

## Agenda and Meeting Minutes

### AMS Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Conference Call

Tuesday Aug 6, 1:00 PM ET/12:00 PM CT/11:00 AM MT/10:00 AM PT

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

Becky Adams-Selin	x	Ryan Lagerquist	
Cyrena-Marie Arnold		Katie Magee	
Robert Banks	x	Justin McLay	x
Martin Baxter	x	Christopher McCray	
Alicia Bentley	x	Shawn Milrad	
Stephen Bieda	x	Louisa Nance	
Clark Evans		Joseph Slezak	
Jason Furtado	X	Alex Tardy	
Gail Hartfield-Supina	x	Jennifer Tate	x
Chasity Henson	x	Nusrat Yussouf	
Aaron Hill	x	Jerry Wegiel	
Joseph Koval	x		

## **2. Weather-Related Research Funding Program Manager Q&A**

- a. Tomorrow (7 Aug) at 12:00 pm ET/11:00 am CT
- b. Opportunity for researchers in weather-related fields to better understand how proposal calls are shaped and funding decisions are made
- c. Dr. Kandis Boyd, Deputy Director of NOAA OWAQ
- d. [www.ametsoc.org/WebinarWAF](http://www.ametsoc.org/WebinarWAF) to register (registration is free and attendance is not capped)

## **3. Special Symposium on the Future of Weather, Forecasting, and Practice**

- a. Monday Session 1: Invited speakers for Model Center Overviews
  - i. Confirmed: ECMWF, Air Force Weather, NRL, Environment Canada
  - ii. Pending: NCEP, Met Office
- b. Monday Session 2: Centennial Panel Session on the Transition of Research to Operations to Practice
  - i. All Panelists confirmed: Pat Harr, Jupiter Intelligence; Jack Kain, NCEP EMC; Kim Klockow-McClain, OU; Evan Kucera, 557WW; Laura Myers, UA; Louisa Nance, NCAR DTC.
  - ii. Kandis Boyd moderating
- c. Monday Session 3: Research-to-Operations Nexus
- d. Wednesday Sessions 1-4: Results from webinars discussing “The Evolving Role of the Human in Weather Prediction and Communication”
  - i. 4 webinars will be held roughly 2-4 weeks apart between mid-September and early December.
  - ii. Webinar topics:
    - 1. Development of automated forecasting tools: types, the human role in their design
    - 2. Use of automated forecasting tools versus humans
    - 3. Training and proficiency for future forecasting
    - 4. Envisioning the future forecast process

## **4. 2020 WAF/NWP Conferences at AMS Annual Meeting**

- a. 301 abstracts so far!
  - i. Most popular session: Severe Wx. and Analysis w/ 32 abstracts so far
- b. Working to get orientation information to session chairs for evaluation
- c. Lots of community interest to co-chair sessions
- d. Centennial Session: Future Challenges in Weather and Forecasting
  - i. 6 confirmed speakers
- e. Potentially may need some extra reviewers

## 5. 2019 STAC WAF Committee Award

- a. Each STAC committee is permitted to give a [committee-level award](#) once every two years. In 2017, we presented Curtis Alexander with our committee's Outstanding Early Career award.
- b. This year, we are soliciting nominations for our committee's Distinguished Scientific or Technological Achievement Award. The AMS Council defines this award as recognizing "an individual who has made significant contributions to the discipline and is well recognized within the discipline as being a science/technological leader. This award could be for a mid-career or late-career individual."
- c. We have set up a Dropbox for award nominations:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/request/VJ3bzjwrMczxvVBA9jFB>.
  - i. Complete nominations should include (1) a nomination letter detailing why the nominee is deserving of the award and (2) the nominee's current CV or resume.
  - ii. Nominations can be self-nominations or nominations by others.
  - iii. *No current member of the committee is eligible to be nominated!*
- d. **Nomination Deadline: Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will discuss nominations during our September 24<sup>th</sup> conference call in advance of STAC's October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- e. The award recipient will, pending their availability, give an invited presentation during one of our WAF/NWP sessions. We will also present them the award at the time.

## 6. New WAF Committee members

- a. We have four term-limited members: Cyrena, Jason, Gail, and Alex. Thank you for your service to the committee over the last six years! We have two members eligible for renewal, Rob and Jennifer, both of whom have renewed for a second three-year term.
- b. Continuing committee membership includes seven public-sector/NCAR members, five university members, four private-sector members, and three students. Seven of nineteen members are women.
- c. We have set up a Dropbox for committee membership nominations:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/request/rjHUEUXrciRJh9ldBy3V>
  - i. Complete nominations should include (1) a statement of interest and (2) current CV or resume.
  - ii. Our target this year is to recruit four new members for three-year terms beginning in January. We are not specifically recruiting new student members.

- d. **Nomination Deadline:** Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss nominations during a late-October conference call in advance of STAC's soft deadline for notifying them of our decisions.

## 7. Social Media subcommittee

- a. Upcoming schedule - maintaining monthly member responsibility for social media (alphabetical)
  - i. August - Becky Adams-Selin
  - ii. September - Robert Banks
  - iii. October - Martin Baxter
  - iv. November - Alicia Bentley
  - v. December - Stephen Bieda, III
- b. Aaron has set up a TweetDeck account to ensure multiple committee members can access Twitter
  - i. Goal of posting to both Twitter and Facebook equally, as met community seems to prefer Twitter
  - ii. Email Aaron to get access (username and password)
- c. Goal of one post per week (at least): **Katie and Aaron will maintain an ongoing list of subjects, topics available for you to choose from when tweeting/posting**
  - i. Bi-monthly member highlights (ongoing)
    - 1. Please submit your information if you have not done so:  
<https://forms.gle/M5NSGaEEQsq1yF5D9>
  - ii. Profiles of companies, weather service organizations, and university research groups detailing what WAF/NWP research is going on across the weather enterprise
  - iii. Operational forecasts from NOAA, NHC, CPC for relevant seasons and topics of weather (e.g., Hurricane outlooks)
  - iv. Ongoing projects from all sectors (e.g., testbeds, field projects)
  - v. Soliciting session topics for 2020 NWP/WAF conferences
  - vi. Relevant recent weather events

## 8. Web Updates

- a. Input from webmaster
  - i. Unable to attend - Please leave me any notes/requests (Thanks, Joe)
  - ii. Aaron Hill is graduating (yay). Change name, address, and affiliation to: Dr. Aaron Hill, Colorado State University, 3915 Laporte Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80521 Thank you!
  - iii. Becky will get pdf of STAC award nominations to Joe.

**9. AMS Glossary reports**

- a. Recent definitions:
  - i. Cooling degree day

**10. Other**

- a. **Has everyone successfully received an email from the AMS Community listserv?**
  - i. [ametsoc-WAFcomm@connectedcommunity.org](mailto:ametsoc-WAFcomm@connectedcommunity.org)
- b. We'll still be using the uwm listserv ([ams-waf2018@uwm.edu](mailto:ams-waf2018@uwm.edu)) to send out calendar invites as those don't work through the Community listserv. **Make sure those emails aren't ending up in your spam folder!**
- c. **Joe Koval, Jennifer Tate, Justin McClay - problems accessing agenda**

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

- a. Tues. Sept. 24, 12 pm Central
- b. Fri. Oct. 25, 12 pm Central