

**American Meteorological Society (AMS)
Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC)
August 2021 STAC Newsletter**

AMS Elections: Voting for the 2022 AMS President-Elect and AMS Council is now open. The deadline to vote is November 24: [AMS Election Information](#)

STAC Level Award Call for Nominations: As a reminder, AMS Council approved the request to allow for STAC Commission Awards on an annual basis. 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 Board/Committee can submit a nomination:

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

When considering a candidate for a STAC award, consider whether an AMS level award might be more appropriate. The nomination must be received by the STAC Commissioner no later than October 1, 2021.

2022 AMS Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting set for Houston (January 23-27) is fast approaching. You can view all the conferences and symposia set for that week [here](#). For most conferences, the abstract submission deadline is September 8. Check out the [AMS Commitment to Care](#) document for the most current information. For additional tips and more information on planning for your health and safety at the 102nd Annual Meeting, [please click here](#). You will find updated masking info and new details on vaccination and air filtration. You can find some FAQs for the the annual meeting [here](#)

STAC Annual Meeting in Houston: We are planning to have our STAC B/C Chair Meeting on Sunday, January 23, 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. AMS Meetings 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.

STAC Board and Committee Meetings: If you are planning to hold a meeting for your committee during the 102nd Annual Meeting in Houston, please fill out this form: forms.gle/JiEoJ1MiAWHvvsW39 to reserve a room. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Jen Ives at jives@ametsoc.org

Invite AMS Award Winners to Speak at your Conferences: If you are hosting a conference or symposium at the AMS Annual Meeting in January 2022 (or during the coming year), we ask that you consider including AMS Award Recipients and new Fellows in your conference schedules either as presenters or in panel discussions. Details were recently posted on the STAC Board and Committee Chairs & Vice-Chairs Community page. [List of 2022 award recipients and fellows](#)

New Board/Committee Members and Renewals: By 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, you should be in the process of identifying your successor. Identifying a new Chair at the last minute leaves the successor with little opportunity to learn the many responsibilities, hence we suggest beginning 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 2022.

AMS Webinars: Consider [organizing a webinar](#) around a topic of interest to the AMS community. Speaking of webinars, did you know AMS has over [50 recorded webinars available in the webinar directory?](#)

Upcoming STAC Conference Call: After the September Council meeting, we will host our second conference call of the year. Details will follow soon.

Volunteer with AMS: AMS is excited to introduce a new way to volunteer that will allow members and others to engage in a unified online space. This new system will make it easy to define and post opportunities, match volunteers to opportunities, and recognize those who participate. To view the new portal, please visit <https://community.ametsoc.org/volunteer-with-ams>. Various opportunities are listed, as well the opportunity to enroll in the volunteer pool. In order to create an opportunity for a B/C, please fill out the following form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyjCKKs92ZLNZsvaXJgZKb0lfn4zF4u2rY5XsTVgMYIygpvQ/viewform>

Volunteers are an essential and valuable part of AMS. With the help and support of B/C, local chapters, journal reviewers, and many more volunteers, AMS is able to promote the advancement of the atmospheric, oceanic, hydrologic, and related sciences to the weather, water, and climate community and beyond. We hope that you will get as much out of the volunteer experience as we all will benefit from your assistance.

Commissioner: Ankur Desai

Past Commissioner: Gene Fisher

Incoming Commissioner: Kristie Franz