

AMS Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Meeting Agenda
4 November 2022, noon ET/11a CT/10a MT/9a PT

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Attendance

Stephanie Avey		Daniel Lloveras	X
Robert Banks	X	Katie Magee	
Matt Beitscher		Louisa Nance	X
Alicia Bentley	X	Philippe Papin	X - was late due to another meeting
Stephen Bieda	X	Sarah Perfater	X
Tomer Burg	X	Jon Poterjoy	X
Austin Coleman	X	Rosimar Rios-Berrios	X [a little late due to another meeting]
Keenan Eure	X	Sara Sienkiewicz	X
Clark Evans	X	Jennifer Tate	work travel
Victor Gensini	X	Andrew Winters	X
Aaron Hill	X	Kim Wood	
Joseph Koval	X	Chasity Wright	X
Ryan Lagerquist		Nusrat Yussouf	X

1. *New Business: Committee Leadership Transition* (lead: Clark)

- a. Clark is resigning as WAF Committee Chair effective in January 2023 as he begins serving as the Incoming STAC Commissioner. This necessitates a leadership transition, first of Chair and then potentially of Vice Chair.
- b. Nominees for Chair: Stephen Bieda
 - i. Discussion
 - ii. Passes 16-0-1 (Stephen abstaining)
- c. Nominees for Vice Chair: Stephanie Avey
 - i. Discussion
 - ii. Passes unanimously 19-0
- d. Congratulations to Stephen and Stephanie!

2. *Continuing Business: [2023 FACETs Symposium](#)* (leads: Stephen/Victor)

- a. Symposium schedule is finalized (agenda posted to AMS conference portal)
- b. Still finalizing the FACETs panel discussion. Chad Gravelle is leading this effort.
- c. Stephen is closely watching FY23 federal budget discussions, due to a continuing resolution that expires on December 16, 2022.
 - i. Victor stated that he may need to reach out to the committee for session chairing duties (as AMS strongly prefers in-person chairs) for academic and private sector individuals should an unfortunate situation arise.

3. Continuing Business: [2023 32nd WAF/28th NWP + Mesoscale Conferences](#) (lead: Stephanie → report out by Alicia)

- a. Submitted Call for Papers
 - i. The Call for Papers looks great and contains current WAF/NWP topics
 - ii. There is one joint NWP/WAF/MESO session in the call right now:
 - 1. *Arctic Cyclones and Tropopause Polar Vortices*
 - iii. Potential for other joint sessions (TCs, etc.) after abstract submissions
- b. Conference Schedule
 - i. 5-day schedule was agreed upon with AMS Mesoscale Conference
 - ii. Poster sessions will be in mid-morning to increase attendance/wake up!
- c. Conference Funds
 - i. Need to pay two abstract fees for invited talks by WAF and SLS STAC award winners
 - 1. Contacted AMS and asked how much the abstract fee will be (?)
 - 2. Will make an effort to convince AMS to waive them at their level rather than subtract it from our conference chair funds
 - ii. The rest of the conference funds will support student attendees/awards
 - 1. Student travel: \$450 x 4 grants = \$1800 (minus \$___ abstract fee)
 - 2. Student awards: \$100 x 12 awards (6=WAF, 6=NWP) = \$1200
- d. Call for Papers will go live **Monday, Nov 7th!**
 - i. Please help spread the word about the Call for Papers!
 - ii. Can there be Facebook and Twitter posts?
 - iii. Submission deadline in March

4. Continuing Business: New Member Recruitment (lead: Clark)

- a. All members eligible to renew for a second term have chosen to do so. We're excited to have you all as part of the committee for another two (students) to three (professional) years!
- b. New member nominations: materials ([professional](#), [students](#)), forms ([professional](#), [students](#))
 - i. Notification of conflicts of interest
 - 1. Daniel - one student nominee
 - 2. Katie - one student nominee
 - 3. Others?
 - ii. Discussion

1. Question: How many members (student and professional) are we adding this year?
 - a. Current Composition:
 - i. 22 professional members and 4 student members
 - ii. The composition of professional members is 10 academia, 4 private, and 8 government
 - b. Student Membership:
 - i. **Decision:** Committee unanimously agreed to select 2 student members.
 - ii. **Selections: Clayton Sasaki and Eddie Wolff**
 1. Vote was 18-0-2 (2 abstentions, Daniel and Rosi)
 - c. Professional Membership:
 - i. **Decision:** Committee unanimously agreed to select 2 regular members
 - ii. **Selections: Stephanie Zick & Andrei Evbuoma**
 1. Vote to add 20-0, unanimous

5. Subcommittee Reports

a. Glossary (lead: Jennifer)

- i. Worked a submission to add Winter Storm Severity Index to the Glossary mainly with the Weather Prediction Center folks (rather than the subcommittee) since we run it at WPC anyway and I could get the developers to contribute to the definition directly.
- ii. In doing that, we figure we may want to add “snow load” to the Glossary and augment the definition of “blizzard” with “ground blizzard” information. Snow load and ground blizzard are both components that contribute to the WSSI. That is on hold a bit but I will likely loop in the rest of the subcommittee for those definitions.

b. Social Media (lead: Katie → update from Tomer)

- i. Monthly social media management ([suggested topic list](#)): Katie can schedule 1-on-1 training or provide a recorded video with how to post on social media pages from our accounts - whatever works best for you!
 1. November: Joseph Koval
 2. December: Ryan Lagerquist
 3. January: Daniel Lloveras *AMS month! All hands on deck!*
 - a. *Who will be at the AMS Annual Meeting and is willing to help live tweet from the 2023 FACETs Symposium?*

- ii. If interested in being on the sub-committee, email Katie at Kathleen.Magee@noaa.gov (right now it is Katie and Tomer)
 - 1. Responsibilities: Maintaining suggested topic list, assisting with live-tweeting conferences (especially with annual meetings & FACETs symposium), assisting with managing social media if a member needs to swap a month.
- c. **Webmaster (lead: Matt)**
 - i. I will need new headshots from a majority of people, as I cannot download high-resolution images off the website for the new Bios page. This is likely a symptom of the changeover to the new site.
 - 1. [Google Form for Headshots](#)
 - 2. [Google Form for Bios](#) (only 9 received as of now)

6. Chair's Report

- a. Future of Meetings task force - 31 October 2022 kick-off meeting
 - i. If you're interested in joining the task force, please [fill out the form!](#)
 - ii. The task force will begin small-group discussions around its five core themes in mid-November, with the goal of wrapping up initial discussions by January's Annual Meeting (and associated Town Hall meeting).
- b. 28 October 2022 STAC Chairs meeting
 - i. New program chair training: Sunday, January 8, 2023 10-11a in Denver.
 - ii. STAC-level awards to be announced at the Annual Meeting in Denver.
 - iii. Issues that AMS Council are discussing include future of publications, future of meetings, expanding climate services, translating the AMS Glossary into Spanish, and providing more guidance on awards.
 - iv. Meetings will remain hybrid until at least following the Future of Meetings taskforce's final report. In-person attendance has not been hurt by the hybrid format, and the hybrid format provides contingency options and broadens participation.
 - v. AMS is looking at more jointly held (even if separately organized) specialty meetings to keep costs down and mitigate staff workload.
 - vi. AMS has been considering moving board/committee meetings that would normally be held during the Annual Meeting outside of that time, but is allowing for boards and committees to request an in-person meeting at the 2023 Annual Meeting. *I've requested lunch for us on the Tuesday or Wednesday of the meeting.*
- c. WAF Distinguished Scientific or Technological Achievement Award - Our nomination of Dr. Xuguang Wang for this award was approved by STAC leadership on 2 November.
- d. Upcoming leave - I will be away from my professional duties from 12 November through 4 December while on paternity leave. I will handle any routine or non-time-sensitive committee issues upon my return. Please reach out to Stephen with any time-sensitive committee issues that may arise in my absence.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13th at 4p ET/3p CT/2p MT/1p PT