

December 2018 STAC Newsletter

STAC Annual Meeting: The STAC Chair Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, 6 January, in Phoenix from 11 AM to 3 PM, Paradise Valley Room of the Sheraton Grand Hotel. Also, just before we meet (10 to 11 AM), Claudia Gorski will provide an overview for conference program chairs (or those who would like to be). Three years ago, we started hosting this meeting on Sunday and will continue what proved to be an effective practice.

- It is really desirable that all 36 Boards and Committees of STAC have at least one representative at the meeting to help us set the course for 2019. If neither the B/C Chair nor Vice Chair can attend, please have another member represent your group's interests.
- At the meeting, we will say farewell and thanks to Dave Stensrud as he completes six years as a STAC Commissioner. We'll also welcome the new Incoming Commissioner, Ankur Desai. You can access the agenda for our meeting at [STAC Chair Annual Meeting Agenda for January 2019 - Phoenix](#)

STAC Membership Update: The due date for Board and Committees membership passed and several groups have yet to submit new member nominations or requests for second terms. Of course as member updates are now a year-round option, there is no crisis at hand. But, it is truly desirable for us to receive your changes quickly since most members terms expire (or come up for renewal) in January.

- Especially important is the selection of new B/C Chairs in cases where the leader has complete their service and is rotating. The Commissioners really need to know of leadership changes for your B/C!
- You will find the link to the STAC Membership Nomination Form at this site: <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/membership/>

Contact [Dave](#), [Genene](#), or [Bruce](#) with any questions.

AMS Elections: Congratulations to incoming (2019) AMS President-Elect Mary Glackin. Also, a special welcome to the five incoming AMS Councilors including one of our own, Chair of the STAC Board on Environmental Health, Kristie Ebi (other new Councilors are Wayne Higgins, Erica Grow, James Steenburgh, and Kim Klockow-McClain). <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-election-information/>.

Events During the Annual Meeting in Phoenix: As is always the case, the Annual Meeting is a very busy week with many events to choose from and attend. Check out <https://annual.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/2019/programs/conferences-and-symposia/> for a thorough sampling of the opportunities during the week. In addition, hopefully your board or committee has scheduled a meeting during the week; a Commissioner will stop by to answer questions and offer assistance. Also of note, there is a Program Chair Thank-You Breakfast on Thursday, January 10th at 7:15 AM in Room 124B of the Convention Center. Finally, there is a 2020 Annual Meeting Program Chair Planning Meeting on January 10th at 3 PM in that same room.

Conference Summaries: No longer do boards and committees need to submit annual reports. In exchange, we do require a brief summary of any conference or symposium that you have hosted. I could easily be mistaken, but I cannot locate summaries from the following events:

- a. 31st Climate Variability and Change
- b. 14th Annual Symposium on New Generation Operational Environmental Satellite Systems
- c. 25th Conference on Probability and Statistics
- d. 22nd Conference on Satellite Meteorology and Oceanography
- e. 19th Symposium on Meteorological Observation and Instrumentation
- f. 2nd Symposium on High Performance Computing for Weather, Water, and Climate
- g. 16th Symposium on the Coastal Environment
- h. Sixth Aviation, Range, and Aerospace Meteorology Special Symposium
- i. 33rd Conference on Agricultural and Forest Meteorology
- j. Fourth Conference on Biogeosciences
- k. 18th Conference on Mountain Meteorology
- l. 15th Conference on Cloud Physics
- m. 15th Conference on Atmospheric Radiation
- n. 23rd Symposium on Boundary Layers and Turbulence
- o. 14th Symposium on the Urban Environment

Please help us by quickly sending along your Conference or Symposium summary (rbt48@cox.net).

STAC Level Award Call for Nominations: Early next month, we will issue the call for nominations for [Scientific and Technological Activity Commission Awards](#). There are three types of awards for which each board or committee can submit a nomination:

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

You can read the detailed guidance for each category of the STAC Award at the [Terms of Reference](#) on the STAC website. This is our second instance of offering this biennial award opportunity. In the 2017 award cycle, we presented ten awards and we anticipate that many more boards and committees will submit nominations this year.

Updated STAC Best Practices: We updated the Best Practices document on Oct 22nd. New material is present for new member recruiting (paragraph 5a) and on the AMS Policy Process (paragraph 9c).

- Please share the Best Practices with all your incoming members as a part of their orientation (and it is also a good idea to ask all your B/C members to review the document). <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/stac/chair-member-information/stac-board-committee-best-practices1/>

