

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

Tuesday, May 2 at 1 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	travel	Shawn Milrad	
Jennifer Alexander		Sam Ng	X
Cyrena-Marie Arnold	X	Jonathan Porter	
Martin Baxter		Brent Shaw	X
James Belanger		Alex Tardy	
Michael Brennan	X	Jerry Wegiel	
Clark Evans		Christopher McCray	X
Jason Furtado	X	Joseph Slezak	X
Joshua Hacker	X	Jennifer Tate	
Gail Hartfield-Supina	X	Robert Banks	

2. Upcoming Conference Events

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

i. Updates on IDSS symposium from Clark and others

1. Clark is looking for input on keynote speaker suggestions aligned with the Call for Papers

a. Mike will email some suggestions including folks that have involvement in surge products for Matthew, emergency managers, Daniel Porter as FEMA liaison, folks with national perspective.

b. We can also advertise the call for papers via social.

c. Call for Papers: [link](#)

b. 29th WAF/25th NWP in TBD, Spring/Summer 2018

i. Andrew provided Brenda with a list of potential cities of interest:

1. Brenda will be getting back in touch with Andrew and Becky shortly to discuss options, which will be shared with the committee for discussion.

c. **Annual Meeting, Generally:**

- i. Long way off but we tentatively agreed to hold one-day symposia on “Modeling Center Overviews” when not meeting formally; next would be Annual in Phoenix.

3. **Awards Process**

a. **Award Evaluations**

- i. WAF created and submitted two subcommittees (see previous emails) for Mitchell Award and Award for Exceptional Specific Prediction, also contributed two members to the Reichelderfer Award process.
- ii. With the award submission date closing 1 May, be on the lookout for an email from AMS giving you access to the award review process.
- iii. Subcommittee chairs for the two awards we are responsible for (Mike Brennan and Becky Adams-Selin) will organize their subcommittees to gather input and reach consensus.
- iv. Andrew has a copy of the final submission form he can provide as guidance for what needs to be included in the final nomination.
- v. **No major changes to plans here, but committee members should expect a surge of activity to resolve this in early to mid May.**

b. **STAC committee awards**

- 1. Outstanding Early Career Achievement (w/in 10 years of degree, or under 40 - exceptions given)
- 2. Distinguished Scientific Accomplishment (mid or late career)
- 3. Outstanding Service Award (to community or committee)
- ii. Nominations open in January, we choose one by 1 Oct (1 Nov this year) and submit to STAC commission for approval
- iii. What do we want in each nomination package?
 - 1. CV/resume, nomination letter, short statement
 - 2. Possibly extra statement for Outstanding Service Award
- iv. Goal is to make a selection this year to get started
- v. **We need to advertise this new award opportunity including request for CV/resume, nomination letter, and short statement to the “awards” Dropbox link -- use social media to share.**

4. **Committee Membership / Renewals**

- a. Five members appear to expire in 2018 and need to be replaced (Molthan, Brennan, Hacker, Shaw (Glossary), Alexander) -- email Andrew if this is incorrect.
- b. Begin 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
- c. **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.

5. Updates from the AMS Scientific and Technological Activities Commission

- a. Opportunity to provide AMS Policy Program Memos (see earlier email)
 - i. Gail mentioned perhaps writing one on ensembles and harnessing of convection-allowing models to align with policy memo on Harnessing Science and Technology for National Benefit -- we would still need to understand submission requirements and the “process”, but is there interest in a sub-committee leading this for WAF?

1. Andrew will send an email to inquire more about this process.

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. **With Brent Shaw departing the committee at the end of this year, we need to help find a replacement to continue our great work in supporting the Glossary -- let Andrew/Becky know if you're interested**

8. Web Updates

- a. **Emailed Brian Mardirosian about repeated ‘Terms of Reference’**
 - i. **Fixed as of today (5/2/17)**
- b. **Will update Past - Planned Events tab and News and Announcements tab**
- c. **Predication changed to prediction at home page per request last teleconference**

9. Social Media

a. Facebook

- i. We will recycle last year's schedule to get started and look for other volunteers as needed.
 - 1. May -- Mike Brennan
 - 2. June -- Gail Hartfield
 - 3. July -- Alex Tardy
 - 4. August -- Jennifer Tate

b. Twitter

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

10. Next Calls (all times Central):

- a. Thursday, July 13 at noon
- b. Tuesday, September 12 at 1 pm
- c. Thursday, November 2 at noon