

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

STAC May Telecon: Thanks to board and committee (B/C) chairs/members who took part in our conference call on May 21. The notes from the call are on the AMS community (<https://community.ametsoc.org/>) STAC chairs and vice chairs page, directly at this [link](#).

STAC Level Award Call for Nominations:

We recommend your B/C start discussing considerations for the STAC Level Awards. The process can be found on the STAC webpage, under the “Chair & Member Information” tab <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/stac/chair-member-information/awards/stac-board-and-committee-awards>

- There are three types of awards from which each B/C can choose to submit their single nomination:

- Outstanding Early Career,
- Distinguished Scientific/Technological Accomplishment, and
- Outstanding Service.

This is our fourth instance of offering this now annual award opportunity. The nomination must be received by the STAC Commissioner no later than October 1, 2021.

Board and Committee Leadership:

If you are Chair of a STAC Board or Committee and will be rotating off in January 2022, now is a good time to begin identifying your successor. Identifying a new Chair at the last minute leaves the successor with little opportunity to learn the many responsibilities. Often a good successor is the Vice-Chair, which is one reason why we encourage every board and committee to have a Vice-Chair as a way of training the next Chair. In terms of identifying the new Chair, there is not a set method and you have flexibility in how your B/C goes through the process. A current Chair might inquire among several members to see who is willing to take over as the new Chair. Other groups ask each member if they are interested in becoming the new Chair and then find a consensus across the B/C membership. Regardless of the approach you take, be thoughtful in developing a succession plan if you are stepping down as Chair next January.

Student Membership on Boards and Committees:

Boards and Committees without one or more student members should be actively seeking student members. Submit a CV and nomination form for your student members to your Commissioner. You can find the STAC board/committee nomination form at <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/membership/>

2022 AMS Annual Meeting

The AMS Annual meeting will be held January 23-27, 2022 in Houston, Texas. The 102nd Annual Meeting offers a great opportunity to share your ideas and research with colleagues! Check out the [call for papers](#) to view a list of session topics and [submit your abstract!](#) Abstracts are due no later than 3 August.

Planning for your Health and Safety at the Annual Meeting

As we continue to plan for the 102nd Annual Meeting, our highest priority remains the health and safety of our attendees, staff, and the community in which we will meet. We encourage you to visit the 102nd Annual Meeting Website often, and check the [FAQ](#) on that site to stay up to date on the latest news.

AMS Career Development Resources

Visit the [AMS Career Resources website](#) for career guides and tools, job announcements, professional development opportunities, mentoring, and more!

New Member Orientation:

We recommend you send a copy of the [STAC Best Practices Document](#) to any new members for their review.

Commissioner: [Ankur Desai](#)

Past Commissioner: [Genene Fisher](#)

Incoming Commissioner: [Kristie Franz](#)