

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

**Wednesday, January 25 at AMS Annual Meeting Luncheon**  
**Conference Call, if available: 844-467-6272/788542**

**1. Roll Call -- agenda and notes distributed via email**

Andrew Molthan		Justin McLay	x
Rebecca Adams-Selin	x	Shawn Milrad	x
Jennifer Alexander		Sam Ng	x
Cyrena-Marie Arnold		Jonathan Porter	
Martin Baxter	x	Brent Shaw	x
James Belanger	x	Alex Tardy	x
Michael Brennan		Jerry Wegiel	
Walter Drag		Robert Banks	
Clark Evans	x	Christopher McCray	x
Jason Furtado	x	Joseph Slezak	x
Joshua Hacker		Jennifer Tate	
Gail Hartfield-Supina			

**2. Upcoming Conference Events**

**a. 97th AMS Annual Meeting (28th WAF/24th NWP) in Seattle**

- i. Status update on the conference, judging and awards process, results of award discussions.
  1. 160 oral talks, 75 joint oral talks, 235 poster presentations
  2. NOAA Modeling Forum Town Hall
  3. Ron Przybylinski Memorial Session
  4. Awards brainstorming session

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

- i. We requested that AMS put us down for a one-day symposium at the Austin meeting, Clark Evans to lead. There may be a Thursday afternoon meeting regarding Austin to attend -- if someone is able -- if not, no big

deal. [Clark edit: I will be in attendance at this meeting. It is being held at 3 pm Thursday.]

ii. **Impact Decision Support Services**

1. Public, private
2. Invited and solicited talks
3. Will have formal call shortly

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

- i. Andrew will get with Brenda following Seattle to talk about these cities:
  1. Denver, CO (first pick for last WAF, we ended up in Chicago)
  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?)

d. **Annual Meeting, Generally:**

- i. When we get past Austin, WAF/NWP tentatively agreed to host future one-day symposium on "Modeling Center Overviews", first would be at the next Annual in Phoenix.
  1. Potential to be held in a separate room from WAF/NWP sessions?

**3. Awards Process**

a. **Awards Recruitment**

- i. Need to come up with a better way to recruit for these, suggestions?
  1. Reichelderfer Award,
  2. Mitchell Award
  3. Exceptional Specific Prediction
- ii. Suggestions:
  1. Set up an initial screening processes, potentially via a web form that could be submitted online with a couple paragraphs. Committee could encourage/discourage further applications to submit full nomination package
  2. Increase advertising at AMS Annual Meeting, both of award winners giving invited talks, and the nomination process
    - a. AMS advertise award talks via app and poster/screen
    - b. List award winners, talks via our social media, webpage
  3. Talk to other committees to see if they have potential nominees for us
  4. ESP award can cast a wider net than NWS
  5. Highlight
- iii. STAC will also likely allow us a once-per-two-years opportunity (one of the three):
  1. Outstanding Early Career Achievement
  2. Distinguished Scientific Accomplishment

3. Outstanding Service Award - in general (committee, or to community)
4. We choose the timing, nominate and submit to STAC commission for approval

#### **4. Committee Membership / Renewals**

- a. Four members appear to expire in 2018 and need to be replaced (Molthan, Brennan, Hacker, Shaw) -- email Andrew if this is incorrect.

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

- a. Becky can provide updates from the STAC meeting on behalf of Andrew
  - 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. Discussed things working well, and those that needed improvement
    1. Working well: specialty conferences, named sessions, AMS Meeting support staff, STAC commissioners, meeting app
    2. Needs Improvement: letting students know how to get involved, feedback from student awards, longer poster sessions, AMS needs to communicate more social media and marketing info
      - a. Provide comments to students after judging (via google form)
      - b. Larger space for poster sessions
      - c. How to involve students in the annual meeting (after student conference) - special label for badge? Student events later in the week?
      - d. Well-defined process for students to get involved on committees.
        - i. Contact student AMS chapters
        - ii. Add something to the student conference
- b. Committee has a pending decision to make on chair/vice chair or other structure
  - i. Becky is interested in serving as vice chair/chair when Andrew's term expires.

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

- a. RIC is currently working to provide inputs to AMS on awards banquet, more later.

#### **7. Glossary of Meteorology**

- a. Definition of "del operator" was provided back to the Glossary.

#### **8. Web Updates**

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

#### **9. Social Media**

##### **a. Facebook**

- i. Need to identify committee members interested in managing content for early 2017.

1. Keep one person per month; recycle schedule from last year assigning committee members

**b. Twitter**

- i. Current managers continue to post content and link to Facebook and #WAFNWP17
- ii. Ideally have more people posting
  1. @AMSWAF - get password from Sam Ng
- iii. Organized campaign about upcoming conference - deadlines, call for papers, schedules
  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 Call -- TBD, Andrew will send out a Doodle poll to collect “generally available times” and schedule every couple of months through 2017. Next likely in late February or first thing in March.**