

AMS STAC Board/Committee Chairs Call

October 23, 2020

2-3pm Eastern Time

Agenda

1. Opening remarks
2. Update on AMS Meetings
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1. Opening remarks

- Genevieve Fisher, STAC Commissioner, thanked everyone for all the time and effort they put into volunteering as Chair and Vice-Chair. Over 50 people dialed into the conference call--thank you!
- Genevieve announced that Kristie Franz, former Chair of the AMS Committee on Hydrology, has been approved by the Council to serve as the Incoming STAC Commissioner starting in January 2021. At that time Ankur Desai will become Commissioner, Genevieve will become Past Commissioner. Bruce Telfeyan will assume his new role as AMS Secretary-Treasurer.
- AMS President, Mary Glackin, thanked the STAC Chairs and Vice-Chairs for volunteering and expressed the importance of STAC to AMS. She talked about the upcoming AMS Annual Meeting and highlighted the efforts made to turn this into a virtual event.

2. AMS Annual Meeting overview/reminders

- Claudia Gorksi, Director of AMS Meetings, provided some updates on meetings.
- For specialty meetings, she noted that 2020 meetings were moved to 2021. However, Mountain Meteorology was held successfully in July and they learned a lot from that experience. She thanked the chairs for their flexibility.
- For the 2021 Annual Meeting, Claudia walked the STAC Chairs through the slides she presented to the Program Chairs.
 - She discussed Event Power, a web-based technology, that will be used for the meeting
 - There will be training and resources available to program and session chairs as we get closer to January
 - There has been a lot of thought into how to build a successful virtual meeting and there will be many creative and flexible opportunities such as chat functionality, prerecorded and supplemental content
 - There will be a virtual poster hall and virtual exhibit hall

- Networking sessions will be held throughout the week during both the morning and evening to accommodate various time zones
- The Presidential Forum will be scheduled for 4pm Eastern time on Sunday, 10 January. The Awards Ceremony/Business Meeting will follow. This will be live-streamed and open to all
- Two Presidential Sessions are being held, one on Wednesday from 10-11am Eastern time and the second on Friday 3:30-4:30pm Eastern time
- The student conference will still be held on Sat and Sun before the Annual Meeting
- Townhalls will still be held
- For the Short Courses where the organizers felt the course would work in a virtual format, it will be scheduled after the Annual Meeting. A schedule of these will be announced in February. Other short courses where it is best to be in-person will be moved to the 2022 Annual Meeting.

3. STAC Chairs and B/C Meetings

- Genevieve discussed how the Annual STAC Chairs meeting will be virtual. Typically, it's held the Sunday of the Annual Meeting. However, this year, we will poll the Chairs to see when is an optimal time.
- When discussing the Board/Committee Meetings, Chairs expressed that most are holding their meetings virtually and there was no need to squeeze in another virtual meeting. AMS Meetings will follow up to see if they would like any staff to attend their meetings to share information and answer any questions.

4. AMS 2022 Meeting Theme

- The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held January 9-14 in Houston, TX
- ***"Environmental Security: weather, water and climate for a more secure world"***
- AMS webinar on [Introduction to Environmental Security](#) with Incoming AMS President, Mike Farrar
- Listing of [Participating Boards and Committees](#)
- We will open up the Call for Session Topics in February 2021

5. Meetings Reports Form

- As noted in the STAC Best Practices document, B/C are required to submit a conference/symposium summary
- Starting with the 2020 Annual Meeting, B/C were asked to fill out a post [meeting report form](#)
- 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.
- New standardized form will make it easier to send in this information
- Please have the Chair or another assigned member be responsible for submitting this form

6. AMS Awards

- STAC B/C are involved with many AMS level awards, and responsible for recommending nominations to the AMS Awards Oversight Committee
- This past year the Weather Analysis and Forecast (WAF) Committee drafted award nomination and rubric and successfully used it with the AMS level awards this past year. Becky and Clark discussed their experience with using the rubric and they recommended that other Committees could look to theirs as a framework for drafting their own. They recommended more discussion on much specificity to put in the rubric. Mary Glackin will be the Chair of the AOC next year and expressed an interest in working with STAC on the possibilities of creating appropriate rubric. She suggested making sure the rubric does not conflict with the award terms of reference.
- AMS Lectureships
 - Reminder that The Society's lectureships (Bernhard Haurwitz Memorial Lecturer, Walter Orr Roberts Lecturer, Robert E. Horton Lecturer) are intended to recognize outstanding mid-career scientists
- STAC level awards
 - Will confirm with the B/C chairs on approvals very soon
 - Certificates will be mailed to recipients after announced at the appropriate conference
 - This is an annual award
 - More information about awards can be found [here](#)

7. 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
- 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. It is recommended you also have at least one early career member. Genevieve will send out a separate message with names of people who went through the AMS Early Career Leadership Academy and interested in joining AMS Boards and Committees.
- Consider diversity and inclusion in your B/C composition (gender, ethnicity, sector, geographic, discipline, generational, etc)
- 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/>

8. AMS Statements

- On at least an annual basis, review the [AMS statements](#)
- While these are statement of the AMS Council, STAC B/C has had a role in developing many of these
- The full process for creating AMS statements of various types is provided in the [Guidelines for Statements of the AMS](#)

9. Open Discussion

- Focused on specific questions for Claudia regarding meetings