

**American Meteorological Society (AMS)
Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC)
December 2020 STAC Newsletter**

2021 AMS Annual Meeting: The program for the Annual Meeting has been released: <https://annual.ametsoc.org/2021/>. Due to COVID-19, all aspects of the Annual Meeting will be virtual, including oral and poster sessions, panel discussions, exhibits, AMS Awards Ceremony, business meeting, and networking sessions.

STAC Annual Meeting: The January STAC B/C Chair Meeting will be a virtual event on Tuesday, January 5, 3-4:30pm Eastern Time and calendar invitations have been sent. We ask that each B/C Chair and/or Vice-Chair, or their representative, be present for the meeting.

Board and Committee Meetings: Despite the Annual Meeting being held virtually, AMS is still looking for committees and boards to plan a meeting that brings them together (virtually) in conjunction with the Annual Meeting – but during either the week before or within the two weeks following the Annual Meeting week of 10-15 January. The Annual Meeting still marks the transition point for outgoing and incoming committee members and chairs, so it is a good time to get the committee together to review the past year and plan activities for the coming year. And just as when such meetings are held in-person at the Annual Meeting, we encourage the inclusion of both outgoing and incoming members and that the agenda be set jointly by the outgoing and incoming chair (if a transition is occurring).

For those who need assistance from AMS, the calendar link to reserve a block of time for your January meeting is located at <https://annual.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/2021/about-the-meeting/board-and-committee-meeting-requests/> Time slots are available from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST during the weeks of January 4-8, January 19-22 and January 25-29. Times are assigned on a first come, first served basis so please complete your reservation as soon as possible. **The deadline for all reservations is Tuesday, December 29.** The Zoom credentials for your meeting will be sent to you by email. Please feel free to contact annual_committee_meetings@ametsoc.org with any questions.

AMS Conference Reports: Similar to this past year, 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.

2021 President-Elect and New Council Members: Congratulations to Richard Clark, the AMS President-Elect for 2021. The newly selected AMS Council members are Shuyi Chen, Mark DeMaria, Joan Alexander, Efi Foufoula Georgiou, Michael Henry, and Andrea Lang. You can read about each of them at: <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/AMS/about-ams/ams-election-information/>

2022 AMS Meeting Theme: You can learn more about the 2022 annual meeting (January 9-14) in Houston, TX through this AMS webinar on [Introduction to Environmental Security](#).

STAC Membership Update: By now Boards and Committees should have submitted their nominations for any new members or requests for member second terms to their STAC Commissioner contact. Boards and Committees without one or more student members should be actively seeking student members. 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. 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/>

Board and Committee Leadership: If you are Chair of a STAC Board or Committee and will be rotating off in January 2021, you should have already identified your successor. Often a logical successor is the Vice-Chair, which is one reason why we encourage every B/C 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.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at AMS: AMS is committed to advancing core values of diversity, equity, and inclusion across all aspects of the atmospheric, oceanic, and hydrologic sciences. To learn more about what AMS is doing, see <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/about-ams/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-at-ams/>

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.

STAC Chairs October Telecon: Thanks to the board and committee (B/C) chairs/members who participated in our conference call on October 23. The notes from the call are at this link for your review: <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/stac/news-reports/stac-annual-meeting-summaries/ams-stac-chair-call-notes-oct-2020/>

Commissioner: Genene Fisher

Past Commissioner: Bruce Telfeyan

Incoming Commissioner: Ankur Desai

New Incoming Commissioner: Kristie Franz