

Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Telecon Minutes

Wednesday, October 23, 2013; 4 PM EDT; 3 PM CDT; 2 PM, MDT; and 1 PM, PDT

In attendance were: Kelly Mahoney, John Cannon, Kevin Sharfenberg, Lans Rothfusz, Edward Szoke, Josh Hacker, Carolyn Reynolds, Michael Brennan, Becky Adams-Selin, Andrew Molthan, Charles Kuster, Derek Mallia, Kathryn Shontz, and Bruce Telfeyan.

Unable to attend: Brent Shaw, Jon Porter, James Belanger, and Sam Ng.

Guest attendee: Our leader, STAC Commissioner Ward Seguin.

2. AMS WAF Statement: The AMS Council has given approval to our drafting committee and for us to proceed with the revision of the existing AMS WAF statement. The initial meeting for the drafting committee was held on Wednesday, Oct 23, 1 PM, CDT. Here is the committee membership:

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We have eight months from the date of the AMS Council's approval (equating to May 24, 2014) to revise the Statement and then obtain Council approval on the updated statement.

3. John Cannon, Kevin Scharfenberg, and Ed Szoke will have completed six years with us in January 2014 and have to leave the committee. Thanks to each for their dedicated work on our committee and kind comments!

- Based upon input from some of you and approval by most of you, I've submitted nominations packages for five prospective members. I felt that each had much to offer us and asked Ward Seguin for his approval to expand our membership to 17 members (and three students). Here are the prospective new members:

- **Alex Tardy**, WCM, San Diego, CA—recommended by his MIC and former WAF member, Roger Pierce.
- **Cyrena-Marie Briede**, Director of Summit Operations, Mount Washington Observatory—brings unique experience with observational meteorology and mesonet expertise; recommended by Sam Ng.
- **Gail Hartfield**, Sr Forecaster, NWS Raleigh, NC—former BOGM Chair, experience operational forecaster.
- **Walter Drag**, Sr Forecaster, NWS, Mt Holly, NJ—experienced operational forecaster; recommended by John Cannon, and
- **Jason Furtando**, PhD, Atmospheric and Environmental Research, Lexington, MA—private sector forecaster and researcher.

- The nominations have been submitted to the AMS Council and I'm hopeful of approval for all of them. I'm not sure when I will receive word of the Council's action, but normally it is granted.

4. Review of WAF Committee website news: As noted in April, 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/>

- Again, thanks for Sam Ng for taking the lead on our site and giving us a high quality site.
- Our "Committee Home" portion is no longer blank. Sam and I wrote a few remarks to go there. Check it out (<http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/>) and if you have any ideas to revise or expand them, let us know.
- Thanks again to Jon Porter for creating the table for the Past – Planned Events tab.
- If you wish to have your photo appear (this is not mandatory!) in the Photographs tab, please send a photo of your choosing to Sam Ng (sng1@msudenver.edu). So far, Sam only has photos of himself and me.
 - I feel that this is perhaps a good way to obtain some visibility for our committee as folks may recognize us at conferences or meetings. It might help spread the word of the services we provide and help us carry out our work and perhaps act as mentors.

5. Further discussion regarding the 27th Conference on Weather Analysis and Forecasting, 23rd Conference on Numerical Weather Prediction:

This joint event will occur in the late spring of 2015. We have been scoping out possible 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. At the conclusion of our July conference call, the three most mentioned sites were:

- 1) Denver, CO,
- 2) Salt Lake City, UT (I forwarded Derek Mallia's nomination package to all of you on Sept 9th), and
- 3) Albuquerque, NM.

Before mid-November, I'll ask for your choice of the location for the conference. Brenda Ward of the AMS will serve as our Program Coordinator. She will make arrangements for the conference site within our chosen city, including the contracts needed to bring about the conference space, computer support, and food arrangements.

6. WAF Committee Presence on Facebook

Derek Mallia suggested that we create a WAF page on Facebook. Charles Kuster followed up and created the page. You can find it at

<https://www.facebook.com/WAFcommittee>

- Now that we have a Facebook presence, we should try to keep it active and attract interest to it. Perhaps we need to actively post events of interest to it. Charles and I have administrative privileges.
- As per our discussion, I have given these privileges to all of you who have a facebook account.

7. 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). You can view the link to our conference at: <https://ams.confex.com/ams/94Annual/webprogram/26WAF22NWP.html>

8. Additional 94th AMS Annual Meeting (in Atlanta) items:

- WAF Committee Meeting: For those of you who are planning to be in Atlanta, I've asked the AMS to set our luncheon meeting for **Tuesday, Feb 4 from noon to 1:30 PM.**

- Members planning (or hoping) to be in Atlanta are as follows: Andrew, Kelly, Lans, Carolyn, Ed, Sam, Charles, Katy, and Bruce. Of our incoming members, I am unsure who hopes to attend.

- The Annual STAC meeting will be on Saturday, Feb 1st, probably 8:30 AM to 3 PM. I will attend (and most of the 36 STAC Committee and Board chairs), but any of you who will be in Atlanta are welcome to join in. In the afternoon there is a training session for conference program chairs. It would be great if the person designated to chair the 27th WAF/23rd NWP could attend on Saturday afternoon.

9. Mountain Meteorology Conference, Missoula, MT, week of 28 July 2014:

- Heather Reeves (Mountain Meteorology Chair) contacted Josh Hacker and me to see if WAF would be willing to sponsor a joint session at their July meeting. Josh has agreed to represent WAF in this endeavor.
- Heather envisions a session that focuses on NWP and data assimilation in mountainous terrain. She notes that they ordinarily have sessions on this topic, but it is not usually heavily favored. As our representative, Josh would be responsible for helping to choose which abstracts to put in the oral session and which in the poster.
- Josh is willing to take this on provided he has another member of our committee step forward and offer to review abstracts to the session with him. **Please let me know** if you are interested in joining with Josh.
- Heather also requested that an official notice of the joint session will be advertised to the people on the WAF/NWP mailing list. We could arrange for this to occur.

10. I need to submit the WAF Committee Annual Report by the end of November. I think I have most activities in mind. But, if you've led an effort, please send me a summary (brief) of your activities by mid-November. Examples would include some of these and others:

- Leading our symposium in Austin,
- Leading our conference planning for Atlanta,
- Reviewing suggestions for the AMS glossary,

- Setting up our WAF website on the AMS webpage,
- Setting up our Facebook page,
- Serving as judges for the Exceptional Specific Prediction, Charles L Mitchell, and Reichelderfer Awards.

11. We briefly discussed our continued support and review of additions/revisions to the AMS Glossary of Meteorology. John Cannon provided a quick update of the review of the Norlun Trough definition (our most recent task).

12. Other matters of interest or concern: Ward Seguin expressed appreciation and thanks for the work we are doing. He mentioned that the AMS Council has approved David Stensrud (NSSL) as the next STAC Commissioner.

Submitted by Bruce Telfeyan
WAF Committee Chair
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