

## October 2018 STAC Newsletter

**STAC Fall 2018 Telecon:** This will take place on Wednesday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM EDT, 10 AM CDT, 9 AM MDT, and 8 AM PDT. All Chairs and Vice Chairs are invited to dial in. If neither are available, please have another member of your board/committee call in to represent your interests!

**STAC Membership Update:** The Board and Committees membership deadline has been extended to 15 November. Since most members 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). Of course, each board and committee must have at least one student member.

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/>  
Bruce Telfeyan, [rbt48@cox.net](mailto:rbt48@cox.net).

**STAC Annual Meeting:** The STAC Chair Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, 6 January, in Phoenix from 11 AM to 3 PM. Also, just before we meet (10 to 11 AM), Claudia Gorski will provide an overview for conference program chairs (or those who would like to be). Three years ago, we started hosting this meeting on Sunday and will continue what proved to be an effective practice. 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 2019. 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!  
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**Board and Committee Meetings in Phoenix:** 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. 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://annual.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/2019/about/side-meeting-rooms/>. Claudia Gorski, [cgorski@ametsoc.org](mailto:cgorski@ametsoc.org)

**AMS Elections:** Voting for the 2019 AMS President-Elect (President in 2020) and Council is open to all AMS full members. The Society values everyone's vote. The deadline to vote is **7 November**. <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-election-information/>.

**99th American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting Programs:** The conference and symposium programs for the Annual Meeting to be held in Phoenix for 6 - 11 January are now posted at:

<https://ams.confex.com/ams/2019Annual/meetingapp.cgi/ModuleProgramBook/0>

Please remember to pass along your Session Chair listing to your lead meeting planner by **mid-October** as well as your [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](mailto:cgorski@ametsoc.org).

**New Incoming STAC Commissioner:** Please welcome Prof Ankur Desai (University of Wisconsin) as our new Incoming Commissioner. Ankur will join us starting in January 2018 during the Annual Meeting. Ankur previously served as a STAC committee chair and you can read his biography at: <http://flux.aos.wisc.edu>

- At the end of our STAC Meeting, Genene Fisher becomes the Commissioner and I (Bruce Telfeyan) become the Past Commissioner. We will miss Dave Stensrud and share most sincere thanks to him as he completes his six-year tenure as a STAC Commissioner.

**Historical Tables of STAC Board and Committee Membership:** We have added these tables of the membership of our B/Cs from 2012 through 2017 to our website. You can find them at this link: <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/stac/chair-member-information/membership/historical-tables-of-stac-board-and-committee-membership/>

**Updated STAC Best Practices:** We updated the Best Practices document on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. New material is present for new member recruiting (paragraph 5a) and on the AMS Policy Process (paragraph 9c).

- Please share the Best Practices with all your incoming members as a part of their orientation (and it is also a good idea to ask all your B/C members to review the document). <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/stac/chair-member-information/stac-board-committee-best-practices1/>