

**American Meteorological Society (AMS)
Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC)
October 2021 STAC Newsletter**

STAC Board and Committee (B/C) Chairs Conference Call: Our fall STAC B/C Chairs meeting was held October 22. We had a good discussion on a number of items and questions about meetings, membership, diversity, awards, and statements. To access the recording of the call, please go to: Recording link: uwmadison.webex.com/uwmadison/...
Password: AMSstac2021

2022 AMS Annual Meeting: Planning is underway for the 2022 AMS Annual Meeting to be held 23–27 January 2022 in Houston, Texas at the George R. Brown Convention Center. AMS is closely monitoring the [impact of COVID-19](#) on our in-person attendance and are reviewing options for virtual components of the meeting. We encourage you to visit the [102nd AMS Annual Meeting FAQ](#) and website often to stay up to date on the latest news.

Future AMS Meetings: Jen Ives is the recently appointed AMS Director of Meetings. She'd like STAC B/C to know that AMS is still working out hybrid options for 2022 specialty meetings and beyond and that conference lead planners will be in touch about that soon. Also, AMS will be sending out a request form for participating in the 2023 Annual meeting soon.

Meeting surveys: Please have your program chairs fill out the form at this [link](#) after the annual meeting or specialty conference your B/C organized. These allow us to capture key outcomes of meetings, which we summarize for AMS council and can share with future program chairs. We are missing a number from the Jan 2021 meeting, so please see if you can update them. Do not worry about answering every question on the form. We are also working on form revisions to streamline some of the questions. If the form doesn't work for you, a short email report to your STAC commissioner point of contact is acceptable, too!

STAC Annual Meeting: We are in the planning stages for the January STAC B/C Chair Meeting. AMS recently just sent out the request about confirming side meeting requests, so please do let AMS know about your board or committee meetings in Houston. For our purposes, it would be helpful if all of you could fill this quick poll about your plans for attending the STAC chairs meeting in person or virtually on Jan 23 (Sunday) in Houston. This will help with room set up and virtual options:
[doodle.com/poll/...](#)

STAC Membership Update: Between now and Dec 1, it is time to recruit new members and review whether those members completing their initial 3-year term (2-year for student members) wish to be extended for a second term. As most members terms expire (or come up for renewal in January), this is the time of the year when you should ensure that there are successors for departing members, if needed. 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), by email to your STAC commissioner point of contact. Each B/C must have at least one student member. AMS Council also encourages B/C to include early career members. Do not feel that

there is a rigid limit to the number of members you can have. Rather, we encourage you to have as many quality members as you can effectively use and manage. You will find the link to the STAC Membership Nomination form [here](#). You can also list your opportunities for open positions on the AMS volunteer portal by filling out the form [here](#). In either case, once you have a person you'd like to add to your B/C, the next steps would be reviewing and approving the nominee with your board or committee following your own established process, and submitting the nomination form and CV by email to your STAC Commissioner point of contact.

Board and Committee Leadership: If you are Chair of a STAC Board or Committee and will be rotating off in January 2022, you should be in the process of identifying your successor. Often a logical successor is the Vice-Chair, which is one reason why we encourage every B/C to have a Vice-Chair as a way of training the next Chair. There is not a set method and you have flexibility in how your B/C goes through the process. Regardless of the approach you take, be thoughtful in developing a succession plan if you are stepping down as Chair.

Annual reports and five-year plans: Neither annual reports nor long-term plans are required of B/C, but these are considered best practices. Annual reports can be a simple summary of activities, highlights and challenges for your B/C, which should be emailed to your STAC commissioner point of contact, preferably by December 1. These reports allow us to promote the good work you are all doing in our reports to AMS council and also identify any common or emerging issues that we, AMS staff, or council may be able to address. Similarly, five-year plans can be a helpful way for your B/C to strategize about longer-term projects, document priorities for future members and chairs, and promote dialogue among your members. There is no required format for these, but we do request that you share these with us, too!

AMS Elections: Voting for the 2022 AMS President-Elect and AMS Council is now open. The deadline to vote is November 24: [AMS Election Information](#)

AMS Volunteering: Volunteers are an essential and valuable part of AMS. With the help and support of boards and committees, local chapters, journal reviewers, and many more volunteers, AMS is able to promote the advancement of the atmospheric, oceanic, hydrologic, and related sciences to the weather, water, and climate community and beyond. Learn more about opportunities [here](#).

Commissioner: [Ankur Desai](#)

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