Quarterly Meeting for the American Meteorological Society (AMS) Committee for Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography and Climatology Meeting Minutes

Time: 12:00 pm-2:00 pm EST
Date: April 11th, 2025

1. Meeting Participants

The following members participated in the AMS Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography and Climatology (SatMOC) Committee meeting and video conference on Friday, April 11th, 2025.

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2. Agenda

- Opening Address (J. Apke)
- Updated Guidance from AMS on Meeting Planning (J. Apke)
    - The STAC Commission has requested that all STAC committees cease activities related to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

    - Maybe a small group of us can review the language (inclusion, diversity, etc) in our own documentation (TOR and others) to ensure that the language has a limited impact on our committee members while still ensuring our own goals
- Future Meeting Preparation:
    - 2025 Joint SATMOC/NOAA Satellite Conference Updates (J. Ives/J. Gerth)
        - NOAA has formally decided not to hold their own satellite conference joint wit hAMS this year
        - Federal travel restrictions prohibit any expenditures
            - we should expect no federal participation
        - We face a decision as to whether we wish to hold this meeting
        - Some good news, up to around 80 abstract submissions so far
        - Suggested options for the conference:
            - Having this conference virtually
            - Canceling the conference
            - Postponing the conference and talks
                - We can offer to shift abstracts to a later date
                - Otherwise, participants can withdraw their abstracts and get refunded
        - If we move to the AMS annual, we will be limited to one room so we would most likely need to move more folks to a poster set up
        - **General sentiment: Let's move the abstracts to the AMS annual meeting**
    - 2027 Joint EUMETSAT/SATMOC Updates (J. Apke)
        - AMS has decided not to commit the necessary funds to jointly book a conference venue which would have needed to have been done within the next few months
        - We need to start thinking about what we should do with the meeting we were planning to have in 2027
        - We could possibly hold an independent meeting in San Diego
        - So far, we have no objections to holding this at the annual meeting, but we may be able to decide this at our next meeting
    - 2026 Annual Meeting
        - Joint Operational Environmental Satellite Systems and Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography and Climatology Meeting (G. McWilliams, J. Apke)
        - 14th Symposium on the Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation (T. Auligne)
    - Short Course/Virtual Training Plans (J. Wang)
- Five Year Plan Updates (J. Apke/S. Tucker)
    - Link to document
        - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1941U2lEYIdZQfvKA0RiYHETeh3iL7oQf/edit?tab=t.0
    - Everyone: Please read the latest statements from the AMS. How can we as SatMOC committee members support these statements? Sending the letter, volunteering to help students, etc.

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        - https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/about-ams/ams-statements/statements-of-the-ams-in-force/ams-best-practice-statement-on-preparing-students-for-employment-in-the-private-sector/
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- Membership Updates (J. Apke)
    - New (Returning) Members (S. Ortland; CV Here)
    - Renewing Your SATMOC Memberships!
- Awards and Upcoming Nomination Deadlines (W. Straka)
    - AMS Award Deadline (May 1)
        - We should maybe consider submitting a revised cv and an additional letter of recommendation for nominations that are in the docket
    - STAC-Level Award Nominations (Oct 1)
        - Link to AMS STAC Level Award Information:
            - https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/about-ams/ams-awards-honors/awards/stac-level-award-information/#:~:text=The%20Scientific%20and%20Technological%20Activities%20Commission%20Awards%20recognize%20individuals%20whose,approval%20by%20the%20STAC%20Commissioners.
    - Google Doc link
        - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kY0KhTPwAa1TkfVWTfI40y96eXNjRgMD/edit
- Committee Governance
    - Website Updates (B. Hauke)
        - Updated awards page!
        - Meetings has also been updated, but this will need to be changed again at some point
- Airing of Grievances!
- Closing Acknowledgments and Future Meeting Schedule (J. Apke)

Action Items:

- Everyone: If your membership expires in January (2026), and you wish to continue serving, please provide an updated CV to J. Apke and L. Zhou
- Everyone: Keep the 2027 meeting on your mind.
- Submit a short course/new proposed townhall
- Jason: Look over Steve's AMS Award nomination and possibly look at revising it
- Everyone: Please look at the award Google document and think about who might be deserving of a STAC award

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    - https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/about-ams/ams-statements/statements-of-the-ams-in-force/ams-best-practice-statement-on-preparing-students-for-employment-in-the-private-sector/
- Jason: Setting up a common/shared Google Drive for all of the SATMOC documents
- Jason: Review/provide links to Satellite information to Brianna
- Everyone: Look at our website and see if any updates are needed
- Jason: Make a document to track website update suggestions
- Everyone: keep an eye out for when2meets for Summer/Fall meetings