

Minutes

AMS Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Conference Call

April 21, 2015 at 10:00 am Central

1. Roll Call
 - a. Walter Drag
 - b. Andrew Molthan
 - c. Jennifer Tate
 - d. Robert Banks
 - e. Joseph Slezak
 - f. Gail Hartfield-Supina
 - g. Brent Shaw
 - h. Alex Tardy
 - i. Mike Brennan
 - j. Cyrena Briede
 - k. James Belanger
 - l. Josh Hacker
 - m. Kelly Mahoney
 - n. Sam Ng
 - o. Jason Furtado
2. Update / Resolve previous actions:
 - a. Andrew to ask STAC for clarification on Reichelderfer/Mitchell
 - i. **Resolved** – response received from Dave Stensrud and shared with the committee in an email from March 2
 - b. POCs for social media to highlight awards process and criteria
 - i. **Resolved** -- award information was shared via Facebook
 - c. Resolve web page editing rights for student committee members
 - i. **Resolved** -- Student members now have access and have provided updates, thank you!
 - d. Updating names / affiliations on committee STAC page
 - i. **Partially Resolved** – individuals need to contact Melissa Weston at AMS HQ (mweston@ametsoc.org) to have these items updated.
3. Update on Upcoming Conference Events
 - a. 27th WAF / 23rd NWP Conferences in Chicago (#WAFNWP15)
 - i. Completed program was provided to Brenda Ward on April 3, pending some minor changes as a few attendees drop/add.
 - ii. Special events include a NOAA Modeling Forum on Monday's lunch period, Women's Dinner being planned for Tuesday, committee luncheon and coordinated group outing on Wednesday evening.
 - b. 96th AMS Annual Meeting in New Orleans
 - i. Topics for the call for papers and abstract submissions were provided for the one-day special symposium co-sponsored by WAF: Special Symposium on Hurricane Katrina: Progress in

Leveraging Science, Enhancing Response, and Improving Resilience

- ii. Jen Alexander and Josh Hacker offered to help with the event as it unfolds.
- iii. **NEW ITEM: Request from Early Career Board THM to co-sponsor session on skills needed (similar to PHX), details TBD.**

1. **No concerns with co-sponsoring.**

- 4. Updates to Definitions in the AMS Glossary
 - a. Brent and WAF committee members developed and submitted a revised definition for “Weather System” to Mary Cairns on March 23, thank you to Brent and committee members for leading that effort.
- 5. Updates from the AMS Scientific and Technological Activities Commission
 - a. None currently to report
- 6. Committee Roles and Responsibilities
 - a. No changes to report, but please provide feedback if you’d like to be more involved in an area of the committee.
- 7. Awards and Fellows
 - a. AMS award nominations are due 1 May.
 - b. We appointed committee members for reviews:
 - i. **Exceptional Specific Prediction**
 - ii. **Mitchell Award**
 - iii. **Reicherlderfer**
 - iv. These members should be contacted by AMS on how to proceed with their reviews. Leads for each will work with other committee members to perform reviews and submit final packages to Andrew for submission.
 - v. **ACTION for review committees: review TORs:**
 - vi. <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/awards/the-charles-l-mitchell-award/>
 - vii. <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/awards/the-award-for-an-exceptional-specific-prediction/>
 - c. Early Career Award
 - i. **ACTION for committee members – review award criteria and consider nominating a colleague**
 - d. Deadline for the Board for Early Career Professionals award is 1 June rather than 1 May. See attached flyer and please work with your colleagues to submit an early career scientist for nomination.
 - e. Special Sessions and Symposia
 - i. We can also consider special named sessions at an upcoming conference (e.g. WAF/NWP in Seattle 2017) or work with other committees and conferences to honor those in our field.
 - 1. **ACTION for Sam Ng / Walt Drag – consider nominations for colleagues mentioned on the call**
- 8. Web Page / Social Media

- a. Lots of great content continues to be shared on the WAF facebook page. POCs/leads for content in the upcoming months:
 - i. April: Becky Adams-Selin
 - ii. May: Kelly Mahoney
 - iii. June: Christopher McCray
 - b. For those who have access to posting and wish to continue doing so, feel free – the more relevant content, the better, as long as we don't "spam", maybe some content a few times a week is ideal.
 - c. Please use social media to remind people of the upcoming award deadlines and our conference activities / student opportunities in Chicago.
 - i. **ACTION for Ng: confirm that there is a link between the committee page and the Facebook page.**
 - ii. **ACTION for social media POCs: consider inclusion of blogs in our field for posting on Facebook and other pages.**
9. Committee Membership and Appointments
- a. Records I've been provided show that the following committee members have terms that expire in 2016 and are term-limited:
 - i. **Lans Rothfusz -- expiring**
 - ii. **Kelly Mahoney -- expiring**
 - b. This creates at least three vacancies where we will need to solicit nominations for replacement.
 - c. Members with upcoming expiring terms that need to confirm if they are desiring a second three-year term – let me know via email if you plan to continue supporting the WAF committee:
 - i. **James Belanger – will renew, now expiring 2019**
 - ii. **Sam Ng – will renew, now expiring 2019**
 - iii. **Jonathan Porter – will renew, now expiring 2019**
 - iv. **Becky Adams-Selin – will renew, now expiring 2019**
 - d. Nominations – If you have heard/know of people interested in serving, please have them assemble a 1-2 page vitae and brief statement (i.e. paragraph) about their interest in the committee. Advertise that nominations are open via social media page(s). As a committee, we will review the nominations and vote to make selections.
10. Additional Comments
- a. **Sam –**
 - i. **ACTION: Members who are going to the WAF conference, if you're interested in being a student poster / paper judge, let Sam know. He is creating a list of judges for presentations.**

NEXT CALL: Tuesday, June 16 at 2:00 pm CDT