

Minutes for STAC Chair Teleconference

Wednesday, October 17, 11 AM to Noon, EDT

Participants:

Board on Data Stewardship	
Board on Atmospheric Biogeosciences	Timothy J. Griffis
Board on Environment and Health	Kristie L. Ebi
Board on Environmental Information Processing Technologies	Nazila Merati
Board on Societal Impacts	Kathy Sherman-Morris
Board on the Urban Environment	Dev Niyogi
Committee on Agricultural and Forest Meteorology	Heping Liu
Committee on Air-Sea Interaction	
Committee on Applied Climatology	Elaine Godfrey
Committee on Artificial Intel Applications to Environmental Science	Phillipe Tissot, Amy McGovern
Committee on Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics	
Committee on Atmospheric Chemistry	Jonathan Jiang
Committee on Atmospheric Electricity	Geoffrey Stano
Committee on Atmospheric Radiation	Christine Chiu
Committee on Aviation, Range, and Aerospace Meteorology	Cecilia Miner, Matt Fronzak
Committee on Boundary Layers and Turbulence	Jeffrey Mirocha
Committee on Climate Variability and Change	Kerry Cook
Committee on Cloud Physics	
Committee on Coastal Environment	
Committee on Hydrology	Kristie Franz
Committee on Laser Atmospheric Studies	James R. Campbell
Committee on Measurements	Scott Landolt
Committee on Mesoscale Processes	Thomas Galarneau, Gretchen Mullendore
Committee on Meteorological Aspects of Air Pollution	Sarav Arunachalam
Committee on Meteorology & Oceanography of the Southern Hemisphere	
Committee on Middle Atmosphere	Margaret Hurwitz
Committee on Mountain Meteorology	Kristen Rasmussen
Committee on Planned and Inadvertent Weather Modification	
Committee on Polar Meteorology and Oceanography	Ryan L. Fogt
Committee on Probability and Statistics	Andy Geyer
Committee on Radar Meteorology	Scott Collis
Committee on Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography, and Climatology	
Committee on Severe Local Storms	Curtis Alexander
Committee on Space Weather	
Committee on Tropical Meteorology and Tropical Cyclones	Zhuo Wang
Committee on Weather Analysis and Forecasting	Becky Adams-Selin
AMS Director of Meetings	Claudia Gorski
AMS Archivist and Librarian	Jinny Nathans
AMS Community Director	Jordan Stillman

1. Items from September Commissioners and Councilors Meeting in Boston

- AMS Council approved increased funds availability for conferences that kicks in for events with more than 300 participants (based upon number of abstracts received or perhaps on attendance at last event). There will be an additional allocation of \$5 for each attendee above 300.
 - AMS student travel award restriction to those not presenting will be reviewed by Council and STAC commissioners this coming January.
 - Our effort to remove or lessen the restrictions on nominations from members of boards or committees responsible for an AMS level award was disapproved by the Council.
 - The AMS will look into the existing Statement oversight process. They will try to find ways to assist STAC with tracking when Statements are coming up on required reviews and updates.
2. Annual membership renewal efforts: The due date for your inputs has been extended to Nov 15. 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/>
3. STAC Chair Annual Meeting, Sunday, Jan 6, 11 AM to 3 PM, Phoenix AZ
- More involvement from Chairs including some presentations on successful initiatives
 - Interaction with AMS staff to help us with our board and committee efforts
 - Training session for those who are or wish to be Program Chairs from 10 to 11 AM just before our meeting
4. 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** by sending Jen Ives a note at jives@ametsoc.org. Let Jen know if you want your meeting to be on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday and if you want a morning, noon, or evening meeting. Regardless of whether your B/C is hosting a conference or symposium and even if only a handful of your members are attending the Annual Meeting, take advantage of this opportunity. Also, the AMS provides much better dial-in capabilities, so your members who can't be in Phoenix can dial in to your meeting.
5. AMS Archivist and Librarian Jinny Nathans provided information regarding the AMS Centennial Celebration and Genealogy Project:

- Centennial monograph with chapters on the history of each major area of meteorology, with an introductory chapter on the history of AMS:
<https://journals.ametsoc.org/toc/amsm/current/>
- BAMS legacy project--BAMS is now up and available and searchable on the AMS journals website from cover to cover and all the way back to vol. 1, no. 1, January 1920
- Timeline of AMS milestones will be introduced at Phoenix meeting
- Conference histories will be going up throughout 2019: Tables of Contents from the preprint volumes will be available on the AMS website along with any other relevant material
- Expanded history symposium
- Tours of the 45 Beacon Headquarters throughout the week of the 2020 meeting in Boston
- Oral history "share your story" interviews at the Annual in Phoenix and specialty conferences throughout 2019 and at the 2020 meeting. Some might take the form of round table interviews with particular conferences

6. AMS Community: Jordan Stillman (AMS Member Community Forum Coordinator) reviewed the benefits of the AMS Community online forum, including these features:

- The ease of discussion both on the website and using your email client,
- Storage of files and documents, and
- As a tool for outreach to new community members using the Open Forum.
- She stressed that each board and committee has their own private community that can replace committee email for most purposes, especially if your notifications are set to Real Time. She encouraged the Community's use and stressed that directions for posting discussions and documents are available in the [AMS Community Quick Start Guide](#).
- If anyone has any questions to [please reach out to her directly](#). Jordan would be happy to connect with you and walk you through any and all aspects of the Community Forum (<https://community.ametsoc.org/home>).

7. Discussion items regarding preparing for and conducting conferences and symposia
[Claudia Gorski](#) (AMS Director of Meetings) thanked all Chairs for the outstanding work that their conference/symposium program chairs have done in preparation for the Annual Meeting. As always, she and her staff are ready to assist with any matters that come up between now and January.

8. Recognition efforts for STAC B/C Chairs and Members:

- Certificates of appreciation are being provided by AMS member services to all B/C members upon completion their term
- Board and Committee Chairs receive a small plaque when their term ends
- There are ribbons for conference name tags for Board and Committee Chairs as well as for Program Chairs. Upon registration for the Annual

Meeting or Specialty Conference, you need to ask for the ribbon as I don't think it is automatically placed on your name tag badge by the hired staff.

STAC Level Awards: Next nomination period begins in Jan 2019 as this is a biennial opportunity. We will send out a call for nominations by late January and you will have until October 1st to submit the nominations to the Commissioner. Last year in 2017, ten of the thirty-six STAC boards and committees submitted nominations. Now as this is a more widely-known opportunity, I expect many more nominations. I can tell you that, having been privileged to present some of the award certificates, the appreciation expressed by those being recognized speaks volumes. The Terms of Reference for our STAC Awards are at this link: [Scientific and Technological Activities Commission Awards](#)

9. [STAC Board/Committee Best Practices](#) document:

- Sharing it with all new members and encourage your current member to become familiar with it.
- We always welcome all suggestions for additions/improvements!

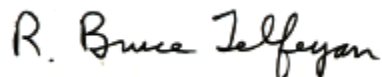
10. Board/Committee updates to STAC Commissioners:

- The only requirement is to send in a conference/symposium summary shortly after they take place and post it on your website
- However, it would be helpful to let us know periodically of any significant activity involvements for your B/C. This might include completing a new or updated AMS statement, instituting a webinar series, or any other innovation.

11. New Incoming STAC Commissioner selected: 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 Chair Annual 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.

12. Comments/concerns/questions from B/C Chairs, Vice Chairs, representatives



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