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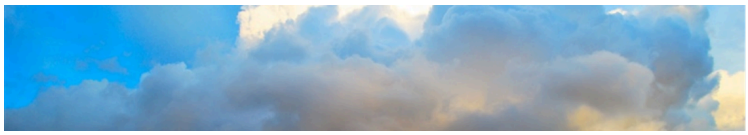


AMS Committee on Severe Local Storms Meeting Agenda
11 May 2026, 10AM CT (Zoom)

Attendance

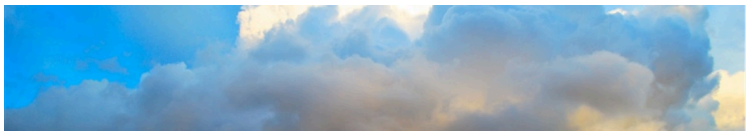
Logan Twohey	X	Andrew Wade	X
Bobby Saba		Jenni Pittman	X
Luke LeBel	X	Matt Flournoy	X
Victor Gensini	X	Brian Squiteri	X
Chris Melick	X	Burkely Gallo	X
Scott Gunter		Dan Dawson	X
Alex Anderson-Frey		Kristin Calhoun	X
Michael French	X	Jim Ladue	X
Anthony Lyza	X	Kristen Axon	
Benjamin Schenkel	X	Makenzie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

Keeper of the minutes: *Matt Flournoy*

SLS STAC Google Drive

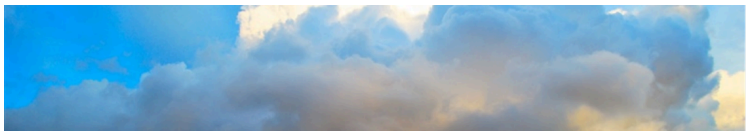
Agenda

a. Membership roster changes (AMS Profiles on SLS Committee Webpage)
   i. Please send any updates to Chris or Kristin
b. What is STAC?
   i. Best Practices
   ii. Resource page
c. **Membership Recruitment:** We will need to recruit roughly 3 new members for terms starting in 2027. There are a few members with their first term ending in 2027 and are eligible for renewal. Please let me know ASAP if you want to continue on for another term.
   i. Particularly looking for 1–2 student members.



d. Subcommittees
    i. Social
        1. **Chair: Andy Wade**
        2. Would like to see about 1 post a month.
        3. Advertisement/Promotion on **Facebook, X, and Bluesky**:
            a. 32nd SLS Conference (Coordinate with Victor/Jenni)**.**
            b. Call for Co Chairs for 33rd SLS deadline of **June 1st**
            c. Solicitation of STAC Level Award Nominations from External Community with a deadline of **June 12th.**
    ii. 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. **Draft from the subcommittee has been shared with the rest of the committee for feedback.** Shoot for getting suggested edits back to the subcommittee **by Q3 meeting**

    iii. Conference Planning
        1. SLS 32 in August 2026 [Co-Chairs: **Victor & Jenni**]
            a. Conference schedule is coming together, nearly finalized
                - To be released tomorrow (Friday 5/15)
                - Several joint sessions (CloudPhys, Mountain, WxWarning/Comm, WAF/NWP)
                - Plenary morning sessions, concurrent afternoon sessions
                - Tuesday evening starts with a keynote from George Bryan (30 min), then an open forum panel discussion (60 min)
                - Several joint sessions are not pictured in the skeleton schedule (they are hosted by other conferences)
            b. As many as 4 concurrent sessions across the Summit
            c. Oral request acceptance rate quite a bit higher than previous years (partially due to joint sessions with other conferences at the Summit)
            d. Evening social events still being planned (Thursday evening movie night, Wednesday women's dinner, etc.)
                - Monday evening: AMS-sanctioned icebreaker for the entire summit
            e. Kenzie working with a subcommittee to start figuring out session chairs



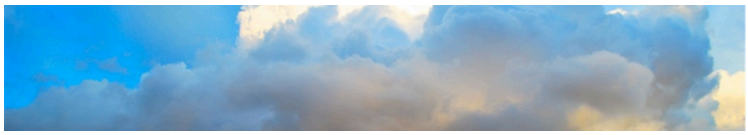
f. Advertising opportunities coming up re: registration, George's keynote, specific sessions (highlight once a week), etc.
g. Accommodations are open for reservations

2. 2028 AMS Annual Meeting Symposium? (**Jim Ladue**)
    a. Initial contact with Measurements committee, perhaps joint sponsorship
        - Organizing a meeting to propose a joint-sponsored symposium (POC Michelle Storm)
    b. ASCE EF-scale draft for public comment to motivate full-day meeting
    c. Need proposal for a symposium by fall 2026 to plan something at 2028 AMS Annual

iv. AMS Glossary
1. **Chair: Luke Lebel**
2. Inversion term needed an updated definition; Finished by April 8th.
3. **Another term was supplied to us: Triple Point. Due date of May 22nd is next week.**
4. **Status:** Look into examining the AMS Glossary to find terms that are candidates to be updated by our committee (if needed).

v. Website
1. **Chair: Benjamin Schenkel**
2. Updates sent to Peter Killelea at AMS [pkillelea@ametsoc.org]
3. **Coordinate with the Social Subcommittee for new posts**
4. Meeting minutes posted on webpage

vi. Awards
1. **Chair: Michael French**
2. 2025 SLS STAC Early Career Award - Kristin
    a. **Present award to Brice Coffer at the next SLS conference.** Michael has the hard copy.
3. 2026 SLS STAC Award Nominations from External Community
    a. The process has changed with the details shared already.
    b. **By Friday, June 12**: External nominations are due.
    c. **By Friday, July 10**: Board and Committee decisions are due to the STAC Commissioners.
    d. **By Friday, July 31**: STAC Commissioners finalized the awards and notify AMS of the awardees and associated citations.



4. Fujita Award - Kristin
    - **Any status updates?**

e. Chair's Report

i. Lots of Hard Work Getting Done. Much appreciated!

ii. Have not received any applications yet for Co Chairs for 33rd SLS

1. 33 SLS will not be a standalone. Perhaps twice-a-year-style Summits.

iii. **STAC Awards webpage live from STAC.**

1. Here is our form for soliciting external nominations. We need to advertise and evaluate between June 12 and July 10.

Next Meeting: Q3 August 2026 at 32nd SLS Conference? (More details to come)