

## August 2018 STAC Newsletter

**STAC Telecon on June 29th:** We held our mid-year conference call two months ago and we thank all who were able to participate. You can view the minutes at this link: [Minutes for STAC Chair Teleconference, 29 June 2018](#). We will have our next conference call in early October.

**New Board/Committee Members and Renewals:** In September, it is time to begin recruiting new members and reviewing whether those members completing their initial 3-year term (2-year for student members) wish to be extended for a second term. Some committees have proactively stepped out on this endeavor as Air-Sea Interactions, Radar, and WAF have requested that interested people apply and they have scheduled elections to choose who will fill their vacancies. We applaud these initiatives. However, B/C Chairs should not feel that there is a rigid limit to the number of members you can have. Rather, we encourage you to have as many quality members as you can effectively use and manage. Coincidentally, I just updated our [STAC Best](#)



AMS Board

[Practices Document](#) Committee Best Prac (paragraph 5) to include more information on new members and renewals. It now includes a link to the [STAC Membership Nomination Form](#) which you need to use for new members.

**AMS Elections:** Voting for the 2019 AMS President-Elect and AMS Council is now open. The deadline to vote is Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Complete [AMS Election Information](#) is available at the embedded link.

**2018 Membership Breakdown for STAC Boards and Committees:** I just completed and posted our membership breakdown for the current year. Please view it at this [link](#) as it might give you some help in recruiting new members to help achieve greater diversity.

**2019 AMS Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting in Phoenix (January 6 – 11) is fast approaching. We will have our STAC B/C Chair Meeting on Sunday, January 6, from 11 AM to 3 PM. We request all Chairs and Vice Chairs plan to attend, or if you cannot, ensure that a member of your B/C is there to represent your concerns. Claudia Gorski will conduct a training session immediately preceding our meeting from 10 to 11 AM. This is specifically designed for Conference/Symposium Program Chairs (or those who would like to be one). Also, Annual Meeting registration and hotel information is now available at the [AMS Website](#).

**Board and Committee Meetings at the Annual Meeting:** Each B/C Chair should have received a note from Erica Callahan ([ecallahan@ametsoc.org](mailto:ecallahan@ametsoc.org)) asking about your preferences for your board or committee's meeting in Phoenix. She can arrange for a morning, noon, or evening meeting for you and you can indicate the desired day (Monday through Thursday). We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity even if only a minority of your group will be in Phoenix. You can also convey your wishes for a dial-in capability so that those not able to travel to Phoenix can take part.

**2020 AMS Annual Meeting:** Planning is ongoing for the 2020 Centennial Annual Meeting in Boston. President Elect Jenni Evans sent a [memo](#) to each board and committee chair which you should have received around August 14<sup>th</sup>. The memo contains a list of program chair contacts and a full description of the theme for the Annual Meeting. Please assist Jenni by contacting her ([jle7@psu.edu](mailto:jle7@psu.edu)) with any questions or updates regarding conferences and symposia that you plan for the 2020 Annual Meeting.

**Student Membership on Boards and Committees:** Boards and Committees without one or more student members should be actively seeking student members. Submit a CV and nomination form for your student members to your Commissioner. You can find the STAC board/committee nomination form at <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-memberinformation/membership/>

**Conference Summaries Needed:** A reminder that if your board or committee had a conference or symposium at the AMS Annual Meeting in Austin (or a specialty conference at another location this year), you need to provide us with a short summary. This is the one report that is required by AMS. (I will be glad to post it if you need assistance). Bruce Telfeyan ([rbruce.telfeyan@us.af.mil](mailto:rbruce.telfeyan@us.af.mil))

**Board and Committee Leadership:** If you are Chair of a STAC Board or Committee and will be rotating off in January 2019, now is a good time to begin identifying your successor. We all know that the Chair is the key for B/C activities. Identifying a new Chair at the last minute leaves the successor with little opportunity to learn the many responsibilities, hence this fervent plea to begin the process soon. Often a logical successor is the Vice-Chair, which is one reason why we encourage every board and committee to have a Vice-Chair as a way of training the next Chair. In terms of identifying the new Chair, there is not a set method and you have flexibility in how your B/C goes through the process. A more authoritative Chair might inquire among several members to see who is willing to take over as the new Chair. Other groups ask each member if they are interested in becoming the new Chair and then find a consensus across the B/C membership. Regardless of the approach you take, be thoughtful in developing a succession plan if you are stepping down as Chair in 2019.

**Invite AMS Award Winners to Talk at your Conferences:** AMS has again accelerated the award approval process this year in order to give conference program chairs the opportunity to invite award winners and new Fellows to present invited talks. If you have a conference at the AMS Annual meeting in January 2019 (or during the coming year), then be ready to involve AMS Award Winners and new Fellows in your conference schedules.

**STAC Board/Committee Rosters:** It is a good idea to check your B/C roster on the AMS STAC website. Erica Callahan ([ecallahan@ametsoc.org](mailto:ecallahan@ametsoc.org)) is the expert at AMS who will correct any errors that you find. We've noticed that some members are listed twice or have their status incorrectly shown (e.g., Member versus Vice Chair, etc.). Erica can fix this type of issue quickly. Also, for some members, their home address is listed instead of an office or department address. This is probably not what we really want to have displayed and Erica will make any updated roster information you provide her.