

## April 2018 STAC Newsletter

**Conference Summaries Needed:** A reminder that if your board or committee had a conference or symposium at the AMS Annual Meeting in Austin, you need to provide a short summary of that event and post it on your board or committees web site in the “News and Announcements” section. This is the one report that is required by AMS. (I will be glad to post it if you need assistance). Of course, our thanks for the following summaries which you have sent in from the 2018 Annual Meeting:

- [17th Conference on Artificial Intelligence Applications to Environmental Science](#)
- [9th Session on Environment and Health](#)
- [Special Symposium on Impact-Based Decision Support Services \(WAF\)](#)
- [32nd Conference on Hydrology](#)
- [20th Conference on Atmospheric Chemistry](#)
- [12th International Conference on Southern Hemisphere Meteorology and Oceanography \(ICSHMO\)](#)
- [13th Symposium on Societal Applications: Policy, Research, and Practice](#)
- [15th Conference on Space Weather](#)

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**Safe and Inclusive Meetings:** We recently learned of a conference sponsored by another science society during which there was inappropriate behavior towards women. As you know, AMS is committed to safe and inclusive meetings for all – harassment, intimidation, or discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated. Please review the AMS statement on Safe and Inclusive Meetings during your next board or committee meeting, and be sure to apply due diligence when you are approached by other science societies to participate in joint conferences. We need to be certain of their commitments regarding safe and inclusive meetings before developing any partnerships. <https://annual.ametsoc.org/2019/index.cfm/about/safe-and-inclusive-meetings/>

**Society Awards:** The 1 May deadline for submitting Society Awards and AMS Fellow Nominations is fast approaching. Each STAC B/C should encourage colleagues to nominate deserving individuals or groups for these awards and recognition. Also B/Cs might consider nominating a worthy individual as an AMS Fellow. Further information on AMS awards can be found at <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-honors/>

**Note:** There are no Lecturer nominations this year as the awardees for the Roberts, Haurwitz, and Horton Lectures for 2019 were selected last year. Previous lecturers have indicated that they don't need, and probably would rather avoid, commitments that are over a year in the future. So nominations for lecturers will be due on 1 May 2019 for the Lecturer in 2020 and nominations will again be accepted starting in January 2019.

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**Summer STAC Chair Telecon:** We are planning to hold another summer teleconference of all STAC board and committee chairs and vice-chairs. Please begin to gather any questions that you

may have for us, or items you want to discuss. Of course, you are also encouraged to reach out to your Commissioners with any questions as they arise.

**AMS Community Website:** We were briefed on the new [AMS Community Website](#) at our STAC Annual Meeting in Austin. Every one of the 454 STAC members should now have access to the new platform and we encourage you to look into using it for your board/committee correspondence. The goal of the Community is to improve communication. In this regard, it can easily replace email, allowing a place for active discussion that is centralized and easily searchable. Additionally, you can use the Community to share and store working documents, white papers, reports, minutes, upcoming meeting agendas, and more. This platform is a versatile and flexible tool, allowing for enhanced committee continuity and will be an excellent resource for new committee members. It's the direction the AMS is heading, and we hope you will take advantage of it. Please take some time to explore the site. If you need any assistance at all with the platform, please contact [Jordan Stillman](#), the AMS Community Coordinator. She recently posted a [best practices document](#) for using the platform, which I encourage you to review.

**Note:** You can make the AMS Community platform more useful for your own groups by making a change in the default setting so that you receive any message posted to your Community immediately instead as a morning digest. This is an easy change as follows:

- In your Community of interest, simply click on the "Settings" icon right beside the Community header and change the e-mail notifications to "Real Time." (This is a separate setting in each Community, so you can leave any other Community you are part of set to digest mode if you like.)

**Greetings from AMS President Elect Jenni Evans:** I am excited to begin my collaboration with you all as we support the evolution of our society and build a vision of our second century. I am looking to you to help us to recruit members who want to be part of some new initiatives in 2019, building towards the 2020 meeting and beyond. Some examples include creating a forum for reflecting on the past, present and future of the society through a YouTube channel or other media, looking for synergies with sister organizations here and abroad so that we can explore new directions in diversity, communications, and working among disciplines and sectors. Thank you all for everything you do for our profession and our society.