

American Meteorological Society (AMS)
Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC)
October 2023 STAC Newsletter

STAC Board and Committee (B/C) Chairs Conference Call: Our fall STAC B/C Chairs meeting was held October 20. If you were unable to attend, you can access the recording and slides from the STAC Board and Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs [AMS Community](#) under “Library”.

AMS Elections: Voting for the 2024 AMS President-Elect and AMS Council is now open. The deadline to vote is November 29: [AMS Election Information](#)

2024 Annual Meeting: Make plans to attend the 104th Annual Meeting, 28 January - 1 February 2024 in Baltimore, MD. Hotel blocks are open and are filling fast, registration is open and program is posted/acceptances have been sent: <https://annual.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/2024/> AMS Meeting Terms and Definitions, Guidance for Abstract Authors, Guidance for Presenters, Guidance for Program Chairs is also forthcoming. Guidance for Student Judging is posted: <https://annual.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/2024/your-annual/guide-to-judging-student-award-opportunities/>

Board/Committee Meetings at the 2024 Annual Meeting: Use this form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgIRYY1aORmrHHUrxzpMH8P4XetCUPmqb49GVIn4KWnoPw8A/viewform> to request a room and/or food and beverage and audiovisual services for an AMS Committee/Board Meeting or Internal Meeting. Please note that rooms are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Deadline for Requests: 1 November. Confirmation of Room Assignment: Late November. Please fill out a separate request for each day/time if you are requesting a meeting room for multiple days/times. (See 22 August post in the Commissioners, Board, and Committee Chairs community for full details and for info on requesting a virtual board/committee meeting)

2025 Annual Meeting conference/symposium participation: Please confirm your committee's intent to organize a conference/symposia or sessions (even if you usually meet at the Annual Meeting) by 31 October 2023 in this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0v7h51u7PeNLnKTeWKtuoPoQQRxKgnTrewulQvZeg2LUfBw/viewform?usp=sf_link. Keep in mind that you are also welcome to plan on having joint sessions with any of the existing conferences and symposia as well instead of hosting your own sessions. (see 8 Sept post in the Commissioners, Board, and Committee Chairs community for full details).

Named Sessions and Symposia: Apply for a named session here: <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/about-ams/ams-awards-honors/named-sessions/>. Apply for a named symposia (2026 Annual and beyond) here: <https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/about-ams/ams-awards-honors/named-conference-symposium/>

Upcoming AMS Meetings: All planned meetings are noted here:
<https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/meetings-events/upcoming-meetings/>

STAC Annual Meeting: We are planning to have our STAC B/C Chair Meeting on Sunday, January 28, from 11 AM to 2 PM eastern time in person during the Annual meeting, with a virtual option provided. We request all Chairs and Vice Chairs plan to attend, or if you cannot, ensure that a member of your B/C is there to represent your concerns. Lunch will be provided. AMS Meetings will conduct a training session immediately preceding our meeting from 10 to 11 AM. The training is specifically designed for those who are (or would like to be) Conference/Symposium Program Chairs.

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). Each B/C must have at least one student member. 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](#)

Board and Committee Leadership: If you are Chair of a STAC Board or Committee and will be rotating off in January 2024, you should be in the process of identifying your successor. Often a good 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.

Best Practices Document: The STAC [Best Practices document](#) is your home for all “how to”! Please check it out for useful information and guidance for your committee or board.

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](#).

Board and Committee Volunteer Application Review: We have more than doubled the number of applications from 90 for the 2023 positions to 220 positions for 2024. Though there are only 90 volunteer listings posted, many chairs have a number of open slots on their board or committee.

To help guide you for what is needed over the next 6 weeks, here is a summary of the approaching deadlines and what is needed:

- **25 October:** Chairs begin to review applications.
- **3 November:** Initial deadline to accept applicants from the first pool of candidates.
- **6 November:** Community Engagement Staff will reach out to applicants that have not been chosen in the first round, noting that their application will be shared with board and committee chairs that still have open positions. We will ask applicants to reach out if they do not want us to share their information.
- **15 November:** Community Engagement Staff will share the second round of volunteer applicants with the Board and Committee Chairs.

- **30 November:** Board and Committee chairs confirm final list of new committee members via column F in this google sheet.

A reminder to have all board and committee chairs reach out to their commissioner for approval of their new members.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Erica Callahan or Erik Wilke and we would be happy to assist.

Past Commissioner: [Ankur Desai](#)

Commissioner: [Kristie Franz](#)

Future Commissioner: [Clark Evans](#)

