



AMS Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Meeting Agenda

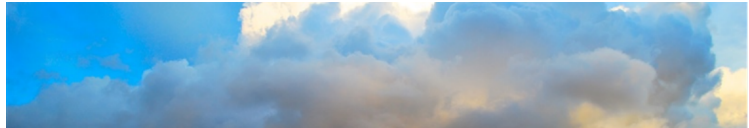
Held on 17 March 2023, 3 PM ET/2 PM CT/1 PM MT/12 PM PT

Attendance

Stephanie Avey	Travel	Louisa Nance	X
Matthew Beitscher	X	Philippe Papin	X
Alicia Bentley	X	Sarah Perfater	X
Stephen Bieda III	X	Jon Poterjoy	x
Tomer Burg	X	Rosimar Rios-Berrios	
Austin Coleman	Dissertation	Clayton Sasaki	
Keenan Eure	X	Sara Sienkiewicz	X
Andrei Evbuoma		Andrew Winters	X
Victor Gensini	X	Eddie Wolff	X
Aaron Hill		Kim Wood	Conflict
Joseph Koval	X	Chasity Wright	X
Ryan Lagerquist		Nusrat Yussouf	X
Daniel Lloveras	X	Stephanie Zick	X
Katie Magee	Travel		

Discussion Items

- 1. New Business: Endorsement of 3rd Symposium on Community Modeling and Innovation (lead: Stephen & Louisa)**
 - a. The Program Chairs of the 3rd Symposium on Community Modeling and Innovation (CMI) is seeking WAF's endorsement.
 - b. CMI program chairs have already submitted a request to AMS for one room over 2 days - request has been approved and would be in addition to what is requested for the Symposium on the Future of Weather, Forecasting and Practice.
 - c. Looking at opportunities to coordinate joint sessions with the above symposium, as well as R2O and HPC conferences.
 - d. We may be looking for a few additional committee members - basically to help with reviewing abstracts and putting together the program - let Louisa know if you



are interested or know someone who might be interested. Especially interested in representatives from the private sector and academia to broaden our representation on the committee.

- e. **Motion** made by Matt Beitscher, with **second** from Andrew Winter. Stephen Bieda called the question for unanimous consent, with no objections noted. The endorsement **passes unanimously**.

2. **New Business: Implementation Planning Subcommittee (lead: Stephen)**

- a. Thank you to Jon, Andrew, Stephanie Z., Daniel, Clayton, Eddie, and Austin for joining the subcommittee. Of those members, any takers to be Chair so that efforts can begin?
- b. The implementation timeline drafting process should take around 6 months or less, and we look forward to what the team puts together for our committee's consideration.
- c. **Action:** Stephen will work on organizing the first meeting, and to help define the roles/functions of the sub-committee's work.

3. **Continuing Business: 2023 32nd WAF/28th NWP + Mesoscale Conferences (co-leads: Stephanie A., Alicia, Matt)**

- a. July 17–21, Madison, WI
- b. Messages advertising Student Travel grants to WAF/NWP were sent out
 - i. Students who already submitted abstract will be emailed about this
 - ii. Have not received any applications yet!!!
- c. Program Chair call with AMS was on Wednesday, March 8th
- d. Student Engagement Committee meeting was on Friday, March 10th
 - i. Looking into opportunities for an evening activity on the roof, etc.
- e. "Call for Papers" extended to Friday, March 17th
 - i. Final program due April 17th
 - ii. Abstract numbers have greatly improved after extending the abstract deadline.
 - iii. May allow for more wiggle room for Town Hall type events in regular schedule
- f. Monona Kids' Event (need a volunteer to help!)
 - i. Tuesday 10am-11am
 - 1. During coffee break/poster session
 - ii. Ages 6-12, 100 kids
 - iii. Monona Kids plans it all, we just provide space and some volunteers?
- g. Reaching out to local contacts in Madison to participate in conference
- h. Questions
 - i. Are people expecting abstract deadlines to be extended?
 - 1. Federal government employees might get their abstracts approved last minute.



2. People may be expecting abstract extensions, and social media campaign before previous deadline did not budge the numbers as much. The recent extension had a greater impact on adding numbers.
3. Alicia indicated that it might be inherent in the AMS Conference Culture. There is another weather conference the same week as ours in Minnesota. People could be having to make hard choices.
- ii. Joe asked if the planning committee needs help with abstract review.
 1. A month from today is when the schedule needs to be finalized, so assistance would be appreciated. Might be far out for session chairs.
- iii. Louisa asked when abstracts will be provided for review.
 1. Stephanie A. is out, but look for that to come soon.
- iv. Tomer: Is there somewhere to double-check if we are included in the assisting for abstract reviews?
 1. Stephanie A. has that information, but Alicia/Matt will check.
- i. **Action:**
 - i. Stephanie A.- reach out to Joe Koval about helping with abstract reviews
 - ii. Stephanie/Matt/Alicia will need to contact the group reviewing abstracts with instructions

4. Continuing Business: 2024 Symposium on the Future of Weather, Forecasting, and Practice (lead: Andrei)

- a. Several program chairs have expressed interest in joint sessions and collaboration
- b. 1st meeting set for mid to late March (poll is still active till March 12). May hold two meetings based on the polling so far. Meeting will be with committee members and program chairs. Session topics, joint sessions, speakers, and panels amongst items to be discussed. Several session topics have already been proposed.
- c. Louisa has volunteered to be POC. Stephanie A./Keith willing to help out with logistics planning. Keith is also willing to help in organizing joint sessions. Matt - budgeting. Tomer - Logistics/Note Taker. Ashley Morris (WRN 2024 liaison) willing to help wherever (will meet with her to discuss more in the meeting). Brad Carlburg is thinking about being the co-Chair. Everyone on the committee is willing to help out in any other areas too.

5. Continuing Business: Society-Level Awards (lead: Stephanie)

- a. Aaron Hill will lead the Mitchell Award
- b. Victor Gensini will lead the Exceptional Specific Prediction (ESP).
 - i. Looks like everyone has selected which award they would like to be on the committee for
- c. Nominations for both awards due May 1st



- d. Aaron Hill proposed that we think about how to let folks know about numbers, and how to increase nomination numbers.
 - i. Victor said that there is no easy solution, and strongly encouraged advertisement. Once a person is awarded, we should also do a social media blast there as well. ESP was made a little easier, though the issue is not specific to just AMS. Though AMS should convene a committee on awards to help decide how we can improve our numbers.
 - ii. Matt suggested highlighting the prestige of the awards, so that those of a new generation understood what the award is about.
- e. Victor Gensini would like to nominate those on this committee, though there is a ban that would prevents him from doing so. There is a limit to how long you need to wait before consideration, though if the nomination/nominees are not in conflict, then we should have a conversation.
 - i. Alicia supported a mid solution, such as not being on the committee. What if the nomination letters were entirely external (from outside people)? Could see perks for removing the after committee part.
 - ii. Stephen will follow up with the STAC Commission to make them aware of this conversation about awards, to include the DEIA issue that arises because of the amount of time and connections necessary to complete a nominations package.

6. Subcommittee Reports

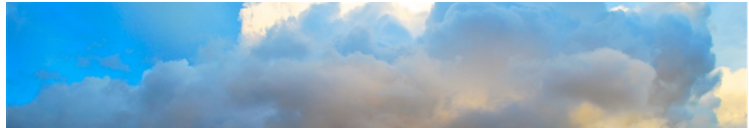
a. Glossary (lead: Andrew)

- i. Ongoing review of “king tides” for inclusion in the AMS glossary
- ii. The recommendation of our subcommittee is to not include the term in the AMS glossary
 - 1. Inconsistent definitions across stakeholder groups/scientific community. The committee is reluctant to assert a definition in the absence of a consensus in the scientific literature.
 - 2. The term is largely viewed as non-scientific and is colloquial in its usage.
- iii. The WAF Committee concurred with the recommendation, with no objections noted.

b. Social Media (lead: Katie)

- i. Monthly social media management ([suggested topic list](#)): Katie can schedule 1-on-1 training or provide a recorded video with how to post on social media pages from our accounts - whatever works best for you!
 - 1. March: Philippe Papin
 - a. Will include broadcast of awards, and will get with Katie to start helping with scheduled tweets.
 - 2. April: Sarah Perfater
 - 3. May: Jon Poterjoy

c. Webmaster (lead: Tomer)



- i. Introduction and Plans for our webpage during this term.
- ii. Link to upload headshots to (currently still having issues with updating the website with headshots, but please upload yours if you do not have one on the website yet or if you want to update your existing headshot):
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnynQBEhQBAPVtkIP5WETjC1gw4dUhPymVkFCvuys0cTLzoA/viewform?usp=sf_link
- iii. Link to upload member biography to, if you haven't sent yours in yet please do so here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8jT-cSIM5AoKpcFpiNmOZTY4rNx3ZItC_2CLmK5lbqu73mA/viewform
 - 1. 1st vs 3rd person point of view for biographies? There is no rule on it, with personal preference prevailing. Tomer will go towards 1st person in order to maintain consistency.
- iv. AMS CMS update is underway, which has prevented any changes of webpage content by webmasters. It is unknown when that will change, though there is a POC that can be reached out to who can update them.

7. Chair's Report

- a. A recent development is that STAC boards and committees can request AMS to waive the abstract submission fee for STAC Award Winners. This waiver is for one abstract submission and should be for the conference where they will receive their award. This will be important for our upcoming Madison, WI and 2024 meetings.
- b. The National Weather Service has released their latest version of a strategic plan (2023-2033), which is attached to both Stephen's email and this meeting. It is there for reference, as funding agencies have used it as a point of reference.
- c. No new meetings of the STAC have been held, with no further significant updates to report.

8. Meeting Minutes: Stephen will send to the entire committee for a 1 week review, before submitting to the STAC Commissioners, and posting to the webpage.

9. Next Meeting: A WhenToMeet Poll will be sent out early next month (April) to schedule our next early May meeting.

10. Adjourned at 3:50 PM EDT.