

AMS STAC Board/Committee Chairs Call

October 30, 2019

2 - 3 pm Eastern Time

Agenda

1. Opening remarks from STAC Commissioner and AMS President
2. AMS Council Meeting – retreat on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
3. AMS Centennial initiatives
4. Ocean Science joint session & AMS Planning Commission Ocean Community Involvement task force
5. Update on AMS Meetings
6. AMS 2021 Theme
7. New meetings reports form
8. AMS Lectureships
9. STAC Level Awards
10. Membership Updates
11. Open Discussion

1. Opening remarks

- Genevieve Fisher, STAC Commissioner, thanked everyone for joining our 2nd STAC chairs call for this year and for all the time and effort they put in volunteering as chair and vice-chair. Thirty eight people dialed into the conference call--thank you!
- AMS President, Jenni Evans, provided some highlights for the Annual Meeting. In particular, mentioned the Presidential Town Halls on Financial Weather and Climate Risk Management, Confronting Bullying, Discrimination, and Harassment in the Geosciences, and Pathways to Tackle Future Challenges.

2. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

- In September, as part of the Council meeting, there was a several hour retreat on DEI
- The DEI task force offered recommendations on how AMS can address culture and inclusion across the Society. There was a lot of discussion on structure, resources, scope, and charge.
- This new entity, which will be rolled out in 2020, will be able to assist STAC with ways to incorporate DEI in meetings, training, membership, activities, etc.
- We discussed this year there is a Symposium on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the 2020 Annual Meeting
- Emily Fischer highlighted there will be a showing of the film, “Difficult Conversations with Underrepresented People of Color: Sense of Belonging and Obstacles to STEM Fields” on January 13 from 5:00-6:30PM in the Lewis Room and will also feature a moderated discussion with the film maker.

3. AMS Centennial initiatives

- The AMS Centennial Committee has put forward several initiatives: historical research network, career advancement and enhancement, member-volunteer portal, local collaboration, networks, and partner-organization web.
- In particular, the Member-Volunteer portal will promote opportunities for AMS members to make their expertise and experience available to non-profit and academic organizations worldwide and to facilitate service for the greater good.
- The AMSVP will be housed in both the Commission of Professional Affairs and the Education and Human, however, STAC B/C Chairs will be contacted by the Centennial Committee about participating

4. Ocean Science joint session & AMS Planning Commission Ocean Community Involvement task force

- Bill Hooke, AMS Associate Executive Director, discussed an opportunity in collaborate with the ocean community, in particular the Marine Technology Society and Consortium for Ocean Leadership.
- Bill has been talking to Craig McLean, NOAA Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research and also serving as the U.S. Representative to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), about organizing an event to discuss possible topics like the value and benefits of ocean and atmospheric ecosystem information and services.
- He asked that any committees or boards interested in getting involved to contact him at hooke@ametsoc.org
- Gene mentioned that the newly created AMS Ocean Community Involvement Task Force will investigate possible mechanisms for increasing the involvement between the ocean community and AMS. The goal of the task force is to identify mechanisms that have a high likelihood of success. The task force will produce a report that evaluates proposed initiatives. The task force will have approximately five members, to be determined, and is expected to complete its work within one year. If you have recommendations for someone to serve on this task force, please let Gene know

5. Update on AMS Meetings

- Claudia Gorski, Director of AMS Meetings, discussed reminders and updates for the 2020 Annual Meeting
- Sun Jan 12 11am-3pm: STAC B/C Chairs Meeting at the Westin Waterfront Marina Ballroom 1
- Sun Jan 12 10-11am: Claudia Gorski will be available for open discussion with the focus being on the planning process for new (or those that would like to be) Conference/Symposium Program Chairs
- Google Form sent on Oct 29 that will help coordinate timing/location of Specialty Meetings. For those that are planning a 2021 Specialty Meeting, if possible, complete as much information as possible on the form in December.
- Review Conference cadence at: <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/stac/chair-member-information/meetings/conference-cadence-schedule-for-stac-boards-and-committees/>

6. AMS 2021 Theme

- Claudia Gorski, Director of AMS Meetings, discussed reminders and updates for the 2020 Annual Meeting
- Nov 1: deadline to notify Claudia Gorski if your B/C plans to hold a session at the 2021 Annual Meeting
- Nov 8: deadline to respond if your B/C is planning on participating in the January 16 (3-4pm) 2021 pre-planning meeting in Boston. RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/vMgU8rzBNdJHqhkQA>
- Nov 8: Send your feedback on Mary Glackin's (President-Elect) 2021 Theme to Genene Fisher (see attached doc)

7. New meetings reports form

- Starting with the 2020 Annual Meeting, B/C will be asked to fill out a post meeting report form. This form will be shared beforehand.
- This can include key discussions, topics of the sessions and the number of presentations or you can choose it to be more in depth. Highlighting invited presentations or named sessions is appropriate.
- Please have the Chair or another assigned member be responsible for submitting this form.

8. AMS Lectureships

- The Society's lectureships (Bernhard Haurwitz Memorial Lecturer, Walter Orr Roberts Lecturer, Robert E. Horton Lecturer) are intended to recognize outstanding mid-career scientists
- "Mid-career is nominally taken to include scientists who are within 10 to 20 years beyond earning their highest graduate degree or within 15 to 25 years beyond earning their baccalaureate. Consideration will also be given, however, to those who are still in the middle stage of their careers but have seen these interrupted for up to 5–10 years by family leaves, military service, and the like."
- STAC proposed changing "family leaves" to "family and career circumstances" (approved by Council in Sept)
- STAC recommended that it should be announced to all relevant STAC Committees as early as possible where the Lecture will be presented
- Genene brought up the question on whether AMS should still require 3 letters of support. Would only 2 letters allow for more nominations? It would require less application preparation for a recognition that may be more appropriate for a lectureship. She will follow up with the Boards and Committees which are involved with these lectureships
- Ali Tokay asked if the Radar Committee can start a new lectureship. Genene will inquire with the Awards Oversight Committee.

9. STAC Level Awards

- Thirteen committees/board have submitted nominations for STAC level award this cycle.
- Certificates will be provided to the Chairs at the Jan 12 STAC B/C Meeting or Specialty Conference during the year

- Some Chairs asked whether we can modify the guidelines of the STAC level awards. For example, can they offer every year and/or offer in more than one category. Genene will add this to the January Chairs meeting agenda.

10. Membership Updates

- While members can be added anytime during the year, it is advisable to have your 2020 B/C membership confirmed by Dec 1
- You must ensure that there are successors for departing members
- 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)
- Each board and committee must have at least one student member
- Consider diversity and inclusion in your B/C composition
- Submit STAC Membership Nomination Form & CV to your STAC Commissioner POC: <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/stac/chair-member-information/membership/stac-membership-nomination-form2/>

11. Open Discussion

- No other issues were raised