

September STAC Newsletter

17th Conference on Mountain Meteorology Summary: The 17th Conference on Mountain Meteorology was held June 27- July 1, 2016 in Burlington, Vermont. The Conference summary is now available at: <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/committees/committee-on-mountain-meteorology/news-and-announcements/> . Dale Durran, drdee@uw.edu .

STAC Summer Telecon: STAC Commissioners and Board and Committee Chairs had the first ever summer teleconference on 24 August. After a few reminders of various STAC activities (membership renewals, AMS award nominations, annual STAC board and committee chair meeting at the AMS Annual Meeting, and best practices), we launched into an open discussion on how we best serve our science communities through our meetings. Several ideas were brought forward:

- Encourage sessions during conferences that are primarily student presentations.
- Use social media for B/C outreach.
- Add social events to conferences when appropriate (mixers, networking sessions, etc)
- Explore having presentation lengths of other than 15 or 30 minutes. AMS supports using different presentation lengths if a group meets on their own. If there is more than one conference meeting at the same time, then AMS asks that the presentation lengths match so that the schedules mirror each other.
- Make better use of the AMS Twitter feed.
- Have an open call for session topics to energize your community.
- Invite great speakers - perhaps recent AMS Fellows in your discipline.
- Incorporate time for discussion within sessions.
- Have a student lunch during conferences for networking.

You can view the complete minutes at this link: [STAC Summer Telecon Minutes](#)

Student Annual Meeting Opportunities: Student Annual Meeting Opportunities: Student travel grants and the student assistant program will be announced soon on the AMS website student resource page here: <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/information-for/students/> . Travel grants are open to senior undergraduate and graduate students. The Student Assistant Program is open to undergraduate students. Students must be active student members for both programs. Contact Donna Fernandez, dfernandez@ametsoc.org .

Annual Meeting Student Best Paper Awards and Travel Support: Several conferences and symposiums will be sponsoring student best paper awards during the week of the 2017 Annual Meeting and a few offering travel support. Information about these opportunities and their sponsors is posted at: <https://annual.ametsoc.org/2017/index.cfm/information-for/students/student-award-opportunities/> . Claudia Gorski, cgorski@ametsoc.org .

AMS Elections: Voting for the 2017 AMS President-Elect (President in 2018) and Council is now open to all AMS full members. The elected leaders of AMS are charged with advancing AMS's goals in the areas of weather, water and climate. The Society values and appreciates everyone's vote. The deadline to vote is 22 November 2016. Go to: <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-election-information/> .

STAC Membership Updating: The Board and Committees membership deadline has been extended to 15 October. The Guidelines and Processes for Board and Committee Membership can be found at: <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/membership/stac-membership-guidelines-and-processes2/> . The new member nomination form can be downloaded from: <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/membership/> . Dave Stensrud, david.stensrud@psu.edu .

STAC Chair and Membership Position Descriptions: The Board and Committee chair and membership position descriptions can be found at: <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/membership/>. Recently nominated and current members are encouraged to periodically review these descriptions. Dave Stensrud, david.stensrud@psu.edu .

Committee Awards: Boards and Committees are urged to consider one of their own for a STAC Board or Committee award. Guidelines for these awards can be found on the STAC web site at: <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/awards/stac-board-and-committee-awards/> . David Stensrud, david.stensrud@psu.edu .

AMS Membership Renewal: The Society invites you to renew your AMS membership for 2016, to continue receiving all the great benefits that membership provides, including: Being part of a vibrant community of more than 13,000 scientists, professionals, students, and enthusiasts in the fields of weather, water, and climate; Receiving the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (BAMS), as well a discounted pricing for Weatherwise magazine; Staying updated on the latest research, news, information, and peer-reviewed articles in the atmospheric, oceanic, hydrologic, and related sciences; Receiving discounts on AMS meetings and conferences, AMS Journals, AMS Books and gifts, and other special offers; Getting access to important online career information, job postings, and networking opportunities. To renew, go to: <https://ametsoc.org/MEMB/renewal/index.cfm> .

Annual Meeting: For links to the 97th Annual Meeting in Seattle, go to <https://annual.ametsoc.org/2017/> . This page has links to registration, hotel reservations, important dates, and more. Claudia Gorski, cgorski@ametsoc.org .

Upcoming Meetings: <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/meetings-events/> .