

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

STAC Chair Annual Meeting

Thank you to all board/committee (B/C) chairs, vice-chairs, and representatives who helped to make this year's annual meeting the best in recent memory. The minutes from the STAC Chairs meeting are located [here](#).

STAC Board/Committee Rosters

Now that January has passed, the member rosters are updated. Take a few minutes to check your B/C roster on the [AMS STAC website](#). We've 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—we recommend home addresses not be displayed. Please contact Erica Callahan (ecallahan@ametsoc.org) to correct any errors that you find.

Conference Summaries

Conference summaries from the Annual Meeting are ***due by end of February***. It is an AMS requirement for B/C to provide following every conference or symposium. Typically, the summary report is an action for the conference/ symposium Program Chair (your B/C can determine who completes the summary) and this should be done within two months after your event has concluded. A new Conference Report Review form is provided by AMS to make this task less complex and demanding. Simply go to this [link](#), fill in the requested information, and submit. Note: If your B/C desires, a summary can also be posted on your B/C's web site in the "News and Announcements" section. A summary of all the input will be provided to the B/C Chairs.

Web Editor Requests

Brian Mardirosian, the Digital Products and Design (DPaD) Director at AMS shared the following good news: For new chairs as well as requests for committee members to be web editors for your B/C, please send your requests in via the [Web Editor Request](#) form. Staff are watching for incoming requests, and the goal is to have all requests completed within a few business days. Additionally, automatic web editor access is in place for all B/C chairs, co-chairs, and other leadership positions. More to follow regarding other improvements coming in late February.

Student Membership on Boards/Committees

AMS requires that each B/C must have at least one student member. In looking over our B/C rosters, eight of the thirty-six within STAC do not have a student member. In the [STAC Best Practices](#) (paragraph 6), we've outlined some ways to find a student

who might be willing to serve. If you need to add a student, you might find those ideas helpful. Most of the student members within STAC are graduate students, but they can be undergraduates. In our experience, students can really be helpful in a number of ways (from serving on conference program committees, to serving as your website editor, to encouraging other students to submit abstracts for your conferences, and many other unique endeavors that build their talents and contribute meaningfully). When you find a student who is eager and willing to serve, just send Genene, Ankur, or Bruce a [STAC board/committee nomination form](#) (and their CV) and we'll quickly get the student added for a two year term. Also, note that you are not limited to a single student member. Three of our committees have four student members!

AMS Awards

The May 1 deadline for submitting Society Awards and AMS Fellow Nominations is fast approaching. Each STAC B/C should encourage colleagues to nominate deserving individuals or groups for these awards and recognition. Additionally, B/Cs might consider nominating a worthy individual as an AMS Fellow. Further information on AMS awards can be found at <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-honors>. Note that the Society's lectureships are now intended to recognize *outstanding mid-career scientists*. Mid-career is nominally taken to include scientists who are within 10 to 20 years beyond earning their highest graduate degree or within 15 to 25 years beyond earning their baccalaureate. Consideration will also be given, however, to those who are still in the middle stage of their careers but have seen these interrupted for up to 5–10 years by military service, or family and career circumstances.

STAC Council Report

STAC presented an end of year report to the Council for its January 2020 meeting. This can be found [here](#).

AMS President's Message

For the 2021 Annual Meeting, we'll return to one of favorite cities, New Orleans with the theme of [Strengthening Engagement of Communities through our Science and Service](#). We plan to build on the success of the 2020 meeting by using your feedback on what worked and what needs improvement. Thank you! As you give thought to developing topics and engaging volunteers to bring this meeting to life, please keep in mind our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion – we should reflect the society we seek to serve.

Commissioner: [Genene Fisher](#);
Past Commissioner: [Bruce Telfeyan](#),
Incoming Commissioner: [Ankur Desai](#)