

Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Telecon Minutes

Monday, April 22, 2013, 11 AM EDT, 10 AM CDT, 9 AM, MDT, 8 AM PDT

(Minutes and notes in boldfaced blue)

1. Roll call of attendees. (Phone: 402-232-2520)

Fourteen of us were able to dial in: John Cannon, Kevin Scharfenberg, Ed Szoke, Michael Brennan, Josh Hacker, Andrew Molthan, Carolyn Reynolds, Brent Shaw, Kelly Mahoney, James Belanger, Sam Ng, Jon Porter, Charles Kuster, and me were able to join in. Lans Rothfusz, Becky Adams-Selin, Derek Mallia, and Katy Shontz had work commitments. Thanks to all for a great response!

2. Award committee judging:

We are involved in judging for three awards:

- Francis W. Reichelderfer Award: When in Austin, TX, Lans Rothfusz and Brent Shaw volunteered to serve as the two judges from WAF. (The STAC Commissioner, in consultation with the Professional Affairs Commissioner, is responsible for overseeing the award process and forming the selection committee. The selection committee is composed of a chair and two members from the Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee, two members of the Board for Operational Government Meteorologists, one member from the Hydrology Committee, and one member from the Coastal Environment Committee.)

- Exceptional Specific Prediction Award (ESPC) – Our entire committee will serve as the selection committee.

- The Charles L. Mitchell Award - Our entire committee will serve as the selection committee.

If there are very few nominations, we may try to come to closure on ESPC (four nominations for ESPC so far) and the Mitchell award (only one nomination at this point) by e-mail. Otherwise, we'll need a short telecom to resolve our recommended winners. We will hear from AMS shortly after May 1st with access codes to the nominations.

For the Reichelderfer, Lans and Brent should hear from Melissa Watson will access information for the nominations sometime in May. Please alert me if you hear nothing by around May 20.

3. AMS WAF Statement: We have formed our writing committee for the AMS WAF Statement. I'm still waiting for an official go ahead, but here are the members of the committee that I sent forward to AMS:

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At this point, our writing committee needs formal approval by the AMS Council. Then, we will convene and have about eight months to write a new statement and obtain Council approval.

4. WAF Committee website news: The new website for all the STAC committees and boards is in place: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/>

We need to do lots of work on it in several areas.

- First, we need to check our information in the membership section to ensure it is correct. Also, please check over this spreadsheet and provide me with any missing or corrected information:



WAF Member List
2013.xlsx

- **I received new, accurate information from James and Sam. I still need work addresses for Charles and Derek.**
- I've already alerted Ward Seguin that James, Andrew, Sam, and Carolyn are not shown as PhDs. I've also suggested that they do away with titles (Mr, Dr, Ms) and just show our names (and PhD when appropriate).
- Our "Committee Home" portion is blank, as is the "News and Announcements" section—we need to rectify these omissions.
- We have the ability to add new sections as ARAM has done with Reports, History, and Resources. For instance, under Reports, we could post our meeting minutes and annual reports. - **Action: Bruce.**
- I'd like a History section to have a complete list of all the WAF/NWP Conferences. I have a listing of these; I just need a *volunteer* to compile it as a table for our website. - **Jon Porter volunteered after the telecon.**
 - **Sam Ng volunteered to take over as WAF Committee webmaster from Kevin Scharfenberg. Sam and I will touch base with Brian Mardirosian of the AMS IT department to get updated on the procedures.**
 - **James suggested that we look into advertising the committee website and/or updates via social media (AMS Twitter or Facebook). He wrote me after the telecom and noted, "I think this will help expand our reach to the broader AMS and meteorology community and could help guarantee hits to the website from people who may not be aware that it's out there and available."**

- **We need to discuss this at our July teleconference. If we agree to pursue James' idea, we'll need a volunteer to lead this effort.**

5. Update on the 26th Conference on Weather Analysis and Forecasting, 22nd Conference on Numerical Weather Prediction (Atlanta, Jan, 2014) from Andrew and Kelly (co-program chairs).

The planning for the 26th WAF/ 22nd NWP conferences is going well. We have been in contact with several groups to sponsor joint sessions – some hosted by WAF/NWP, others hosted by colleagues. These will focus on topics of interest to the WAF/NWP communities. We currently plan to host a day of sessions on Thursday jointly with the 4th Conference on the Transition of Research to Operations, emphasizing test bed activities. We will also host at least one joint oral session with the 22nd Conference on Probability and Statistics on applications of ensemble forecasts and probabilistic techniques. Finally, the 6th Symposium on Aerosol-Cloud-Climate Interactions will host a joint session with us to examine the impacts of aerosols within NWP on storm dynamics, precipitation, and cloud physics. Next telecon for those on the program committee is on May 15th.

6. Discussion regarding the 27th Conference on Weather Analysis and Forecasting, 23rd Conference on Numerical Weather Prediction. This would normally occur in the late spring of 2015. We need to be scoping out a location and thinking about a program chair(s). We will need to have locked in a location and chair(s) by the Annual Meeting in Jan 2014. I did toss out the idea of Denver, CO, in a chat with Sam, but that is just one idea. Our upcoming and most recent WAF/NWP conferences have been:

- Atlanta, Jan, 2014,
- Montreal, June, 2012,
- Seattle, Jan, 2011,
- Omaha, June, 2009,
- New Orleans, Jan, 2008,
- Park City, UT, May, 2006.

I related my discussion with Sam in Austin about the possibility of Denver, CO for our 2015 conference. Sam noted that he had been to an SLS Conference in south Denver and pointed out that downtown Denver would have much more to offer for dining and evening activities. Michael confirmed the AMS process for getting offers from various conference facilities in the location that we desire, as he is currently going through this for the next Tropical Conference with Brenda Ward (AMS Senior Meetings Coordinator).

7. We'll need to begin a search for new members for WAF starting in January, 2014, as John Cannon, Kevin Scharfenberg, and Ed Szoke will have completed six years with us. If you have suggestions of possible new members, please pass their information along to me. We only have two private sector members so it might be good if one of our additions is from that arena.

8. Congratulations to Andrew Molthan for having been chosen to be a co-chair for the 95th AMS Annual Meeting, January, 2015, Phoenix, AZ!

9. Other matters of interest or concern.

- **None were mentioned.**
- **I do welcome your comments and ideas at all times.**
- **We will have our next teleconference in the July timeframe. Also, we may have to convene sooner to select winners for the ESPC and Mitchell Awards, but these would not be lengthy calls.**

Submitted by Bruce Telfeyan