

## April 2016 STAC Newsletter

**AMS Awards, Lecturer, and Fellow Nominations:** Nominators are reminded of the approaching May 1<sup>st</sup> due date. Nominations can be entered at: <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-honors/awards/> . STAC members who are part of nomination review teams are asked to review the awards conflict of interest statement: <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-honors/information-for-award-committee-members/ensuring-an-objective-award-selection-process/> . Questions can be directed to any of the three STAC Commissioners.

**AMS Password Change Required:** If you received an e-mail from [amsmembers-owner@ametsocmail.org](mailto:amsmembers-owner@ametsocmail.org) titled “We’re Back” and have not looked at the message, now is the time. The AMS has converted to a new association management, which will allow AMS to operate more productively and efficiently, and will provide you with an easy-to-use interface to better manage aspects of your membership and other interactions with AMS. Your previous password was reset to a temporary password, which will need to be changed before you are allowed access to any new or existing Web applications. You may reset your password by following the instructions in the e-mail. Brian Mardirosian, [bmardirosian@ametsoc.org](mailto:bmardirosian@ametsoc.org)

**AMS 2017 Specialty Meetings:** The currently scheduled meetings for 2017 are posted at: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UhN5Jieh08uAkVV6qyIN2bxlJNRhuSuijo2IGSwQ3Lo/edit?usp=sharing> . If your Board/Committee is planning to sponsor a specialty conference or symposium which is not scheduled, contact the Meetings Department by April 29th, 2016, and provide the following: Board/Committee, Preferred Location, Preferred Dates, Possible Partner Boards/Committees other Organizations, Program Chair names and contact information. Claudia Gorski, [cgorski@ametsoc.org](mailto:cgorski@ametsoc.org).

**2017 Annual Meeting Poster Sessions:** After reviewing the surveys and comments from attendees, program chairs, exhibitors, and AMS staff members, the Meetings Department in concert with the Annual Meeting Oversight Committee (AMOC) has put together a new approach for the Formal Poster Viewings at the Annual Meeting. Previously, the first group of posters was available on Monday and Tuesday, and the second group on Wednesday-Thursday. The new approach will divide the posters into three groups, with each group assigned to just one day on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. This will make the best use of Poster Session space, enable clear and consistent set up and tear down schedules, and make it more likely student poster awards will be presented at the meeting. Claudia Gorski, [cgorski@ametsoc.org](mailto:cgorski@ametsoc.org).

**Proposing Sessions for Specialty Meetings:** It is often not understood, but anyone can propose new or different sessions for specially conferences sponsored by any of the AMS Commissions, including those held at the Annual Meeting or at other times and locations during the year. Keith Seither, the AMS Executive Director, explains how this can happen in the March 2016 Bulletin

(page 471). Those interested in proposing new sessions can contact one of the STAC Commissioners or one of the 36 Boards and Committee chairs of STAC.

**AMS Organization Chart:** A simplified organizational chart has been added to the STAC web site, which shows the Commissions in relation to the AMS Council.

<https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/simplified-ams-org-chart/>

**STAC Board and Committee Web Pages:** Many Board and Committee (B/C) web pages have very dated information. Helping to maintain these web pages is a great way to learn about the AMS and support your B/C. Student members are encouraged to support this effort because they are often skilled in maintaining web sites. To liven-up your B/C's web pages, consider adding pictures related to the board's/committee's mission. For those requiring training, Brian Mardirosian is planning to have a second webinar in May or early June. Brian will be posting training videos on YouTube like the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cPGSuKNxVk>. Also, additional instruction information can be found at: <https://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/stac-web-editors/> . Bruce Telfeyan, [rbt48@cox.net](mailto:rbt48@cox.net) .

**The following are links to 2016 Annual Meeting conference and symposiums summaries sponsored by STAC. Because of the large number of summaries, the Commissioners have chosen to publish links to the individual summaries.**

AMS 2016 14th Symposium on the Coastal Environment Summary, sponsored by the **Committee on Coastal Environment:**

<https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-coastal-environment/news-and-announcements/>

Special Symposium on Seamless Weather and Climate Prediction — Expectations and Limits of Multiscale Predictability: <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/news-reports/special-symposium-reports-summaries/summary-report-on-the-special-symposium-on-seamless-weather-and-climate-prediction-expectations-and-limits-of-multiscale-predictability/>

**Upcoming Meetings:** Go to: <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/meetings-events/upcoming-meetings/>