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: January 15th, 2025

1. Meeting Participants

The following members participated in the AMS Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography and Climatology (SatMOC) Committee meeting and video conference on Wednesday, January 15th, 2025.

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2. Agenda

- Welcome and Member Introductions (J. Apke)
  - Galina Chirokova (CIRA/CSU) CV Here
  - Duc Tran (U. of Virginia) CV Here
- Membership Updates (J. Apke)
  - Renewing Your SATMOC Memberships!
- 2025 AMS Annual Meeting Review
  - OESS (G. McWilliams)
    - Great attendance so far!
    - The speed networking event was very well attended. This is the first time we have had to turn people away.

    - JCSDA (T. Auligne)
- Awards and Upcoming Nomination Deadlines
    - AMS STAC-Level Award Presentation (J. Apke)
        - Congratulations to Jim Yoe for winning the 2024 AMS SATMOC STAC-Level Outstanding Service Award!
    - AMS Award Deadline (May 1)
        - Please consider deserving colleagues who could be nominated for awards.
        - Nominations typically take around a month to get rec letters
        - Most awards require…
            - nomination letter
            - a proposed citation
            - nominee Curriculum Vitae
            - Bibliography
            - 3 letters of support
        - There are three awards
            - Outstanding Early Career Award
            - Distinguished Scientific/Technological Accomplishment Award
            - Outstanding Service Award
        - Previous awards are listed on the website
    - STAC-Level Award Nominations (October 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.
- Committee Governance
    - If you have questions about what these roles entail, please reference the Terms of Reference (TOR).
        - link to TOR:
            - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hC-7uSwoHhQDtpm2l7DNJljIcHq6z9Aj9y2z3hWKy1A/edit?usp=sharing
    - Assigning New Leadership Roles (J. Apke)
        - Vice Chair: Lihang Zhou
        - Secretariat: Mathew van den Heever
        - Strategic Planner: Sara Tucker
        - Conference Coordination Team: Gary McWilliams, Jordan Gerth, Thomas Auligne, William Straka
        - Webmaster: Brianna Hauke
        - Training Coordination Team: Jun Wang
    - Website Updates
- Future Meeting Preparation:
    - 2025 Joint SATMOC/NOAA Satellite Conference Updates (J. Apke, J. Gerth)
        - Link to website:

                - https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/meetings-events/ams-meetings/27th-conference-on-satellite-meteorology-and-oceanography/
            - San Diego, 18-22 August 2025
            - The current abstract deadline is March 13th (usually extended, but no promises)
            - 27th Conference on Satellite meteorology, oceanography, and climatology
            - Registration and hotel reservations open April 30th, 2025
            - We are hoping to have a student event
            - Can we incorporate or have an Oceanography session?
            - If you have town hall ideas, let us know.
                - AI/Machine learning town hall was VERY well attended. We could consider having another.
            - If you have any futher ideas or questions please reach out to Jordan or Jason
        - 2026 Conference Planning Goals and Objectives
            - Theme: Fast and Slow Thinking: The Human Factor in a Rapidly Changing World.
                - Proposed Town Hall Discussion(s)- Satellite Observations of Fast and Slow Changes in the Climate
            - Joint OESS and 28th SATMOC Meetings (G. McWilliams, J. Apke)
            - Can we incorporate AI into this conference?
        - Short Course/Virtual Training Plans for the Summer (J. Wang)
            - Updates to come in Spring Quarterly meeting
        - 2027 Joint EUMETSAT/SATMOC Updates (J. Apke)
            - Tentatively planned for September 2027
            - AMS/EUMETSAT currently working on a memorandum of understanding
            - Currently scouting the North Convention Center at IFEMA Madrid
            - This meeting will not be joint with NOAA
- Closing Acknowledgments and Future Meeting Schedule (J. Apke)

Action Items:

- Everyone: Check the membership page. If you want to extend your membership, please contact Jason.
- Everyone: Think about people who might be deserving of an AMS award
- Everyone: Please lookout for the when2meets for Spring/Summer meetings
- Jason: Town hall recommendations or ideas