

March 2017 STAC Newsletter

Matthew J. Parker. AMS President Matthew J. Parker passed away on 17 March. Matt was a strong leader and friend of AMS and our entire weather-water-climate enterprise. He will be greatly missed. <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/ams-mourns-the-loss-of-its-president/> There will be opportunities to contribute to a student travel fund in his memory (<http://www.ametsoc.org/netapps/contrib/>).

STAC Board and Committee Awards: Council has approved the new Terms of Reference (ToR) for STAC Commission awards. Each board and committee can nominate one individual for a STAC award every two years. The award categories are outstanding early career, distinguished scientific/technological accomplishment, and outstanding service. The ToR revision allows us to recognize outstanding individuals within our disciplines and help build our communities. The full ToR, including nomination details, can be found at <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/stac-terms-of-reference/stac-terms-of-reference-for-awards1/>

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Policy Program Memos: Paul Higgins, the AMS Policy Program Director, has initiated a new project to communicate critical information relating to weather, water and climate to scientists, the public, the media, and decision-makers via short two-page memos. You can view the initial memos that have been created at www.ametsoc.org/memos. The memos are brief, non- technical descriptions of topics of broad interest. Critically, AMS Policy Program memos are policy relevant but not policy prescriptive. <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/news-reports/monthly-stac-newsletter/invitation-for-stac-to-partner-with-ams-policy-program-memos/> Bruce Telfeyan, r_bruce.telfeyan@us.af.mil

STAC Report to the AMS Executive Committee from March 2017 can be viewed at <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/news-reports/stac-reports-to-council-and-ec/stac-report-to-the-ams-executive-committee-march-2017/>

Revised STAC Terms of Reference were approved by Council at the January 2017 meeting and more accurately reflect the responsibilities of STAC boards and committees. You can view the Terms of Reference at <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/stac-terms-of-reference/stac-term-of-reference/>

Meeting Summaries: If your board or committee had a conference or symposium at the AMS Annual Meeting in Seattle, please provide a short summary of the meeting to Past Commissioner Stensrud so that he can include it in the monthly STAC Newsletter. You may recall that one of the duties of STAC boards and committees is to provide this brief meeting summary to AMS. The report will also be posted on your board or committees web site. David Stensrud, david.stensrud@psu.edu

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/>

Society Awards: The deadline for Society Awards is 1 May. All members of STAC are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals or groups for these awards, which include Fellow nominations and Lecturer awards. Further information on AMS awards can be found at <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-honors/>

Conference and Symposium Reports: The following are links to the conference and symposium summaries sponsored by STAC. Additional summaries will be published in upcoming Newsletters.

8th Symposium on Lidar Applications

<https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-laser-atmospheric-studies/news-and-announcements/8th-symposium-on-lidar-atmospheric-applications/>

14th Conference on Space Weather

<https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-space-weather/news-and-announcements/14th-conference-on-space-weather/>

8th Conference on Meteorological Applications of Lightning Data (the summary appears on the top of this page)

<https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-atmospheric-electricity/news-and-announcements/>

28th Conference on Weather Analysis and Forecasting/24th Conference on Numerical Weather Prediction

<https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-weather-analysis-and-forecasting/news-and-announcements/28th-waf-and-24th-nwp-conferences-seattle-jan-2017/>