

January 2016 STAC Newsletter

Welcome New STAC B/C Chairs and Members: The STAC Commissioners wish to welcome all new chairs and members to STAC. The updated STAC B/C membership has been posted on the B/C web pages. Based on the updated B/C rosters, Bruce Telfeyan has once again analyzed the STAC roster. His analysis can be found at: <https://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/news-reports/2016-membership-breakdown-of-stac-boards-and-committees-chairs1/>. rbt48@cox.net

STAC Board and Committee Best Practices: The Best Practices document has been updated based the STAC annual meeting discussions and input throughout the week in New Orleans. Check them out (the first item) at: <https://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/stac-board-committee-best-practices1/> . Bruce Telfeyan, rbt48@cox.net .

96th Annual Meeting: Another record setting Annual Meeting is in the books. Here are some of the numbers: Annual Meeting Registrants: 3861, Student Conference: 749, Early Career Conference: 86, Short Course Attendees: 114, Teacher Workshop: 55, Exhibitors: 96, Number of Oral Presentations: 1729, and Number of Poster Presentations: 1036. The Presidential Forum; the Town Hall with the Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker; and the 23/5 talks (patterned after Ted Talks) by Mike Smith, Bill Read, and Naomi Oreskes are now posted at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ametsoc>. The recorded specialty conferences will be posted soon. Claudia Gorski, cgorski@ametsoc.org.

Call for 96th Annual Meeting Conference/ Symposium Summaries: Each STAC Board and Committee is asked to provide conferences and symposiums summaries of their sponsored conferences and symposiums to Ward Seguin, ward.met@gmail.com . A good example of what the Commissioners are looking for in these summaries is the 37th Conference on Radar Meteorology summary, the first item of the December Newsletter. Because of the large number of STAC programs held in New Orleans, we are asking B/Cs to post their summaries on their respective STAC web pages. We will then link to these summaries in the Newsletter. If you need assistance posting your summary, please contact Bruce Telfeyan, rbt48@cox.net. Summaries received by February 10th will be mentioned in the February Newsletter. Those received by March 10th will be referenced in the March Newsletter. Dave Stensrud, david.stensrud@psu.edu .

Student Awards: All conference and symposium program committees should turn in their student award winner names, contact information, and award amounts to the AMS Meetings Managers as soon as possible, so student monetary awards are not delayed. Claudia Gorski, cgorski@ametsoc.org.

Revised Guidance on Nominating New STAC B/C Members: As a result of discussions and clarifications by Keith Seitter, AMS Executive Director, at the STAC Annual Meeting in New Orleans, we are pleased to announce that all B/Cs can nominate new members at any time during

the calendar year. Simply provide the Commissioner with the [completed nomination form](#) and a CV for the nominee. Once the Commissioner approves the nomination, the individual's name will be added to the board or committee roster posted on their respective web site. Those members nominated in the first six months of the year will show a first term expiration date of 2019, while those nominated in the second six months of this year will show a first term expiration date of 2020. Students can also be nominated at any time. Depending upon when students are nominated, their first terms will expire either in 2018 or 2019. Dave Stensrud, david.stensrud@psu.edu

2016-2017 AMS Congressional Science Fellowship: The AMS seeks candidates with backgrounds in the Earth sciences for the 2016-2017 AMS Congressional Science Fellowship. Fellows participate in the legislative process by joining a Congressional office of their choosing in the United States Senate or House of Representatives. Typical duties include developing legislation, negotiating legislative compromises, writing speeches and briefing memos, meeting with constituents, and conducting background research. The AMS Congressional Science Fellow will join a class of over 250 AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellows to help shape federal policy. Fellows must be U.S. citizens and complete all requirements for their Ph.D. prior to the start of the fellowship year, which runs from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. The stipend for the 2016-2017 Fellow will be \$63,000, plus health and dental insurance premiums, and approved business related travel expenses. The application deadline is February 1, 2016. Details are available at www.ametsoc.org/csf. For additional information, contact Paul Higgins, phiggins@ametsoc.org.

2016 Society Awards and Fellow Nominations: STAC Members are encouraged to begin reminding colleagues to nominate deserving members of our professions for Society awards and Fellows. Information on and links to the awards, previous award winners, and the nomination process can be found on the STAC web site: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/awards/> .