

August 2016 STAC Newsletter

2017 Annual Meeting Abstract Deadlines: The extended deadline for abstracts has passed for the majority of the Annual Meeting conferences and symposiums, but some deadlines have been extended. Check out this web site to view which conferences/symposiums are still open for abstracts: <https://ams.confex.com/ams/97Annual/oasys.epl>.

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Meeting Registration Site: The AMS Meetings registration page is up and running at: <https://www.ametsoc.org/meet/atreg/> . This page makes it easy to start your registration process.

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2017 Annual Meeting Hotels: The AMS Meetings Department is still working to get all of the hotel information up on the website for the Annual Meeting. It is expected this information will be available shortly. The Sheraton Seattle Hotel will serve as Annual Meeting headquarters.

Hotel information will be posted at: <https://annual.ametsoc.org/2017/index.cfm/travel/hotels/> .

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STAC Membership Updates: All Board and Committee chairs are reminded of the **1 October deadline** for updating their memberships. If you have any questions about membership, visit <https://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/membership/> . This site has position descriptions for the chair and board/committee members, membership guidelines, and the nomination form. Dave Stensrud, djs78@psu.edu .

Student Funding Opportunities: Current student travel grants information can be found: <https://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/information-for/students/ams-student-travel-grants/> .

There is still time to apply for **28th Conference on Severe Local Storms** grants. The deadline is 16 September. The 2017 Annual Meeting opportunities will be posted soon. For additional information, students should contact Donna Fernandez, 617-227-2426 ext. 3907,

dFernandez@ametsoc.org .

2018 Annual Meeting: The AMS Meeting Department has been working with AMS President-elect, Matt Parker, and his organizing committee on the American Meteorological Society's 98th Annual Meeting to be held 7–11 January 2018 in Austin, Texas. The theme is “Transforming Communication in the Weather, Water and Climate Enterprise: Focusing on Challenges Facing Our Sciences.” A tentative list of participating conferences and symposiums is being developed based on e-mails received from STAC Chairs as well as a history of committees that traditionally meet at the Annual Meeting. STAC Board and Committee chairs are asked to confirm your committee's participation as soon as possible, if they have not done so. The Meetings Department needs to know if your Board/Committee conference will meet as a full conference or

as part of a smaller one-day special symposium. When sending along the confirmation, please identify the individuals who will chair the program planning committee. Once we have a more complete list, we will request your Call for Papers. Claudia Gorski, cgoriski@ametsoc.org .

Assistance in Selecting Conference Location Sites: If your board or committee has periodic conferences that are not linked to the AMS Annual Meeting, then you need to determine where your conference will be held. This is one of the key items in planning for your conference and the AMS guidance recommends that you settle on a location (city and state) not later than 18 months prior to the date of the conference. The reality is that you are not alone in coming up with the location for your conference. Your conference program chair will receive exceptional assistance by working closely with the AMS Director of Meetings, Claudia Gorski, cgoriski@ametsoc.org and her staff of seven Meeting Planners. They are ready to assist you in finalizing the venue for your conference and all related details. This 22 January, Sunday, in Seattle just prior to the STAC Annual Meeting, Claudia will lead an hour training session starting at 10 AM on planning and conducting AMS Scientific Meetings. This is an important meeting for new Board/Committee Chairs, newly selected conference program chairs, and other members interested in helping put conferences together. Claudia will be sending an email out in the fall with the details. Bruce Telfeyan, rbt48@cox.net

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