April 2015 STAC Newsletter

AMS Awards, Lecturer, and Fellow Nominations: Nominators are reminded of the approaching May 1st due date. http://www2.ametsoc.org/awards/index.cfm.


STAC Web Editors' Webinar: Training on editing and updating STAC board and committee web pages will be offered soon. A Doodle poll is currently posted at http://doodle.com/uzmgqc7qtt29bt82. Chairs are asked to have their web page focal points participate in this training. Brian Mardirosian, bmardirosian@ametsoc.org.

Data Archiving and Citations: The AMS is about to post in the author guidelines a new set of recommendations for journals titled, "Data Archiving and Citations." The recommendations promote the archiving of data related to papers published in AMS journals, and provide how such data should be cited within AMS papers. The recommendation grew out of a joint, year-long effort between the AMS Board on Data Stewardship (BDS) and the AMS Publications Commission (PC). These guidelines are intended to enable readers of articles in AMS journals to identify and find the dataset(s) related to a given publication and “encourage authors to archive their data in a repository that can ensure the longevity and continued utility of datasets.” They also provide a small number of examples of how to create formal citations to data sets. As the guidelines are implemented by authors within AMS journals, cases will certainly emerge of more complex or detailed datasets that are not well addressed by the current recommendations and examples. Authors, editors, reviewers, and the AMS publications office should work together to ensure that solutions are found that meet the needs of both the author(s) and the broader scientific community. These challenging cases may be brought to the attention of the AMS editors or publications staff to spur the development of additional examples and iterative improvement of the recommendations themselves over time. The development of these guidelines is both timely and beneficial. It dovetails with numerous other ongoing initiatives within scientific research, government, and funding institutions, and it helps to increase reproducibility and transparency of the scientific results and discoverability of the data produced by the AMS community. Mohan Ramamurthy, mohan@ucar.edu.

Notice on Funding Requests for Conferences and Symposiums: The conference or symposium funding form can be found at: http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/meetings/. Once submitted and approved by the Commissioner, if a board or committee decides to reallocate how conference or symposium funds are to be spent after the approval, the board or committee must resubmit a revised funding request. These revised
requests should be submitted well before the conference or symposium in order to give the Commissioner time to review and act on the requests. Boards and committees should not unilaterally decide to offer additional best paper awards or change the amounts of the awards. Students should also not be notified of an award before the funding request has been approved by the Commissioner.  david.stensrud@psu.edu

**2015 Specialty Meetings**: Programs have been posted for the following Specialty Conferences. Claudia Gorski, cgorski@ametsoc.org.


**2016 Annual Meeting**: The call for papers has been posted and the abstract submission system is open. Go to: [http://annual.ametsoc.org/2016/](http://annual.ametsoc.org/2016/). Claudia, Gorski, cgorski@ametsoc.org.