.

5. **Updates from the AMS Scientific and Technological Activities Commission**
    a. Opportunity to provide AMS Policy Program Memos (see earlier email)
        i. **Will likely defer this to next chair/vice chair given the likely long-fuse process of this; perhaps consider starting early CY2018.**
    b. Annual Meeting Dates
        i. **We provided input back to STAC on our preferences for any potential changes to the annual meeting dates (any implemented changes would probably occur far beyond any current WAF committee members)**
    c. Elevating Science Content
        i. **Received a request for input on how to "improve science" at the annual meeting; discuss and send responses to Andrew via email to pass to Bruce/STAC**

6. **Updates from the AMS Researcher Involvement Committee**
    a. None specific to WAF
7. **Glossary of Meteorology**
    a. None -- recently completed del operator and diurnal
    b. Need volunteer in CY2018 and beyond to continue Brent's role
8. **Web Updates**
    a. Input from webmasters…?
    b. Joe was unable to attend, but feel free to contact him directly for any webpage comments/suggestions/changes.

9. **Social Media**
    a. Facebook
        i. We will recycle last year's schedule to get started and look for other volunteers as needed.
            1. August -- Jennifer Tate
            2. September -- Chris McCray
            3. October -- Cyrena Marie-Arnold
    b. Twitter
        i. Opportunity for others to post to @AMSWAF - password from Sam Ng
10. **Next Calls (all times Central):**
    a. Tuesday, September 12 at 1 pm
    b. Thursday, November 2 at noon