

American Meteorological Society
Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC) Terms of Reference
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The Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC) is responsible for advancing science and technology by promoting the open exchange of ideas, strengthening our disciplinary communities, enhancing collaboration and dialog among these communities, embracing diversity, celebrating and fostering excellence, and cultivating the next generation of scientists and leaders. STAC will carry out the following functions for the Society:

- Assess the progress of research and operations and inform the Council where support seems needed and of cases where important projects are in jeopardy for lack of funds;
- Receive input from STAC's Committees and Boards and highlight those items on which the Council should take action and to transmit these to the Council with its recommendations;
- Recommend to the Council the establishment of new Committees and Boards or the dissolution of those no longer serving a useful purpose;
- Establish and review the terms of reference of the Committees and Boards.
- On an annual basis, recommend recipients for the following Society awards:
 - o Lecturers, and Student Papers,
 - o Charles L. Mitchell Award,
 - o Award for Exceptional Specific Prediction,
 - o Francis W. Reichelderfer Award,
 - o Helmut E. Landsberg Award,
 - o Award for Outstanding Achievement in Biometeorology,
 - o Robert E. Horton Lecturer in Hydrology,
 - o Bernhard Haurwitz Memorial Lecturer,
 - o Walter Orr Roberts Lecturer,
 - o Robert Leviton Student Prize,
 - o Banner I. Miller Award,
 - o Max A. Eaton Student Prize,
 - o Spiros G. Geotis Student Prize, and
 - o Peter V. Hobbs Student Prize.

Scientific and Technological Activities committees will be established by the Council on the recommendation of the Scientific and Technological Activities Commission to coordinate opinion and stimulate activity in any scientific or technological subject of interest to the Society.

The Scientific and Technological Activities Commissioner reviews and concurs as appropriate with the appointment of the chairpersons and members of the. Terms of appointment are generally for three years (two years for student members) as determined by the Commissioner with the privilege of reappointment for a period up to three years. Additional reappointments are at the discretion of the Commissioner in exceptional cases.

Each STAC Board and Committee will submit summaries of all conferences and symposia for which they are responsible. These summaries will be reported to the Council through newsletters and other more formal reports. Each STAC Board and Committee, within its assigned field, is responsible for a continuous review of the Society's general activities and for making such recommendations as appear desirable to ensure that the activities of the Society reflects the importance of and interest in the field of the committee.