

June 2016 STAC Newsletter

Core Science Keynote (CSK) and Themed Joint Sessions (TJS) for the 2017 Annual Meeting: The AMS Meetings Department has compiled a list of the currently planned conference and symposium CSKs and TJSs, which the grid/table on the following web site displays:

<https://annual.ametsoc.org/2017/index.cfm/information-for/program-chairs/core-science-keynote-themed-joint-session-plan-by-conference/>. The current working schedule for Core Science Keynotes is available at: <https://annual.ametsoc.org/2017/index.cfm/information-for/program-chairs/core-science-keynote-themed-joint-session-working-schedule/>. President Carr and his planning committee are also reviewing this information and may contact some of conference and symposium organizers, who have not planned TJSs, to encourage them to consider hosting such a session. Claudia Gorski, cgoriski@ametsoc.org .

STAC Membership Breakout: A recent analysis of the STAC membership shows the following:

AMS Member Category	Number	Percent
Fellows	27	6.22
Members	275	63.36
Student Members	60	13.82
Members with Student Privileges	8	1.84
Associate Members	25	5.76
Non-Members of the AMS	39	8.99
Total	434	100

If you are one of the 39 STAC members, who is not a member of the AMS, now might be a good time to join. The benefits for members are detailed on the AMS web site at:

<https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/membership/ams-membership-benefits/> . Non-members may not realize this, but the difference in a conference registration fee for members versus non-members is the cost of membership dues. You can join on line at: <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/membership/join-ams/> and pay prorated dues for this calendar year. Bruce Telfeyan, rbt48@cox.net .

Recruiting Student Members: An important role STAC Board and Committee student members can play at their host institutions is encouraging fellow student members to join the AMS. Student Membership benefits are detailed at:

<https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/membership/ams-membership-benefits/student-member-benefits/> . The very low prorated student dues are given at: <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/membership/join-ams/> .

Early Career Dues: If a student joins as a Student Member now, they will be eligible to pay a discounted dues rate for five years after graduation. AMS Early Career Dues will allow Student Members to make the transition to full membership affordably without a loss of benefits. Just

upgrade to full Member status and the cost of membership will increase from the Student Member rate for the first full year after graduation to no more than half of the Member rate for each of the next four years.

STAC Best Practices: The STAC Board/Committee Best Practices was recently updated at: <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/stac-board-committee-best-practices1/> . In particular, paragraph 10 has some additions for suggested roles for your board/committee members. Bruce Telfeyan, rbt48@cox.net .

Mid-Year STAC Board/Committee Chair Conference Call: As noted at the STAC Annual Meeting in New Orleans, we will be contacting Board and Committee chairs to schedule a STAC conference call. It will probably occur in early- to mid-August and provide an opportunity to address new ideas or any areas of concern. The STAC Commissioner will notify you of the date/time and meet-me number in the next month or so.

Upcoming Meetings: <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/meetings-events/>