

**AMS Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**6 December 2021, 12:30p ET/11:30a CT/10:30a MT/9:30a PT**

**Attendance**

Stephanie Avey	X	Daniel Lloveras	X
Robert Banks	On PTO	Katie Magee	
Matt Beitscher	X (via phone)	Shawn Milrad	X
Alicia Bentley	X	Louisa Nance	X
Stephen Bieda	X	Philippe Papin	X
Tomer Burg	X	Sarah Perfater	
Austin Coleman	X	Rosimar Rios-Berrios	X
Keenan Eure		Sara Sienkiewicz	X
Clark Evans	X	Jennifer Tate	night shifts
Victor Gensini	X	Andrew Winters	X, class at 11am MT
Aaron Hill	X	Kim Wood	X
Joseph Koval	X	Chasity Wright	X (joined late)
Ryan Lagerquist		Nusrat Yussouf	

**Discussion Items**

1. ***New Business:*** Welcome to our new member, Jon Poterjoy! (lead: Stephen)
2. ***New Business:*** 2023 Annual Meeting (lead: Clark)
  - a. AMS is ready to begin the process of identifying which boards and committees wish to hold a specialty conference or symposium at the 2023 Annual Meeting (Denver, CO, 8-12 January 2023).
  - b. In recent years, we have held a Model Center Overviews/Updates symposium at the Annual Meeting in years when the WAF/NWP conferences are not co-located with the Annual Meeting.
  - c. The 2022 Annual Meeting, however, includes the 1st Symposium on Earth Prediction Innovation and Community Modeling, which is likely to be a major home for presentations on NCEP-related modeling efforts in years to come.

- d. **Action Item:** Do we want to organize a Model Center Overviews/Updates symposium in Denver? If yes, is someone willing to chair the symposium?
    - i. **Louisa will reach out to the EPICM planners to see if they intend to continue this year's symposium in the future. The committee will plan from there.**
  - e. **Action Item:** If the answer to (d) is no, does anyone have an idea for a symposium that they would like to pursue?
    - i. Victor: Potential for a symposium around machine-learning, or a separate one around subseasonal-to-seasonal forecasting. This year's WAF/NWP conferences have three AI/ML sessions, but there is a separate AI conference. Subseasonal-to-seasonal had a lot of WAF/NWP submissions this year, and Victor would be willing to lead a symposium in this area.
    - ii. Stephen: Disaster supplemental funding bills on fire and hurricanes.
- 3. Continuing Business: 2023 32nd WAF/28th NWP + Mesoscale Conferences (leads: Clark/Stephanie)**
- a. AMS has proposed two options for our consideration:
    - i. Madison, WI, summer dates TBD, since they will receive grant money (from the city, I presume) if they book a 2023 conference there before the end of the year. This grant money would then go toward "enhanced breaks and receptions."
      - 1. Proposed location: Monona Terrace in downtown Madison, with three hotel blocks (on-site Hilton, \$189/night; Best Western four blocks away, \$131/night; Madison Concourse six blocks away at \$169/night with some government-rate rooms at \$131/night).
    - ii. Minneapolis, MN in late August 2023, joint with the Radar Meteorology, Agricultural and Forest Meteorology, and Biogeosciences conferences.
  - b. The Mesoscale Processes committee is OK with either option, but they are somewhat concerned about a Minneapolis meeting being too much to take in given the natural overlap of our three conferences with the Radar Meteorology conference.
  - c. **Action Item: Identify if we have a preference for either of the two options.**
    - i. **Madison overwhelmingly preferred; Clark will let AMS know after this meeting ends.**
  - d. **Action Item:** As we enter 2022, the 2022 Conference Planning subcommittee will be dissolved and replaced by a 2023 Conference Planning subcommittee headed by Stephanie with Matt's and Alicia's assistance. **Please let Stephanie (and Clark) know by late January if you wish to serve on this subcommittee!**
- 4. Continuing Business: 2022 31st WAF/27th NWP Conferences (leads: Aaron/Stephanie)**

- a. Student presentation judging: If you are interested in volunteering to help, whether you are attending in-person or virtually, please fill out this [google form](#) by December 15, 2021.
- b. We are in good shape for planning!
- c. STAC meeting on Wednesday of the conference; **please RSVP by December 13 if you have not done so already.**

## 5. **Continuing Business: Society-Level Awards (leads: Stephen/Victor)**

- a. **Action Item:** Discussion and approval of updated language for the Exceptional Specific Prediction Award's terms.
  - i. Current Terms: [The Award for an Exceptional Specific Prediction - American Meteorological Society \(ametsoc.org\)](#)
  - ii. In October, we recommended that the AMS Awards Oversight Committee change the application requirements to a citation and nomination letter, removing the three required support letters.
  - iii. Proposed award description: *"The Award for an Exceptional Specific Prediction is given to one or more individuals in recognition of an exceptional prediction of one or more significant events. This includes (but is not limited to) predictions disseminated in non-operational or non-traditional settings from across the weather enterprise. The Award may also be given to exceptional predictions of societal impacts from a specific weather event that directly lead to the protection of property and lives."*
  - iv. **Motion to approve made by Matt, seconded by Victor. Stephen sought unanimous approval, there were no objections. Motion carries. Clark will pass this along to the STAC commissioners.**
- b. **Action Item:** Discussion and potential approval of prospective changes to the Mitchell and/or Reichelderfer Award's application requirements and/or terms.
  - i. Current Terms: [The Charles L. Mitchell Award - American Meteorological Society \(ametsoc.org\)](#) (*The Charles L. Mitchell Award is given in recognition of long-term service by individuals engaged in weather forecasting activities.*), [The Francis W. Reichelderfer Award - American Meteorological Society \(ametsoc.org\)](#) (*The Francis W. Reichelderfer Award is given in recognition of distinguished contributions to the provision of operational environmental services to the public.*)
  - ii. Discussion: What precludes nominations - Visibility? Nomination burden? Prestige? Some concern that it isn't the nomination burden so much as it is the other characteristics, particularly since these awards are both lifetime achievement awards. **How to better get the word out?**
    - 1. **Added suggestion to social media subcommittee for increasing our mentions of these awards; can AMS social media help?**
    - 2. **Clark will pass along our overall feedback to STAC for the society's consideration.**

**3. Recommendation to maintain these criteria as-is for now and improve our outreach/advertising efforts.**

**6. Continuing Business: AMS Statement on Weather Analysis and Forecasting (lead: Clark)**

- a. The 30-day AMS membership comment period began on October 25 and ended on November 24.
- b. Four comments were provided by the membership, all of which were minor, and the Statement Oversight committee addressed them and provided the AMS Council with a revised statement late last week.
- c. For everyone's records, please note that this subcommittee will be dissolved upon the statement's final approval by the AMS Council (expected no later than their meeting at the 2022 AMS Annual Meeting).

**7. Subcommittee Reports**

**a. Glossary (lead: Jennifer)**

- i. [Digging trough](#) and [lifting trough](#) were added to the AMS Glossary. We included a figure from a textbook with the definitions as well, which AMS is working on getting permission to use.
- ii. 2022 is my (Jennifer's) last year on the WAF Committee by term limits, so we are looking for someone to take over as Glossary subcommittee head in 2023, and 2022 can be a transitional apprenticeship year. Please volunteer if you are interested.

**b. Social Media (lead: Katie)**

- i. In late October, Aaron notified Clark and Katie of his intention to step down as co-chair of the Social Media subcommittee. Thank you, Aaron, for your service!
- ii. Possible DEI-oriented posts given our previous committee discussions; ideas welcome!
  - 1. More visibility of AMS society-level awards (ESP, Mitchell, Reichelderfer) for which our committee has purview throughout the year?
- iii. Member Highlight Form
  - 1. **Action item:** Please fill out the member highlight form!
- iv. Monthly social media management: The team will email you beforehand with login information and tips and can schedule 1-on-1 training - whatever works best for you!
  - 1. December: Stephanie Avey (can swap around if you're busy with AMS102)
  - 2. January: Robert Banks
  - 3. February: Matt Beitscher

**c. Webmaster (lead: Matt)**

- i. Other than updates to the site for AMS2022, nothing new to report.
- ii. Will update the website with Jon's headshot when the time comes.

## 8. Chair's Report

- a. **STAC Early-Career Achievement Award:** The STAC Commissioners approved our nomination of John Allen for our STAC Early-Career Achievement Award. John was notified of his award in mid-November. We will present it to him in Houston, with the date/time/setting TBD.
- b. **New Subcommittee:** Consistent with STAC's desire for its boards and committees to have five-year plans, we will institute a new subcommittee for 2022 charged with developing a five-year plan, to be headed by Stephen. This subcommittee will help us think strategically and proactively about our activities moving forward. **Please let Clark and Stephen know by late January if you wish to serve on this subcommittee!** I strongly encourage newer committee members to participate since you all will be the ones leading the committee over much of the next five years!
- c. **2021 Annual Report:** I prepared and submitted our 2021 Annual Report to STAC leadership in late November. Matt has posted a copy to our website. Thank you all again for your service to the committee this year!
- d. **Nominations for AMS Council/President/non-WAF Awards:** The AMS Nominating Committee welcomes nominations for consideration as candidates for AMS Council or AMS President. We are also able to nominate people or groups for society-level awards that are not within our purview. The former are due by January 1, whereas the latter are due in spring. Do we as a committee wish to nominate anyone for any of these opportunities?

## 9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, 26 January 2022 at noon CT in Rm. 335 A/B at the Hilton of the Americas in Houston, TX; remote connectivity details to follow