

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

STAC October Telecon: Thanks to the board and committee (B/C) chairs/members who participated in our conference call on October 30. The notes from the call are at this link for your review: [Oct 2019 STAC Chairs Call Notes](#)

STAC Annual Meeting: The STAC Chair Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, January 12, in Boston from 11 AM to 3 PM, Marina Ballroom 1 of the Westin Waterfront Hotel.

- It is important that all 36 Boards and Committees of STAC have at least one representative at the meeting. If neither the B/C Chair nor Vice Chair can attend, please have another member represent your group's interests. It is fine to have more than one member present.
- An agenda will be provided before the meeting. We welcome your input for any discussion items you would like to have included in the agenda.

Also, just before we meet (10 to 11 AM), Claudia Gorski will be available for open discussion on the planning process for conference program chairs (or those who would like to be) in the same room.

Events During the Annual Meeting in Boston: 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/2020/programs/conferences-and-symposia/>

In addition, hopefully your B/C has scheduled a meeting during the week; a Commissioner will stop by to answer questions and offer assistance. Also of note, there is a 2020 Program Chair Thank You and 2021 Program Chair Planning Coffee Break from 3 to 4 PM in Room 205C of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center on Thursday, 16 January (attendees should have RSVP'd).

AMS Conference Reports: Starting in 2020, rather than submitting a conference or symposium summary to the STAC Commissioner, B/C will submit [AMS Conference Report Reviews](#). Please review this before your meeting to see the questions. This new form will allow not only to provide highlights of the meeting, but to also give feedback to AMS. Please have the chair or another assigned member be responsible for submitting this form a month after your meeting.

STAC Specialty Meeting Preferences: For those B/C who organize specialty conferences, please make sure you completed your preferences for upcoming meetings at: [STAC Specialty Meeting Preferences Form](#)

Volunteers for Career Development Initiatives: AMS is looking for volunteers to help with career development initiatives. We would love to have members of STAC participate by uploading a career profile to our career resources site and/or participating in our career podcasts. Career profiles can be submitted [through the AMS website](#). If anyone would like to participate in a [podcast](#), please [email Kelly Savoie](#). Podcasts usually only take about 45 minutes and the schedule is very flexible. For more information on career initiatives, visit the [AMS Careers website](#). AMS looks forward to your involvement!

STAC Membership Update: Several B/C have yet to submit new member nominations or requests for second terms. Although member updates are now a year-round option, it is advisable 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 completed their service and is rotating. The Commissioners 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 [Genene](#), [Bruce](#), or [Ankur](#) with any questions.

STAC Board/Committee Rosters: Take a few minutes to check your B/C roster on the [AMS STAC website](#). We have noticed that some members are listed twice or have their status incorrectly shown (e.g., Member versus Vice Chair). 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 is easily rectified. Erica Callahan (ecallahan@ametsoc.org) is the point of contact at AMS who will correct any errors that you find.

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/>

STAC Best Practices: 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/>

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