

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

Attendance

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

Discussion Items

1. Continuing Business: Strategic Planning Update (lead: Stephen)

- a. The Strategic Planning Team has focused on the following themes:
 - i. Student Development
 - ii. Professional Development
 - iii. Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences
 - iv. Frontiers in Forecasting (e.g., S2S, FACETs, Conferences, among others)
 - v. Outreach Efforts
 - vi. Diversity, Equality, Inclusion, and Justice
- b. The team is currently in the brainstorming phase, and will be moving to the drafting phase of a strategic plan by late May.

2. Continuing Business: Society-Level Awards (lead: Clark)

- a. Thank you to Jennifer (ESP) and Katie (Mitchell) for volunteering to lead this year's award evaluation committees!
 - i. Jennifer had to step out of the chairperson's role and membership on the ESP evaluation committee due to a conflict of interest.
 - ii. Though I (Clark) will take over as the ESP evaluation committee chair, I still wanted to thank her for her willingness to lead this committee!
- b. Nominations for all awards were due 1 May. Please be looking for an email from the evaluation committee chairs with instructions for accessing the nominations. As in recent years, our recommendations to AMS for each award are due by the end of this month.
- c. I have not heard anything new from AMS or STAC regarding unconscious bias training for evaluation committee members. I will continue to bring this up.
- d. **Discussion:** Given the changes to the ESP Award's terms that take effect this year, are changes to our ESP evaluation rubric warranted as we enter into this year's evaluation process? If so, what changes?
 - i. **Motion:** Reject the evaluation rubric by Joe, seconded by Stephen.
 - 1. Vote: 0-17, 1 abstention. **Rubric is accepted without changes as a result of the vote.**

3. ***Continuing Business: 2023 FACETs Symposium (leads: Stephen/Victor)***

- a. A 19-member planning committee has been formed, with representation from WAF, BOGM, Committee on Emergency Management, Board on Best Practices, and the AMS Planning Commissioner serving as members.
- b. Representation is heavily government, though includes EM and academia, with hopes that we can recruit broadcast media into the planning process.
- c. We are currently reviewing 1 session topic proposal, and putting together the sessions in preparation for the abstract submission portal opening.

4. ***Continuing Business: Future Community Modeling and Innovation + Model Center Updates Symposia (lead: Clark)***

- a. **Discussion Item:** Should our committee commit to sponsoring future Community Modeling and Innovation symposia, work with AMS on a self-sponsoring arrangement, and/or identify another sponsoring committee?
 - i. The group leading the Community Modeling and Innovation symposium is in the process of petitioning AMS to establish a new committee or board focused on community modeling that would become the sponsoring organization for this symposium.
 - ii. **Committee is supportive of indefinitely continuing our sponsorship of the Community Modeling and Innovation symposium and of supporting the symposium organizers' initiative to stand up a committee or board focused on community modeling.**
- b. **Discussion Item:** Should the WAF committee resume organizing annual Model Center Updates symposia beginning with the 2024 AMS Annual Meeting?

- i. The Strategic Planning Committee offers this suggestion for thought: Community wish-list for next-gen NWP Capabilities (an alternate to Model Center Update Symposia?).
- ii. **Stephanie:** Value in bringing international groups to the table; also sees value in different formats and foci. (Alicia seconded these views.)
- iii. **Louisa:** Suggestion to remain flexible with topics/focus areas for the years when the WAF/NWP meeting is not held with the Annual Meeting.
- iv. **Rosimar:** As a modeler who doesn't work at a modeling center, would be more inclined to submit an abstract if it was not focused on modeling centers.
- v. **Jon:** Having a forum where we can talk about innovations (future and otherwise) rather than just what's happening at operational centers.
- vi. **Committee consensus is to maintain flexibility and not tie ourselves to a specific symposium topic for future years.**

5. **Continuing Business: 2023 32nd WAF/28th NWP + Mesoscale Conferences (lead: Stephanie)**

- a. July 17-21, 2023 at the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace, Madison, WI
- b. First planning meeting with the Mesoscale Processes co-chairs will take place May 18th.
 - i. Ideas for joint sessions - please let us know!
- c. Will set up WAF/NWP planning committee meeting after meeting with Meso
 - i. If you're interested in helping (and have not already talked to me), shoot me an email.
 - ii. Will likely need more help as we get closer to the conference time.
- d. Discussion centered around meeting structure (one session vs. two or more parallel sessions). WAF/NWP standalone meetings have traditionally had two parallel sessions most of the week; Mesoscale is traditionally one session. The # of concurrent sessions will likely be inversely related to the # of joint sessions.
- e. Mesoscale has traditionally provided lunch as part of registration to all attendees throughout the week. We should inquire about the impact this might have to registration costs if we were to do so for 2023.

6. **Subcommittee Reports**

- a. **Glossary (lead: Jennifer)**
 - i. No ongoing reviews.
 - ii. A long stretch (about 6 months) of no reviews!
 - iii. Andrew is still willing to become the leader of the glossary subcommittee once Jennifer's term on the committee ends in January but would like to go through the review/revision process at least once beforehand.
- b. **Social Media (lead: Katie)**
 - i. Discussion on memorials for the three OU students who perished ~a week ago. Timer has reached out to the OU Meteorology chair to help

assess if it is amenable to highlight the students who perished amidst their loss.

- ii. Possible DEI-oriented posts given our previous committee discussions; ideas welcome!
 - iii. 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. April: Stephen Bieda
 - 2. May: Tomer Burg
 - 3. June: Austin Coleman
 - iv. If interested in being on sub-committee, please email Katie.
 - 1. Responsibilities: Maintaining suggested topic list, assisting with live-tweeting conferences, assisting with managing social media if a member needs to swap a month.
- c. **Webmaster (lead: Matt)**
- i. A new website design and editing system is being launched very soon!
 - ii. No other updates.

7. Chair's Report

- a. Please review the committee's membership roster to confirm your contact information and committee role(s). If you are not currently signed up to help with at least one committee activity (conference planning, strategic plan, glossary, social media, webmaster), **please let me know** on which committee(s) you would like to serve this year!
- b. The AMS Council has established a Future of Meetings Task Force, headed by Jen Ives and Tanja Fransen, of which I am a part. This group's charge includes five foci (format, engagement, structure, Annual Meeting, venues/safety/climate change), with a preliminary report due in July and final report due in November. Please let me know if you would like to know more specifics about any of these foci and/or have thoughts that you would like to contribute to the discussion.
- c. The next AMS STAC Chairs meeting will be on May 12. Please let me and Stephen know if you have anything you would like for us to bring up on the committee's behalf at this meeting.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 28, at 4p ET/3p CT/2p MT/1p PT.