

## February 2015 STAC Newsletter

**STAC Membership:** Board and Committee chairs and members should review their membership rosters on their web pages at <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/> . Please report corrections or omissions to Melissa Weston, [mweston@ametsoc.org](mailto:mweston@ametsoc.org) .

**Student Membership on Boards and Committees:** Boards and Committees without one or more student members should be actively working to find a student member now that the restriction on their eligibility for conference best paper and travel grants has been lifted (see next item). Submit a CV and nomination form to David Stensrud, [david.stensrud@psu.edu](mailto:david.stensrud@psu.edu) .

**Board and Committee Eligibility for Best Paper and Travel Grants:** Board and Committee (B/C) student members will now be eligible for conference and symposium best paper and student travel grants. The STAC Commissioner has drafted a terms of reference (guidelines) for these awards. The TOR describes recommended processes to be used by the STAC boards and committees to select student best paper awards and travel awards. These guidelines are intended to ensure that the selection process is uniform across STAC and as fair and unbiased as possible. The TOR will be posted on the STAC web site in the near future. David Stensrud, [david.stensrud@psu.edu](mailto:david.stensrud@psu.edu) .

**2016 Annual Meeting:** Planning is gearing up for next year's annual meeting to be held 10–14 January 2016, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The annual meeting page is currently under construction at: <http://annual.ametsoc.org/2016/> and the President's Annual Meeting theme can be found on the site. The abstract submission page will be available in early March 2015. The meeting program co-chairs are: Mary Cairns, [cairnsmm@gmail.com](mailto:cairnsmm@gmail.com), Patricia Pu ([zhaoxia.pu@utah.edu](mailto:zhaoxia.pu@utah.edu)) and Heidi Centola ([hcentola@gmail.com](mailto:hcentola@gmail.com)).

**Program Funding for the 2016 Annual Meeting:** Program chairs for conferences and symposiums to be held at the Annual Meeting should prepare funding forms for student best paper awards and travel grants now. The form can be found on the STAC web site at: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/meetings/meeting-funding-form2/> . It is important to complete these as soon as possible so student opportunities are announced in the call for papers. Contact: Lead Meeting Planners under Meetings at: <http://www.ametsoc.org/exec/contacts.html> .

**New Symposium for 2016 Annual Meeting:** A special one day symposium on *Seamless Weather and Climate Prediction—Expectations and Limits of Multi-scale Predictability* is being added to the program. This is scheduled for Thursday with the possibility of joint sessions being hosted by the Conference on Integrated Observing and Assimilation Systems for the Atmosphere, Oceans, and Land Surface (IOAS-AOLS) on other days. (Fuqing Zhang ([fzhang@psu.edu](mailto:fzhang@psu.edu)) and Kerry Emanuel ([emanuel@mit.edu](mailto:emanuel@mit.edu))).

**2016 Specialty Meetings:** Planning is also underway for conferences and symposiums held during the 2016 calendar year. The AMS program staff will be contacting Boards and Committees and program committee chairs in February to begin planning for these meetings and setting schedules. Claudia Gorski, [cgorski@ametsoc.org](mailto:cgorski@ametsoc.org) .

**2015 Annual Meeting Recordings:** Conference and symposium technical paper recordings are being posted on the Annual Meeting website. Most should be available in February. To select a conference and session, go to <https://ams.confex.com/ams/95Annual/webprogram/start.html> .

**Society Awards and Recognition:** The deadline for Society Awards is just a couple of months away. STAC members are encouraged to reach out to colleagues and encourage them to nominate deserving individuals or groups for these awards which include Fellow nominations and Lecturer awards. Recall, the Lecturer awards deadline has been moved up to May 1 this year. Further information on these awards can be found on the AMS web page at: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-fellows-and-honorary-members/> , or contact Melissa Weston, [mweston@ametsoc.org](mailto:mweston@ametsoc.org) .

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**2015 Washington Forum, 21-23 April 2015, Washington, D.C.**

**11th Symposium on Fire and Forest Meteorology, 5–7 May 2015, Minneapolis, MN**

**13th AMS Conference on Polar Meteorology and Oceanography and the 49th Congress of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society: Tropics to Poles—Advancing Science in High Latitudes, 31 May–4 June 2015, Whistler, BC, Canada**

**43rd Conference on Broadcast Meteorology, 10-12 June 2015, Raleigh, NC**

**Third Conference on Weather Warnings and Communication, 10–12 June 2015, Raleigh, NC**

**20th Conference on Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics, 15-19 June, 2015, Minneapolis, MN**

**27th Conference on Weather Analysis and Forecasting / 23rd Conference on Numerical Weather Prediction, 29 June–3 July 2015, Chicago, IL**