

## Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Telecon Minutes

Monday, July 29, 2013; 3 PM EDT; 2 PM CDT; 1 PM, MDT; and Noon PDT

1. In attendance were: Derek Malia, Sam Ng, Jon Porter, Bruce Telfeyan, Ed Szoke, Brent Shaw, Kelly Mahoney, Becky Adams-Selin, and briefly Andrew Molthan.
2. AMS WAF Statement: Based upon feedback from the AMS Council, we had to expand our writing committee to include an operational forecaster from NWS (Neil Stuart, Albany, NY volunteered) and a Council member (Yvette Richardson accepted our invitation). We still need a formal stamp of approval from the Council.
  - The WAF statement précis contained five objectives for updating the statement. Members of the committee need to send me their preferences for the statement on which they prefer to work (if they haven't done so already). After receiving this information, Bruce will send the package of updated membership to the AMS Council, and hopefully expects their approval in about a month. Then, actual work to revise the statement will commence.

Here is the latest writing committee lineup:

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3. WAF Committee website news:
  - Our WAF committee website (<http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/>) is up and running, with special thanks to Sam Ng.
  - **If your profile/address/etc is not accurate, in order to change it you must go to your online AMS membership profile and modify it to your liking.**
  - If you would like to include a photo of you (this is totally optional), email Sam Ng ([sng1@msudenver.edu](mailto:sng1@msudenver.edu)) the photo of your choosing. Also let Sam or Bruce know if you have any ideas for the "Committee Home" tab on our page, as it is currently blank. The other tabs are as follows:

- Membership: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/membership/>
- Terms of Reference: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/terms-of-reference/>
- News and Announcements: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/news-and-announcements/>
- Photographs (again, if you want, send yours to Sam): <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/photographs1/>
- Annual Reports: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/ams-waf-annual-reports/>
- Meetings and Notes: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/ams-waf-meetings-and-notes/>
- Past – Planned Events: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/past-planned-events/>

- Thanks to Jon Porter for creating the table for the Past – Planned Events tab.

4. Discussion on the 27<sup>th</sup> conference on WAF/23<sup>rd</sup> conference on NWP in spring/summer 2015.

- We discussed a number of possible cities, including Denver, CO; Salt Lake city, UT; and Albuquerque, NM. We decided that **interested parties should put together a packet of information on their suggested city and submit it to the rest of the committee.** We can discuss these options at the next telecom. **Volunteers for program co-chairs are also needed.** Living in the conference city is helpful but not necessary. Again, our 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.

5. Three new members will be needed for WAF starting in January 2014 as John Cannon, Kevin Scharfenberg, and Ed Szoke will have completed six years with us. We will need an operational forecaster from NWS, and perhaps it would be beneficial to our efforts to have someone from HQ NWS. **Please submit any nominations to me by the end of August.** I will email the committee the list of nominees at the start of September for us to discuss.

6. Member achievements:

- Congratulations to Lans Rothfusz for becoming the Acting Deputy Director of NSSL.

- Additionally, kudos to Josh Hacker for his move to NCAR and new duties there. (Please try to let me know of any changes in your affiliations and responsibilities that you think might interest our colleagues.)

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

- a. Claudia Gorski of AMS asked about an abstract extension, primarily to accommodate known issues with government employees securing funding for abstract submissions. The original abstract due date for all conferences was 1 August. She proposed 15 August. I agreed to an extension to 8 August and then we'll reconsider – I mentioned that we'd be willing to go "officially" out to August 15 to be consistent with the other conferences, but would prefer not to as we have a large schedule and that leaves us less than two weeks to organize.
- b. The AMS is **\*not\*** extending the final program deadline of September 3, which is effectively about August 30 given the Labor Day holiday. So, our plan is to wait until the last minute and extend to 8 August, then wait until the last minute (August 7) and extend to 15 August if necessary.
- c. Kelly and Andrew will kindly prescreen the abstracts and assign them to the pre-defined topics, and parcel the abstracts out to the rest of the committee to read and approve. The next conference call for the program committee is Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- d. As of July 29, we have 48 abstracts submitted. So, we should expect to see a pretty significant uptick.
- e. All of our hosted joint sessions have been identified: one with Probability and Statistics on ensemble forecasts, four with IOAS-AOLS on DA applications, and a day-long four sessions with the 4<sup>th</sup> R2O.
- f. We have identified topics for our conference committee to organize abstracts and will be providing more information on that in the coming days.
- g. Our next scheduled conference call is on August 21, and I'm hopeful that we won't need to schedule additional calls as long as we get a good turnout that day.
- h. Kelly and Andrew will need to refine session chairs, identify student participants, and judging layouts after the program is set.

8. Other matters of interest or concern:

- Charles Custer has volunteered to start a Facebook page for the WAF committee.
- Our next WAF committee conference call will be in mid-to-late October.
- I'm tentatively planning for our WAF committee meeting at the AMS Annual Meeting (in Atlanta) to be on Tuesday, Feb 4, 2014 lunch – **if you have a conflict, let me know**. I do appreciate that many of you may not get funding to attend.

Submitted by Bruce Telfeyan  
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