

October 2017 STAC Newsletter

Student Travel Grants and the Student Assistant Program: Student Annual Meeting travel grants and the Student Assistant Program applications are due **13 October**. Go to <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/information-for/students/> for additional information. Donna Fernandez, dfernandez@ametsoc.org.

STAC Membership Update: The Board and Committees membership deadline has been extended to 15 November. Since most member's terms expire (or come up for renewal in January), this is the time of the year when you must ensure that there are successors for departing members (including student members). Also, for members who are completing their initial terms, we need notice if you wish them to have a second three-year term (two-years for student members). You will find the link to the STAC Membership Nomination Form at this site: <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/membership/>. Send your nomination and extension request information to Bruce, Dave, or Genene (the primary contact for your Board or Committee). Bruce Telfeyan, rbt48@cox.net.

STAC Board and Committee Awards: Each board and committee can nominate one individual for a STAC award this year. The award categories are outstanding early career, distinguished scientific/technological accomplishment, and outstanding service. These new awards allow us to recognize outstanding individuals within our disciplines and help build our communities, so please have your committee or board consider making a nomination. Nominations are due to Bruce Telfeyan by 15 November. 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/>. Bruce Telfeyan, r_bruce.telfeyan@us.af.mil

STAC Annual Meeting: The STAC Chair Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, 7 January, in Austin from 11 AM to 3 PM. It is absolutely vital that every Board and Committee of STAC have at least one representative at the meeting to help us set the course for 2018. Two years ago, we started hosting this meeting on Sunday and will continue what proved to be an effective practice. Also, we are developing the agenda for the meeting and seek your input for any topics you would like to have included. Please share your ideas with us! Bruce Telfeyan, rbt48@cox.net.



AMS Annual Meeting: Please visit the AMS website to learn about the changes to the Annual Meeting in Austin. Presidential Forum speaker Richard Alley will give his talk on Sunday at 4 pm, shortly after the STAC Chair Meeting. There will be a special session on Monday during

lunch on the recent hurricane season, as well as numerous other changes suggested by the community to enhance the quality of the annual meeting.

Program Chair Planning Process for Specialty Conferences and Symposia: Also, on Sunday, 7 January from 10 to 11 AM, prior to the STAC Annual Meeting in Austin, Claudia Gorski will provide a brief overview on the planning process for AMS Specialty Meetings (Conferences and Symposia). This session is designed for conference program chairs (or those who would like to be). The meeting will cover the steps from the initial planning and site selection process through the conference and will cover the roles of the program chair, program committee, and the AMS Staff. The agenda and meeting location will be provided in December. Claudia Gorski, cgorski@ametsoc.org

Board and Committee Meetings in Austin: The Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity for Boards and Committees to hold meetings. The AMS even provides a snack or meal with your B/C gathering. Even if only a portion of your B/C will be in Austin, this is a great opportunity to gather and discuss plans for the future. If your board or committee has not reserved a room for your meeting, try to get your request placed by **1 November**. Go to this link and fill out your meeting request (Function Type should be AMS Committee Meeting): <https://ams.confex.com/ams/98Annual/nontech/sessions/index.cgi>. Claudia Gorski, cgorski@ametsoc.org

AMS Elections: Voting for the 2018 AMS President-Elect (President in 2019) and Council is open to all AMS full members. The Society values everyone's vote. The deadline to vote is earlier this year than in the past: **7 November**. <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-election-information/>.

98th American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting Programs: The conference and symposium programs for the Annual Meeting to be held in Austin for 7 - 11 January are now posted at: <https://ams.confex.com/ams/98Annual/webprogram/>. Please remember to pass along your Session Chair listing to your lead meeting planner by **mid-October** as well as you [Program Chair Funding form](#) if needed. Final edits to the program must be in place by **1 November** for them to be reflected in the final program that is distributed on-site. The final preplanning conference call will be held in mid-November, program chairs will be notified soon with the details. Claudia Gorski, cgorski@ametsoc.org.

STAC Fall 2017 Telecon: We will be working to schedule a fall telecom for all STAC board and committee chairs and vice chairs. Stay tuned for more details.