

WAF/NWP Conference Committee Meeting
23 Feb 2012

1. CMOS and AMS WAF/NWP joint conference
 - 6 of the current committee will be able to attend the conference in Montreal. Three of the former committee members whose terms ended this past year will also be able to attend.
 - We will not be able to have abstract submission fees waived for being on this committee.
 - Duties of conveners/co-conveners (listed in Bruce's 21 Feb email):
 - i. During conference – much like sessions chairs: introduce speakers, ask for questions, etc.
 - ii. Before March 5th: use the password provided by Richard Asselin to log into the abstract review for your session. All conveners/co-conveners will be able to rate, comment on, determine if poster/oral presentation, and accept/reject abstract submissions. If the abstract should be moved to another session, place that info in the comments. At least 6 abstracts are required to make up a session.
 - iii. Some conveners/co-conveners may want to do this together (i.e., Carolyn mentioned the DA session leaders plan to work together on this.)
 - iv. March 5-10th: Scientific Programming Committee for conference will have teleconference with Pierre Gauthier to sort through any unresolved issues.
2. WAF/NWP one-day symposium at the AMS annual meeting in Austin, 2013
 - Louis Uccellini, new AMS president, would like WAF/NWP involved in next AMS meeting due to theme. Bruce has forwarded an email from Ken Carey at the AMS discussing this.
 - March 1st – deadline for returning to AMS theme/nature of symposium. June 1st – deadline for call for papers write-up.
 - Kelly and Andrew have done an excellent job putting together a call for papers and name/theme of conference. Suggestions were taken, which included adding to call for papers HFIP/storm surge forecasting, ensemble efforts, and longer range (e.g. monthly) predictions.
 - Basic schedule of symposium:
 - i. Morning: 4 sessions of equal length; 1-2 invited speakers in each. Afternoon: poster session.
 - ii. Please think about ideas how the scheduling of this symposium will fit within regular AMS scheduling (coffee and lunch breaks). E.g., is it possible for the symposium to start half an hour before the regular meeting?
3. The following WAF/NWP conference will be held in conjunction with the 2014 AMS Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. We plan to continue our current schedule of holding a conference every 18 months.
4. We are responsible both for judging candidates for the Charles Mitchell, Francis W. Reichelderfer, and Exceptional Prediction awards. Please try to actively solicit nominations for these awards as well. If we are interested in being part of the judging committee for any of the awards, please let Bruce know. The nomination deadline is 1 May.
5. We as a committee can also submit nominations for AMS Fellows. The deadline for this is unknown at this time.

6. Bruce will email us all the websites with the WAF terms of reference and the AMS statement on WAF. Please return comments. The AMS statement particularly will need to be reviewed carefully due to the strict procedures the AMS has on statements.
7. Kevin Scharfenberg is the current webmaster for our committee. At the recent annual meeting, Mary Cairns mentioned that the AMS has re-tooled our committee websites, provided an easier method for updates.
8. We will now have a regular teleconference every 2 months. Bruce Telfeyan will email us requesting our schedules so the largest percentage possible can “attend”.