

**AMS Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**20 October 2021, 2p ET/1p CT/noon MT/11a PT**

**Attendance**

Stephanie Avey	X	Daniel Lloveras	X
Robert Banks		Katie Magee	on leave
Matt Beitscher		Shawn Milrad	X
Alicia Bentley	X	Louisa Nance	X
Stephen Bieda	X	Philippe Papin	X
Tomer Burg	X	Sarah Perfater	
Austin Coleman	X	Rosimar Rios-Berrios	X
Keenan Eure	X	Sara Sienkiewicz	X
Clark Evans	X	Jennifer Tate	on leave
Victor Gensini	X	Andrew Winters	X - late/class
Aaron Hill	X	Kim Wood	
Joseph Koval	X	Chasity Wright	X
Ryan Lagerquist		Nusrat Yussouf	

**Discussion Items**

**1. *New Business: 2023 WAF/NWP/Mesoscale Conferences* (lead: Clark)**

- a. AMS is ready to begin the process of selecting a site for our 2023 joint conferences with Mesoscale Processes.
- b. The heads of the WAF and Mesoscale Processes committees previously agreed on mid-July to early August 2023 in the west (Boise, San Diego, Salt Lake City) or midwest (Minneapolis).
- c. Thank you to Stephanie (lead), Matt, and Alicia for volunteering to chair these conferences from our side! Mesoscale Processes expects to identify two co-chairs from their side in the next couple of months.
- d. Aaron suggested that having a co-chair lead a conference the following year. This methodology would help ensure that a firehose of information would not be thrown at any given (co-)chair for the first time.

- i. Clark was supportive of the idea, and formalization of such a process would mean planning well ahead (2025 being a date mentioned).

**2. Continuing Business: 2022 31st WAF/27th NWP Conferences (leads: Aaron/Stephanie)**

- a. Full WAF/NWP program has been submitted to the AMS Annual Overall Planning Committee for review (along with the other conferences).
  - i. We expect a full program to be released by the end of the month (including acceptance emails sent out).
- b. We had roughly 280 abstracts submitted to our hosted sessions, and were able to accommodate ~35 sessions across the week, many of them joint with other conferences.
- c. If you are not on the planning committee and would be able to serve as a session chair in one or more sessions, please contact Aaron and Stephanie.
  - i. We are in need of in-person chairs specifically; the role of virtual sessions' chairs has not been made clear to us yet
- d. We will also be looking for student presentation judges in the coming weeks -- stay tuned!

**3. Continuing Business: New Member Recruitment (lead: Stephen)**

- a. We seek one new member to join the committee this year. Stephen will seek committee votes for a new member between October 23-30 (hard deadline). The new member will be announced shortly thereafter.
- b. The STAC Commissioner requests our nominations by **1 November**.
- c. The new-member solicitation is available on the [AMS Community](#) (must be logged in to AMS to access), and nominees can apply there or by submitting the requested information via [Dropbox](#).
- d. *Please share with your professional networks! We don't currently have any nominations in our Dropbox or through the AMS Community.*
  - i. Stephanie suggested reaching out to last year's applicants who were not selected at that time; was surprised that none had applied this year.
  - ii. Shawn suggested sharing to listservs (e.g., Albany's MAP list). Aaron sent out an announcement to the MAP list during the meeting.

**4. Continuing Business: Society-Level Awards (lead: Stephen)**

- a. **Action Item:** What changes to the ESP Award's terms and requirements do we wish to recommend to the AMS's Awards Oversight Committee and Council?
  - i. Recommendations discussed at our September meeting included but are not necessarily limited to reducing the required number of nomination letters from three to one, updating the award's terms so that they also emphasize communication of the event's impacts, and advocating for making the awards more prestigious.

- ii. Motion by Stephen to reduce the number of nomination letters from three to one, seconded by Victor and others. **Motion passed unanimously by voice/reaction vote.**
- iii. Victor will draft language re: updating the award's terms to incorporate communication of the event's impacts and bring it to the committee in December.
- iv. Regarding prestige: seek funding to support an invited talk on the award's event with travel support from AMS beyond the program chair funding? Clark will inquire with AMS as to what is possible.
- b. **Discussion:** Do we wish to also pursue changes to the Mitchell and/or Reichelderfer Awards' terms and requirements? If so, what should these be?
  - i. [Mitchell Award description](#) (sole province of WAF committee)
  - ii. [Reichelderfer Award description](#) (joint with other committees)
  - iii. Charge given to the committee to consider prospective changes between now and the December committee meeting, at which point we will discuss specific recommendations and vote on potential changes.

**5. Continuing Business: Committee Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives (lead: Clark)**

- a. We previously decided that DEI initiatives are the entire committee's domain and charged each of our subcommittees to consider how their efforts are serving or can best serve the broader community.
- b. Potential actions discussed at our September meeting include but are not necessarily limited to coordinating with existing initiatives (e.g., NSF's JEDI project, Mentoring 365, URGE, etc.), highlighting diversity and DEI-related activities through social media, outreach to AMS Student Chapters and community college students, and nominating individuals and/or groups for awards to recognize excellence in serving vulnerable communities.
- c. **Discussion/Action Item:** How should we engage via social media?
  - i. Alicia: retweet/share posts from other AMS committees and boards such as BRAID. There's a lot that they share that we could give a larger audience.

**6. Continuing Business: AMS Statement on Weather Analysis and Forecasting (lead: Clark)**

- a. Draft submitted to AMS Council for second review on 17 September.
- b. Next up: 30-day AMS membership comment period (hopefully in October). I think that the AMS Council's late September meeting was too action-packed to have received their go-ahead for membership comment at that time.

**7. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. **Glossary (lead: Jennifer)**
  - i. Working on definitions for "digging" and "lifting," new additions to the Glossary

- ii. Finished and submitted the term "[heat dome](#)"
  - iii. I (Jennifer) worked a bit with Ward on changing "[snap](#)" to "cold snap," as you never hear the term "hot snap" or anything
- b. **Social Media (lead: Katie/Aaron)** - Accepting new initiatives for social media that will further engage the WAF and broader atmospheric science community.
  - i. Possible DEI-oriented posts given our previous committee discussions; ideas welcome!
  - ii. New Member Applications: Due October 22nd
  - iii. Member Highlight Form
    - 1. **Action item:** *Please fill out the member highlight form!*
  - iv. Monthly social media management (suggested topic list): The team will email you beforehand with login information and tips and can schedule 1-on-1 training - whatever works best for you!
    - 1. October: Chasity Wright
    - 2. November: Nusrat Yussouf
    - 3. December: Stephanie Avey (can swap around if you're busy with AMS102)
- c. **Webmaster (lead: Matt)**
  - i. No updates

## 8. Chair's Report

- a. **Update on WAF Conference session controversy**
- b. **2022 AMS Annual Meeting:** Please let me know if you currently plan to attend, not attend, or are uncertain about attending the Annual Meeting. This will allow me to communicate to AMS how many people to expect in-person at our January committee meeting in Houston.
- c. **STAC Chairs Meeting 22 October:** Please let me know ASAP if anyone and/or the committee as a whole have anything that they wish to have discussed at the biannual STAC Chairs meeting on the 22nd (Friday).

## 9. Next Meeting: Monday, 6 December 2021, 12:30p ET/11:30a CT/10:30a MT/9:30a PT