

# AMS Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee

Friday, February 06, 2015 7:39 AM

AMS Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Conference Call Minutes

Tuesday, February 10 at 2:00 pm Central

**Minutes items in bold and inserted into the previous agenda.**

**Green Items: Resolved**

**Red Items: Actions for Committee Members**

1. Roll Call -- let me know if I missed your attendance!
  - Andrew Molthan
  - Walter Drag
  - Justin McLay
  - Jen Alexander
  - Chris McCray
  - Sam Ng
  - Kelly Mahoney
  - Becky Adams-Selin
  - Jennifer Tate
  - Jason Furtado
  - Cyrena-Marie Briede
  - Lans Rothfusz
  - Josh Hacker
  - Gail Hartfield
  - Jon Porter
2. Update on Upcoming Conference Events
  - a. 27th WAF / 23rd NWP Conferences in Chicago
    - i. First committee meeting was held last week to discuss big picture topics. Discussions focused primarily on some key focus areas for solicitation of abstracts and perhaps some brief panel discussions.
    - ii. "The Evolving Role of the Forecaster", "Use and Communication of Uncertainty Information" were initially suggested (final titles likely different), along with specific names for traditional "Forecast Center Overviews" talks.
    - iii. Web page for the conference should be released soon, contains hotel information and other details. Abstracts can be submitted through the AMS online abstracts portal.
      - 1) <https://ams.confex.com/ams/> and select our conferences.
  - b. 96th AMS Annual Meeting in New Orleans
    - i. Late last year, WAF committee offered to co-sponsor a one-day Special Symposium on Hurricane Katrina: Progress in Leveraging Science, Enhancing Response, and Improving Resilience, to be held on 12 January 2016. The call for papers has been drafted and is available on the AMS Annual Meeting page.
    - ii. Role of WAF will likely be to select abstracts for a single oral session and help with session chairing, and judging of student poster awards will be offered for the symposium.
      - 1) **Jen Alexander and Josh Hacker offered to help with one-day symposium. As the event unfolds, Andrew will provide the organizing committee with contact information for Jen and Josh so that they can help with the organization process.**
3. Update from the AMS Scientific and Technological Activities Commission

- a. The STAC has passed around a set of guidelines for handling funding opportunities for students that serve on committees. Waiting to see the final guidelines posted, but the first draft was pretty clear that students remain eligible for all types of support, as long as committees take special care to avoid any real or perceived conflicts of interest (e.g. set up judges for awards external to the committee, etc.)
  - i. **Andrew will provide a copy of the guidelines once they become available and are posted.**
- b. Check out the monthly STAC newsletter highlighting other board and committee events:
  - i. <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/news-reports/>
- 4. Committee Roles and Responsibilities Discussion
  - a. Andrew distributed a spreadsheet of roles and responsibilities based upon his understanding of member interests -- please review and suggest a role you're willing to play if you haven't already.
- 5. Awards and Fellows
  - a. The WAF committee has a role to play in seeking nominations for and participating in the following award selections:
    - i. Exceptional Specific Prediction
      - 1) <http://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-fellows-and-honorary-members/awards/awards-list/the-award-for-an-exceptional-specific-prediction/>
    - ii. Charles L. Mitchell
      - 1) <http://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-fellows-and-honorary-members/awards/awards-list/the-charles-l-mitchell-award/>
    - iii. Francis W. Reichelderfer
      - 1) <http://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-fellows-and-honorary-members/awards/awards-list/the-francis-w-reichelderfer-award/>
    - iv. Nomination of AMS Fellows
      - 1) <http://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-fellows-and-honorary-members/fellows/>
    - v. Board for Early Career Professionals -- Early Career Achievement
      - 1) Guidelines for this award were provided in a separate flyer -- ask Andrew if you did not receive a copy.
    - vi. **Committee members suggested that we find a way to determine if a possible nominee is an eligible AMS member, as there are concerns about putting forth effort in a nomination packet only to find the recipient isn't eligible.**
    - vii. **RESOLVED:** Jen Alexander provided a link to the AMS membership directory:
      - 1) <http://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/membership/ams-member-resources/>
      - 2) You can access "Membership Directory" in the right hand column under "Member Favorites", log in with your AMS credentials (same email and password used to access your member profile, etc.) and then search for candidates by their last name. Select the member via radio button and submit to see their current membership tier/status. This search capability *should* be open to all AMS members with their login information.
    - viii. Jon Porter suggested using our social media presence and other networks to highlight the awards process and tell people how it works. **ACTION:** POCs for social media in the upcoming months should provide information about the awards available and the submission process.
    - ix. **ACTION:** Andrew will ask the STAC for clarification between the Mitchell and Reichelderfer award.
    - x. Send out a summary description of the specific awards and information, and links to past winners.
      - 1) **RESOLVED:** Andrew has provided links for each award above in the meeting

minutes, and a database to search past recipients:

<http://www2.ametsoc.org/awards/search.cfm>

- b. Award information:
  - i. <http://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-fellows-and-honorary-members/>
- c. Named Sessions / Symposia
  - i. We can also consider special named sessions or requesting named symposia to honor scientists in our community. Named Symposia are quite difficult, but Named Sessions might be a unique award for someone in the WAF/NWP community. Might be able to execute this for Seattle 2017 if desired.
    - 1) <http://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-fellows-and-honorary-members/named-sessions/>
- d. Committee members should broadly encourage their peers to consider submitting great candidates for these awards. Award nomination packages are **due by 1 May 2015**.
- 6. AMS Glossary of Meteorology
  - a. No known, current activities regarding the Glossary of Meteorology related to WAF.
- 7. Web Page / Social Media
  - a. <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/>
    - i. **ACTION: Andrew will work with Sam and student members to ensure access to web editing and give guidance on content to revise.**
  - b. Upcoming Facebook rotation:
    - i. **ACTION: Facebook/Tweet award criteria and nomination details for WAF-related awards as part of social media activities**
    - ii. February -- Michael Brennan
    - iii. March -- Sam Ng
    - iv. April -- Becky Adams-Selin
  - c. Our hash tag for the 27th WAF / 23rd NWP conferences will be ... announced shortly!
    - i. **RESOLVED: The approved hash tag for the Chicago conference will be #WAFNWP15**
- 8. Other Items
  - a. Jon Porter asked if we had received feedback regarding our Phoenix activities.
    - i. Town Hall on Career Opportunities for Newly Graduated Meteorologists: attendance was strong, lots of great questions and interaction, and a general consensus that this is a topic that would be of interest at future annual meetings. **ACTION: If WAF committee members are willing to put together a Town Hall Meeting on this topic for 2016, please let Andrew know. Other boards and committees would likely assist in planning and execution.**
    - ii. **Special Symposium on High Performance Computing: Members of the WAF committee assisted with presentation selection and chairing of sessions. The symposium went well but it is unclear if it will be held again in New Orleans. If so, members of the WAF committee may be asked to participate again.**
- 9. Next Committee Call
  - a. Currently planned for Tuesday, April 21st at 10:00 am Central