

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

**Tuesday, February 21 at noon CT**  
**Conference Call, if available: 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	X	Sam Ng	X
Cyrena-Marie Arnold	conflict	Jonathan Porter	
Martin Baxter	X	Brent Shaw	conflict
James Belanger	X	Alex Tardy	X
Michael Brennan	X	Jerry Wegiel	
Walter Drag		Robert Banks	
Clark Evans	X	Christopher McCray	X
Jason Furtado	X	Joseph Slezak	X
Joshua Hacker	X (late!)	Jennifer Tate	
Gail Hartfield-Supina	X		

**2. Upcoming Conference Events**

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

- i. Update on status of symposium, partners, call for papers -- focus on impact-based decision support service, public-private sector, invited and solicited talks, and upcoming CFP.
  - 1. Attended 2018 planning meeting end of Seattle, official CFP will come out in BAMS in the February issue (so in March-April) and when 2018 annual page goes live.**
  - 2. Special Symposium on Impact-Based Decision Support Services, looking beyond forecasting front-lines into social scientists, broadcasters, other end users to be brought together -- outline state of science, best practices for**

delivery, needs in terms of education/workforce with evolving OPM 1340 definition, etc.

3. Tuesday of the conference week is likely
4. Abstracts open shortly, deadline of 1 August
5. Needs help with ideas on invited speakers. Clark Evans and co-chairs have blocked off an invited speaker for each session.

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

- i. Andrew will provide Brenda with this list of cities:
  1. Denver, CO (first pick for last WAF, we ended up in Chicago)
    - a. ...but not the tech center, want downtown
  2. Nashville, TN (second pick last time, they couldn't accommodate)
  3. Minneapolis, MN
  4. Norman, OK
  5. Washington, D.C./Metro Area
  6. Asheville or Raleigh, NC (not sure about HB2 impacts on some?)
    - a. Applied Climatology conference there in June, impacts?
  7. Omaha, NE

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. **Awards Recruitment**

- i. Reichelderfer Award
- ii. Mitchell Award
- iii. Exceptional Specific Prediction
- iv. Need to come up with a better way to recruit for these, suggestions?
  1. Look to have committee members reach out via email to colleagues and encourage submissions in these areas.
  2. Advertise award deadlines, etc. via social media.
  3. Individuals on the committee can encourage submissions but would need to recuse themselves from judging that award.
  4. For ESP and perhaps others, reach out to non-NWS nominees
  5. Nomination process incorporating a web form to submit online paragraphs from where we encourage/discourage (preliminary)
    - a. **Action: Create web form for pre-submission**
    - b. Link to the web page (STAC)
- v. STAC will also likely allow us a 1x/2-yr opportunity, one of these:
  1. Outstanding Early Career Achievement
  2. Distinguished Scientific Accomplishment
  3. Outstanding Service Award (to community or committee)

4. We choose the timing, nominate and submit to STAC commission for approval

**5. Action: Create web form for soliciting inputs**

**4. Committee Membership / Renewals**

- a. Five members appear to expire in 2018 and need to be replaced (Molthan, Brennan, Hacker, Shaw, Alexander) -- email Andrew if this is incorrect.
- b. Begin soliciting vitae and statement of interest from those looking to join
  - i. **Action: web form for submission of these materials via Google**

**5. Updates from the AMS Scientific and Technological Activities Commission**

- a. (most from Becky attending STAC in Seattle)
  - i. Next year's annual meeting: Theme of communication
    1. Presidential forum will be held Sunday
    2. Monday morning lead off with video 10 minutes of discussion
    3. Plenary session wednesday afternoon after lunch
  - ii. Committee has a pending decision to make on chair/vice chair or other structure
    1. How does the committee wish to handle this? Appointment or election? Vice chair is an immediate need; chair for 2017+ can be decided in a few months.

**6. Updates from the AMS Researcher Involvement Committee**

- a. RIC provided feedback to AMS regarding the annual meeting and is working to provide feedback on the awards process and number of awards, encouraging new awards for "mid-career"; Andrew is trying to advocate for elevation of "early career" award to society level or increased terminology on current awards to encourage early career nominees.

**7. Glossary of Meteorology**

- a. Definition of "del operator" was provided back to the Glossary.
- b. Other ongoing definitions in review: *diurnal*

**8. Web Updates**

- a. No updates -- just need to post minutes as available

**9. Social Media**

**a. Facebook**

- i. We will recycle last year's schedule to get started and look for other volunteers as needed.

**b. Twitter**

- i. Opportunity for others to post to @AMSWAF - password from Sam Ng
- ii. Need to advertise upcoming award deadlines, CFP

**c. Better social media strategy for future conferences?**

1. Possibly do Facebook live cast during 2018 meeting?
2. Organized daily tweet about sample of talks during meeting
3. Pass along to national AMS

4. Potential to link on AMS webpage about upcoming conference

**10. Next Calls (all times Central):**

- a. Thursday, March 30 at noon
- b. Tuesday, May 2 at 1 pm
- c. Thursday, July 13 at noon
- d. Tuesday, September 12 at 1 pm
- e. Thursday, November 2 at noon