

**American Meteorological Society (AMS)**  
**Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC)**  
**February 2021 Newsletter**

**STAC Chairs Annual Meeting**

Thank you to all Board/Committee (B/C) Chairs, Vice-chairs, and representatives who participated in the January STAC meeting. The minutes and slides from the meeting, including a summary of our breakout on diversity, equity, and inclusion, are located [here](#).

Since we were unable to hold our annual meeting in-person, we decided to split it into two sessions. The second session will be held Thursday, February 25, 3-5pm Eastern. STAC Chairs and Vice-Chairs have been invited to attend and can designate a representative if they are unable to participate.

**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. Please send any corrections to your STAC Commissioner point of contact.

**Conference Summaries**

Each Board/Committee that held a conference or symposia at the annual meeting should submit a STAC Conference Report Review by end of February. Typically, this 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. The STAC Conference Report can be found [here](#). A summary of all the input will be provided to the B/C Chairs.

**Upcoming Specialty Meetings**

Several specialty meetings that were scheduled for 2020 were rescheduled to 2021 due to COVID-19. The shift has created some back-to-back conferences for 2021 as well as a change to the typical even/odd year schedule that has been in place for many groups for years.

For Committees that are planning a 2021 Conference/Symposium please take a moment to review our [current schedule](#) and reach out if you have questions or edits on what is listed. If you are planning a Specialty Meeting for 2022 and/or 2023, please complete [this google form](#) by February 12.

**Web Editor Requests**

For new web editors on your B/C, please send your requests 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 and vice-chairs. More to follow regarding other improvements coming this year.

**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/amsawards-honors>. Note that the Society's lectureships are 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 2021 meeting. This can be found [here](#).

### **Career Development**

Kelly Savoie, AMS Director of Career Development notes that her department is always looking for podcast guests, career profiles, webinar and short course proposals, and participation in Ask Me Anything Career events in the online Community. If any board or committee is interested, please visit the [careers website](#) or contact [Kelly](#) directly.

### **Mentoring 365**

Think about where you are today and consider the mentors (both formal and informal) you've worked with on your career journey. Are you ready to help pay that forward to someone with 2-3 hours a month? There are a lot of students and early and mid-career professionals within the AMS looking for some guidance for their futures as well. The [Mentoring 365 program](#) lasts for 3 months (it can be extended if you both agree) and participants are from around the world. We've seen a big increase in mentee requests from within the AMS community and we are in need of more mentors across all sectors of the weather, water and climate enterprise. Mentoring isn't only an investment in someone else, it's an investment in your own leadership and communication skills. If your board or committee have ideas or interest in promoting the program to your members, take a look at the link above or reach out to [mentoring365@ametsoc.org](mailto:mentoring365@ametsoc.org).

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