

October STAC Newsletter

Council and Executive Committee Meet: The Council is the principal governing body of the Society, <http://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-organization-and-administration/organizational-procedures/> . It nominally meets twice a year, once on Sunday of the week of the Annual Meeting and during the second or third week of September. The Executive Committee is a subgroup of the Council. Membership on the Council and Executive Committee as well as the meeting schedules can be found at:

http://www.ametsoc.org/EXEC/boards_commh.html . Some of the more important topics addressed and decisions made at the September Council meeting are summarized here.

New Incoming Commissioner: Bruce Telfeyan was approved at the next Incoming STAC Commissioner. Bruce has served the AMS community in a number of capacities. He is currently the Committee Chair of the Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee and has served on the Board on Enterprise Planning and the Board for Operational Government Meteorologists. Bruce was a member and/or chapter president of three AMS local chapters. Bruce will officially start his term as incoming Commissioner in January when Dave Stensrud becomes the Commissioner.

Society Awards and Fellow Nominations Approved: The reviews of nominations for the Society Awards and Fellows submitted for the May 1 deadline are carried out by a number of committees overseen by the Awards Oversight Committee (AOC). During the September Council meeting, the recommendations of these committees and the AOC for 2014 were presented to the Council for approval. The award winners, the Fellows, Honorary Members chosen are listed at: <http://www.ametsoc.org/awards/2015awardrecipients.pdf> .

Statement Guidelines: After several months of work and coordination, the guidelines for developing and updating AMS statements have been revised and approved by the Council. The revisions clarify the roles and responsibilities of those creating/updating the statements, include a schedule for their preparation, and remove ambiguities and tighten the language. The updated guidelines are posted at: <http://www.ametsoc.org/policy/statementpolicy.pdf>
David Stensrud, (david.stensrud@psu.edu).

Hydrology Award: A new Society award known as The Hydrologic Sciences Medal was approved by the Council to recognize researchers who make outstanding contributions to scientific knowledge in hydrology, hydrometeorology and/or hydroclimatology, including interactions between the land surface and the atmosphere. This award will be available for the 2015 awards cycle. Christa D. Peters-Lidard (christa.peters@nasa.gov)

AMS Centennial Vision Statement: The AMS will celebrate its first one hundred years in 2019. Bill Gail has drafted a Centennial Vision Statement titled: “Building Within, Reaching Beyond.” The vision statement is being updated based on Council comments and will be

circulated for additional input. The Society will announce a planning committee responsible for planning this major milestone. Bill Gail, (wb.gail@comcast.net).

Major Partnership Initiative: A new initiative to allow “reciprocal membership” between the AMS and meteorological societies of other countries was proposed. The joint membership would allow society members from other countries to become “Affiliate Members.” The Council approved “Affiliate Members” as a special class of Associate Members. Bill Gail, (wb.gail@comcast.net).

Updating the Weather and Climate Enterprise Commission Name: At the February 2014, meeting of the Commission on Weather and Climate Enterprise (CWCE), a proposal was made to add ‘water’ to the title of the Commission. After obtaining input during the spring and summer, a request to officially rename CWCE, the Commission on Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise was approved by the Council. This change will become effective at the Annual Meeting in Phoenix when it will be formally unveiled. Mary Glackin, (glackinmm@gmail.com)

Washington Forum: The Board on Enterprise Economic Development (BEED) of the Commission on the Weather and Climate Enterprise has selected a topic and date for the annual AMS Washington Forum which is designed to bring together AMS members with policy makers in DC. The topic is *Applied Decision Support: Meeting User Needs* and the meeting will be held in DC on 21–23 April 2015. Watch BAMS for further details. Shawn Miller, (shawn_w_miller@raytheon.com)

AMS Member Survey: The Education and Human Resources Commission will issue a survey of AMS members to investigate the value of AMS membership, the demographic characteristics of our members, and the economic health, workplace practices and professional climate of our associated professions. The survey is in its final stages and should be sent to AMS members by the end of October. Rajul Pandya, (pandya@ucar.edu).

Distinguished Educator Award: The Board on Outreach and Precollege Education proposed to elevate the Board’s “Distinguished Educator Award” to the status of Society Award. This award would recognize innovation and best practices in K-12 and informal education related to weather, water and climate, and foster leadership in our society. The Council asked for an expanded proposal to describe past nominees and winners, include strategy for ensuring adequate nominees going forward. Rajul Pandya, (pandya@ucar.edu).

Bachelor’s Degree Statement: The Commission is leading an effort to revise the statement on a Bachelor’s degree in meteorology. The new statement will likely continue the move from course-based to competency-based guidance on what should be included in a BS degree program to prepare students for an increasingly diverse set of careers. The annual meeting will include town halls and a session within the education symposium to collect input for the new statement. Rajul Pandya, (pandya@ucar.edu).

Upcoming Meetings:

19th Biennial Joint AMS/AGU Heads and Chairs Meeting: Best Practices: Meeting the Challenges Facing Academic Geoscience Programs, October 16–17, 2014, Boulder, CO

27th Conference on Severe Local Storms: November 3-7, 2014, Madison, Wisconsin

STAC Annual Meeting, January 3, 2015 in Phoenix, AZ.

Reminders:

STAC Annual Reports: Board and Committee reports will be due November 1, this year because of the earlier Annual Meeting in 2015.

Vote in the AMS Election: Voting for the 2015 AMS President-Elect and Council is now open to all AMS full members. The deadline for voting is November 4, 2014. Election information can be found at: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-election-information/>.