

# Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 17, 2014; 4 PM EDT; 3 PM CDT; 2 PM, MDT; and 1 PM, PDT

**(Meet-me phone number: 402-232-2520)**

1. Roll call of attendees: Bruce Telfeyan, Carolyn Reynolds, Andrew Molthan, Mike Brennan, Josh Hacker, Brent Shaw, Rebecca Adams-Selin, Cyrena-Marie Briede, Jason Furtado, Gail Hartfield-Supina, Charles Kuster, Alex Tardy, and incoming members Justin McLay, Joseph Slezak, Jennifer Tate, Christopher McCray.
  - Unable to participate due to schedule conflicts: Kelly Mahoney, Lans Rothfusz, James Belanger, Sam Ng, Jon Porter, Walter Drag, Katy Shontz, Derek Mallia, and incoming members Jerry Wegiel, Robert Banks, and Jen Alexander.
2. Departing members at the end of January:
  - Carolyn Reynolds, 2009 – 2015. Sincerest thanks for six years of involved and dedicated service!
  - Me (Bruce Telfeyan), 2008 – 2015. It has been a distinct honor to have served as chair for the past three years and to work with all of you!

New Members joining us at the end of January:

- Justin McLay, Meteorologist, Naval Research Lab, Monterey, CA
- Jen Alexander, Dean of Faculty, USAFA, Colorado Springs, CO
- Jerry Wegiel, Numerical Modeler, SAIC, Bellevue, NE
- Jennifer Tate, North Carolina State University, (Student member)
- Robert Banks, Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC), Institute of Sustainability, Barcelona, Spain (Student member)
- Christopher McCray, Lyndon State College (Student member)
- Joseph Slezak, Rutgers University (Student member)

I discussed how new members came to us with their interest in joining. Robert Banks volunteered directly to AMS and I followed up by contacting him. Jennifer Tate was highly recommended by Kelly. Christopher McCray contacted me and expressed great interest in joining WAF due to his winter weather research and conference organizing experience. Joseph Slezak was an intern last summer at the Mt Holly NWS office and was recommended by WAF member Walt Drag. Justin McLay was highly recommended by (and will replace) Carolyn. Jerry Wegiel will replace me. Jen Alexander asked Bruce to come back for second term on WAF.

3. New WAF Committee Chair: Andrew Molthan (Jan 2015 – Jan 2018). Congratulations and best of luck to Andrew. I'm sure he'll do much better over the next three years than I did.
4. Upcoming conference events:
  - a. 95<sup>th</sup> AMS Annual Meeting 2015, Phoenix, AZ
    - (1) Update on THM with BOGM and BHE, Wed, Jan 7, 12:15 to 1:15 PM. Check out the website: <http://annual.ametsoc.org/2015/index.cfm/programs-and-events/town-hall-meetings/town-hall-meeting-future-directions-for-employment-for-newly-graduated-meteorologists/>
      - I'm in the process of lining up a panel of experts from academia, the private sector, and the government. Topic is on job opportunities for recent graduates. Panel members will be from government, academia, and private sector. Each member will give five minute remarks, then moderator will open it up to questions. Panel members so far: John Knox (U. Georgia), Jason Tuell (NWS Eastern Region Director)

(2) Assisting with the First Symposium on High Performance Computing for Weather, Water, and Climate. I am not sure what our role has been in developing this symposium. Alex and Carolyn are on the program committee and will be chairing or co-chairing sessions. Symposium is 1 day (Thursday 8 January).

**(3) Our WAF Committee Luncheon Meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan 6, Noon to 1:30 PM in the Sheraton Hotel (exact room TBA). I have requested a teleconference capability for our room for those unable to attend in Phoenix.**

b. The 27<sup>th</sup> Conference on Weather Analysis and Forecasting, 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference on Numerical Weather Prediction, set for either Nashville, Philadelphia, or Chicago in the June – Aug 2015 time frame. Sam Ng is our program chair and he will provide an update on preparations for the conferences. Denver didn't work out as no hotels were available within the AMS price range except for the July 4 weekend (we decided this was not a good week for the conference). Brenda Ward is looking into other options (Nashville, Philadelphia, or Chicago). Sam and Andrew are working on putting together a call for papers, which will go out as soon as location is decided.

c. 96<sup>th</sup> AMS Annual Meeting 2016, New Orleans:  
Mary Cairns (lead program chair for the 2016 meeting) contacted me to see if we might be interested in co-sponsoring some sessions (part of a symposium) focused on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. She has also reached out to the Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography, and Climatology committee as a possible partner for us. I took part in a planning teleconference with Mary and President-elect Sandy MacDonald yesterday. A one day (maybe longer) symposium is in the works, with invited and contributed talks and posters. Bruce recommended Andrew as POC, but Andrew can recommend someone else to be point person.

5. Items from our Commissioner, Ward Seguin:

- a. STAC has initiated a monthly newsletter. You can view it (including the current month) at: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/news-reports/monthly-stac-newsletter/>.
- b. Ward is quite proud of the new STAC webpage, <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/>
- c. (Repeat from April and July) The Community Directory is now available on the AMS website for all of us to use as a way to share our profiles, interests, and expertise within the AMS community. Go to this website: <https://ametsoc.org/boardpges/cwce/docs/profiles/update.html> for instructions on how to set up your own profile.
  - Also, you can view the Community Directory at this link: <https://ametsoc.org/boardpges/cwce/docs/profiles/index.html>
- d. (Repeat from April and July) He noted that the AMS has a program that will assist in funding our student committee members to attend the annual meeting. One restriction is that students cannot get AMS funds if they are presenting. Will look into possibility of having that restriction removed in the future. Most likely, this rule is in place under the assumption that student presenters have travel funding.

6. Discussion regarding designating a Committee Vice Chair: While many were in agreement with having a Vice Chair, I received no volunteers to assume this position. We can certainly defer action on this until we meet in January in Phoenix. However, anyone interested in serving might contact Andrew. I believe that having a Vice Chair would be a big help for the chair in responding to requests that come in weekly from AMS and STAC. Also, it is good to have a backup in case the chair has a scheduling conflict. Again, if interested in serving as the vice chair, please contact Andrew or me.

7. Update on WAF Committee website developments:

Please visit our site at <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/>

- Send any ideas you have for our website to Sam and/or Derek. Our website requires periodic updating. It will need some attention in 2015 (update conference links, etc.). Any volunteers to be committee website person?
  - Cyrena volunteered to help with this. I noted that AMS offers training on this. It would be great if an incoming student member volunteered to assist Cyrena.

8. I must submit our WAF Committee Annual report to STAC by Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. The due date was moved up by a month this year due to the very early January Annual Meeting. I need your help with input you may have on activities to include (but not limited to):

- a. Brief review/summary of our WAF/NWP conferences in Atlanta last February (already submitted from Andrew and Kelly)
- b. A review of our participation in Mountain Meteorology Conference (Josh, sent a few sentences to Bruce).
- c. Any submissions of AMS Award nominations or Fellows nominations
- d. AMS GoM review summary for the year (Brent will send updated input to Bruce).
- e. WAF Committee website activities
- f. Planning for summer 2015 WAF/NWP conference – Sam and Andrew.
- g. Awards or recognitions any of you may have received in the past year (to include promotions, new jobs, or duties)
- h. Planning for special symposium or THMs
- i. Other events or accomplishments that I could report upon.

9. **Brent Shaw** provided an update on recent review of suggested additions or modifications to the AMS Glossary of Meteorology. The only new addition is “turbosphere”. Becky noted that the term is already in the Glossary, but the current definition needs to be corrected.

10. Update on the revision of the AMS WAF Statement: The AMS Council granted us a three month extension to obtain Council approval of our revised statement (now Nov 24, 2014). I submitted our draft statement to Melissa Westin about a week ago. Right now, AMS council members are reviewing it, and deciding whether they should make it available for public comments or if it needs more work from WAF first. After public comment it comes back to WAF for consideration of modification.

11. Annual STAC Meeting in Phoenix on Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Andrew and I will attend. Also, anyone interested in serving as a conference program chair in the future might want to attend a training session in the afternoon, roughly starting around 2:30 PM. Location details forthcoming. I encourage attending the conference training session if you are interested in chairing a conference program committee in the future. I will share details about the training in the upcoming weeks.
  
12. Facebook page rotating schedule for the primary person for upcoming months:
  - a. October: Bruce Telfeyan
  - b. November: Jonathan Porter
  - c. December: Brent Shaw
  - d. January **2015**: James Bellanger
  - e. February: Michael Brennan
  - f. March: Sam Ng
  - g. April: Becky Adams Selin
  - h. May: Kelly Mahoney
  - Gail suggested AMS should “like” our page, but AMS wasn’t sure about this. AMS is studying the possibility. Gail suggests we should have a “twitter” account, especially concerning the next meeting. I will provide Gail with contact information for an AMS social media contact.
  
13. Gail asked about having, e.g., go-to web meeting for the WAF lunch at the AMS annual meeting instead of just a speaker phone. I noted that AMS might not even be able to provide the speaker phone I requested due to cost constraints. Additionally, the lunch meeting really doesn’t lend itself to the format that well anyway. However, I will check to see if a go-to web meeting is a possibility.
  
14. Mike, Charles, and Becky will probably not be able to attend the annual meeting in Phoenix.
  
15. Again, our next meeting will be at the AMS Annual Meeting in Phoenix, on Tuesday, Jan 6, Noon to 1:30 PM in the Sheraton Hotel (exact room TBA).

- **Note:** Special thanks to Carolyn Reynolds for taking notes of the conference call!!!

Submitted by Bruce Telfeyan  
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