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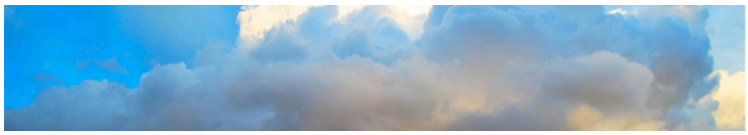


AMS Committee on Severe Local Storms Meeting Agenda
13 June 2025, 2PM CST (Zoom)

Attendance

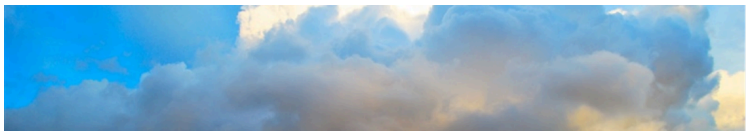
Logan Twohey		Andrew Wade	X
Bobby Saba	X	Bryan Smith	
Luke LeBel	X	Jenni Pittman	
Victor Gensini		Matt Flournoy	X
Chris Melick	x	Brian Squiteri	X
Scott Gunter	X	Burkely Gallo	X
Alex Anderson-Frey	X	Dan Dawson	
Michael French	X	Kristin Calhoun	X
Anthony Lyza	X	Jim Ladue	
Benjamin Schenkel		Kristen Axon	
Holly Mallinson		Makenzie Krocak	X
Keith Sherburn		Rob Warren	

Keeper of the minutes: *Tony Lyza*

SLS STAC Google Drive

Agenda

a. Membership roster changes (AMS Profiles on SLS Committee Webpage)
   i. Please send any updates to Chris or Kristin
b. Community Forum
   i. Dissemination via forum/email – Make sure forum profiles are set up
c. What is STAC?
   i. Best Practices
   ii. Resource page
d. Subcommittees
   i. **New Members assignments** – Social, strategic planning, conference planning, glossary, website, awards



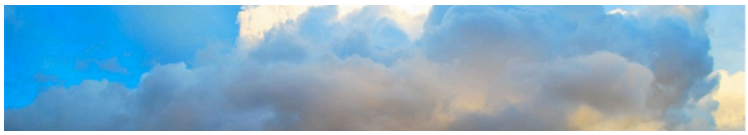
ii. Social
    1. **Chair: Andy Wade**
    2. Accounts: Facebook, X, Bluesky. Are there any others?
    3. Would like to see about 1 post a month
    4. **Last post was October 2024 near the end of the 31st SLS Conference. Let's get some more current information posted (e.g., summary highlights for the 31st SLS Conf).**

iii. Strategic Planning
    1. 5-y plan identifies a few things SLS wants to focus on to enhance participation, recruit new members into the community, and expand the reach of our science (at conferences and elsewhere). .
    2. **Chair: Jim Ladue**
    3. Update from Jim on rough draft:
        a. We were concerned about federal members exposed to retaliation should DEI be included in the plan. We would like AMS to provide some guidance.
        b. More importantly is the decline in trust regarding scientific integrity. How do we incorporate components to mitigate the decline?
        c. Should we have a strong emphasis on data preservation? AI output can be large
        d. Other topics to consider:
            - R2O service and applications is an exceptionally
            - Subseasonal to seasonal forecasting will increase in importance
            - The forecast continuum (aka FACETS) needs to extend across the whole spectrum from seasonal to <30 minute lead-time.

iv. Conference Planning
    1. SLS 32 in Fall 2026 [Co-Chairs: **Victor & Jenni**]
        a. I forwarded an email from Victor to all of you for your consideration and feedback.
        b. Other Updates?

v. AMS Glossary
    1. **Chair: Luke Lebel**
    2. New Terms or Update existing ones?

vi. Website
    1. **Chair: Benjamin Schenkel**
    2. Updates sent to Peter Killelea at AMS [pkillelea@ametsoc.org]
    3. Coordinate posts with Social Committee – Look into adding/advertising a list of award winners with brief description of each



4. Meeting minutes posted on webpage

vii. Awards
   1. **Chair: Michael French**
   2. Update: STAC award for Rich Thompson – Award was mailed and received at SPC. Update from Bryan Smith. Would be nice, if feasible, to share on social media a picture and details soon
   3. Plans on doing another STAC award this year? We need to get in our nominations by Oct. 1st. Details found here: https://www.ametsoc.org/AMS/about-ams/ams-awards-honors/awards/stac-level-award-information/
   4. Fujita Award - Victor/Kristin
      New AMS-level named award. Still working with AMS?
      Any other updates?

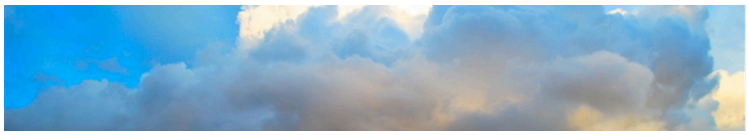
e. Chair's Report

i. Virtual STAC Chairs/Vice-Chairs Meeting in May
   1. Show some snapshot of slides from meeting
   2. Kristie Franz (Iowa State) is our PoC for all STAC questions
   3. https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/stac/

Next Meeting: Q3 September 2025 (watch for when2meet poll).

Minutes

a. Membership roster changes (AMS Profiles on SLS Committee Webpage)
   i. Please check your entry on the SLS webpage
b. Community Forum
c. What is STAC?
d. Subcommittees
   i. Social
      1. Could use another member to help access SLS Facebook account
      2. Matt will share Bluesky login information
      3. Post idea: share 31SLS highlights
      4. Looking for more frequent updates
      5. Can post some SLS-relevant highlights from MESO
   ii. Strategic Planning
      1. Had one meeting in the Spring
      2. Aiming for a rough draft on the end of the year, but may slip into 2026
   iii. Conference Planning
      1. Comment: This is bad. Standalone meetings are one of the things AMS does best. They strengthen collaboration, student development, etc. It



makes sense with attendance concerns, but this has been pushed by AMS for awhile. Fear is that this will be an excuse to eliminate standalone specialty meetings and to create a summer AMS annual-lite.
2. What would this really look like? We need more details. Is there a push for a lot of joint sessions? Can we still quasi-standalone?
3. Main goal of this is going to be cut hotel costs—breaks will be shared by conferences, hotel blocks will be shared, same restaurants, resources will be taken up by attendees from all the different conferences
4. SLS can send group messages to Victor/Jenni and to Jen Ives separately to express these concerns—Kristin is willing to lead this and involve anyone interested in participating
5. We probably shouldn't leave it to a "speciality conference or nothing" approach—would disproportionately hurt students, especially M.S. students. But we need to document exactly what we lose if we do a combined mini-AMS approach.
6. Kristin will draft a preliminary message after this meeting

iv. AMS Glossary
1. No requests for new terms or updates
2. Subcommittee may meet to solicit feedback on what the role of the STAC should be in maintaining or proposing relevant glossary terms
3. Our role has been more passive over the last several years—should this change?

v. Website
1. Last updated right after the last meeting with meeting minutes
2. Aiming to coordinate with social media committee with posts
3. Would like to develop page of past award winners

vi. Awards
1. Last we've heard, Rich has not yet received his STAC award—plan is for Russ Schneider to give it to him at an SPC staff meeting
2. Brian Squitieri will ask Russ for an update for giving Rich his award
3. AMS Awards are open
4. Fujita Award: no updates

e. Chair's Report
i. Had virtual STAC Chair/Vice-Chair meeting in May
ii. Chris shared high-level overview from meeting
iii. Next meeting will likely be in September—watch for poll a few weeks beforehand