

March 2015 STAC Newsletter

AMS Summer Policy Colloquium: Each year, around 40 earth and atmospheric scientists from academia, government, and the private sector meet for ten days in Washington, D.C. where they have access to high-level Executive and Congressional decision makers. The AMS has organized this unique and highly successful science policy immersion workshop for over a decade, providing scientists with knowledge about the policy process and training to engage in science policy effectively and responsibly. The online application for the AMS Summer Policy Colloquium can be found at www.ametsoc.org/SPC. The deadline to register is Tuesday, March 31, 2015. For any questions, please contact Ya'el Seid-Green, yseidgreen@ametsoc.org.

Annual Washington Forum: The Forum will be held at the AAAS Building in Washington DC, April 21-23. This event provides an opportunity to interact with policy makers in the Administration and Congress while exploring topics of relevance to the Enterprise. Under the leadership of Shawn Miller, the Board on Enterprise Economic Development has planned an exciting program, "*Applied Decision Support: Meeting User Needs*." They have great speakers lined up including a keynote by Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker. Please check out the program (<http://www.ametsoc.org/MEET/fainst/2015washingtonforum.html>) and register by clicking the link in the upper left hand corner.

AMS Awards and Fellow Nominations: Nominators are reminded of the rapidly approaching May 1 due date. STAC Boards and Committees should make an effort to seek nominations for those awards STAC has a lead role: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/awards/>. Submit nominations at: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/awards/index.cfm>.

Kenneth C. Spengler Award: The Commission on the Weather, Water and Climate Enterprise is asking your assistance in nominating worthy individuals for the Kenneth C. Spengler Award. This award is presented to an individual, team, or organization whose efforts have contributed to the growth of the weather and climate enterprise while materially fostering a sense of community and creating synergistic linkages between the public, private, and government sectors as well as the user community.

Call for Papers the 2016 Annual Meeting: The Call for Papers for the Annual Meeting to be held 10–14 January 2016, in New Orleans, Louisiana has been posted on the AMS web site: <http://annual.ametsoc.org/2016/index.cfm/call-for-papers/>. Submit abstracts to URL: <https://ams.confex.com/ams/96Annual/oasys.epl>. For program chair information, go to URL: <http://annual.ametsoc.org/2016/index.cfm/information-for/program-chairs/>. Claudia, Gorski, cgorski@ametsoc.org.

Guidelines for Board/Committee Student Awards: Guidelines for selecting STAC board and committee winners for best paper and travel awards are now on line. These guidelines are intended to ensure that the selection process is relatively uniform across STAC and as fair and

unbiased as possible. The link to the guidelines is:

<http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/awards/guidelines-for-board-committee-student-awards/> .

STAC web pages: A training course for editing STAC board and committee web pages will be offered. Boards and committees should identify their web editor(s) for this training and review the web editor's guide at: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/stac-web-editors/> prior to the webinar. All STAC members should review the web pages for updates and additions. Contact Brian for information, bmardirosian@ametsoc.org .

STAC Best Practices: As discussed at the STAC Annual Meeting in Phoenix, a compiled list of board and committee best practices is now available at:

<http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/stac-board-committee-best-practices/> . These Best Practices can be used by boards and committees to carry out their required duties and accomplish their objectives more effectively. For additional information, contact Bruce Telfeyan, incoming Commissioner, at: rbt48@cox.net .

Weather Analysis and Forecasting: The Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee is organizing two exciting, joint conferences: the 27th Conference on Weather Analysis and Forecasting, and the 23rd Conference on Numerical Weather Prediction, to be held in Downtown Chicago from June 29-July 3. Organizers are interested in calling special attention to the communication and use of probabilistic and uncertainty information and the evolving role of the forecaster as our community seeks to include additional decision support services in addition to traditional weather forecasting. The week will also include a panel discussion on NOAA's continued model developments. Other special events to be held during the week will allow attendees to network and socialize: an informal evening activity in downtown Chicago, and a Women's Dinner. The joint conferences will allocate \$1,500 for outstanding student oral and poster presentations, in addition to the volunteer and travel grant support provided by AMS. Looking beyond this summer, the committee will also support the 96th Annual Meeting in New Orleans by co-sponsoring the Special Symposium on Hurricane Katrina: Progress in Leveraging Science, Enhancing Response, and Improving Resilience. andrew.molthan@nasa.gov .

AMS Summer Community Meeting: Under the leadership of Co-chairs, Eileen Shea and Doug Hilderbrand, the Board on Enterprise Communication is busy planning the AMS Summer Community Meeting, August 4-6th in Raleigh NC. This meeting is held annually to allow us time to address opportunities and challenges within the enterprise. Their planning committee is busy working on the theme of the end-to-end warning paradigm (process) of weather, water, and climate threats. For an added bonus, the NWS is having their Partners' Meeting on August 3rd in Raleigh.

Upcoming Meetings: Go to: <http://www.ametsoc.org/MEET/meetinfo.html>