

American Meteorological Society (AMS)
Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC)
August 2019 STAC Newsletter

AMS Elections: Voting for the 2020 AMS President-Elect and AMS Council is now open. The deadline to vote is Wednesday, November 13: [AMS Election Information](#)

STAC Level Award Call for Nominations:

To recognize individuals whose outstanding contributions further the goals of the STAC, the Society has established STAC level awards. The process can be found on the STAC webpage, under the “Chair & Member Information” tab or at [STAC Level Awards](#)

There are three types of awards for which each B/C can submit a nomination:

- Outstanding Early Career,
- Distinguished Scientific/Technological Accomplishment, and
- Outstanding Service.

This is a once every two years opportunity to recognize an outstanding performer in your particular sector of our science. This is our second instance of offering this biennial award opportunity. The nomination must be received by the STAC Commissioner no later than **October 1, 2019**.

2020 AMS Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting in Boston (January 12-16) is fast approaching. You can view all the conferences and symposia set for that week [here](#). If your B/C is hosting an event, by now you are busy reviewing abstracts with a goal to have your program in place by Sept 3. Contact your lead meeting planner if you need any assistance at the organizing stage of your program.

- Hotel Information: There are eight hotels for the annual meeting this year. All the hotel information can be found here annual.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/2020/travel/hotels. The hotel options are the Westin (HQ), Aloft, Element, Seaport Hotel, Renaissance, Yotel, Omni Parker House and Hyatt Regency.

STAC Annual Meeting in Boston: We will have our STAC B/C Chair Meeting on **Sunday, January 12, 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. The training is specifically designed for those who are (or would like to be) Conference/Symposium Program Chairs.

Board/Committee Meetings at 2020 Annual Meeting: If you would like to have an in person STAC Meeting at the 100th Annual, please fill out the form at this link: <https://forms.gle/MmxqPqc5VpEmpUtWA>. When requesting a time please consider all options; before sessions start in the morning, the lunch break, and in the evening after sessions. Spaces are available Saturday-Thursday. Note that there will be a maximum of six committee meetings at one time and meeting room requests will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. The deadline to submit a room request is **October 1**. If you have any questions please reach out to Marissa Welch via direct message on the community or by email mwelch@ametsoc.org.

Invite AMS Award Recipients to Speak at your Conferences: AMS again accelerated the award approval process this year in order to give conference program chairs the opportunity to invite award recipients and new Fellows to present invited talks. If you are hosting a conference or symposium at the AMS Annual Meeting in January 2020 (or during the coming year), then be ready to involve AMS Award Recipients and new Fellows in your conference schedules either as presenters or in panel discussions. [List of 2020 award recipients and fellows](#)

New Board/Committee Members and Renewals: Every 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 in this endeavor and requested that interested people apply for vacancies that will open up in January. Do 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.

Board and Committee Leadership: If you are Chair of a STAC Board or Committee and will be rotating off in January 2020, you should definitely be in the process of 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 we suggest to begin the process now. 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. There is not a set method and you have flexibility in how your B/C goes through the process. Regardless of the approach you take, be thoughtful in developing a succession plan if you are stepping down as Chair in 2020.

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-member-information/membership/>

Professional and Respectful Conduct at AMS Meetings: Please take a moment to note the [AMS statement](#) regarding conduct at our meetings and events. AMS is committed to safe and productive meetings for all attendees. Harassment, intimidation, or discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated at any meeting or event associated with the meeting.

Upcoming STAC Conference Call: After the September Councilor/Commissioner Meeting in Boston, we will host our second conference call of the year. Details will follow soon.

Commissioner: [Genene Fisher](#)

Past Commissioner: [Bruce Telfeyan](#)

Incoming Commissioner: [Ankur Desai](#)