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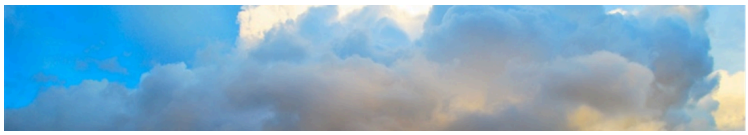

AMS Committee on Severe Local Storms Meeting Agenda
24 June 2024, 1:00P central (Zoom)
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Attendance

Victor Gensini	X	Logan Twohey	
Chris Melick	X	Bobby Saba	
John Allen	X	Brian Squitieri	
Alexandra Anderson-Frey	X	Dan Dawson	X
Alicia Klees	X	Burkely Gallo	
Manda Chasteen	X	Makenzie Krocak	x
Casey Davenport	X	Keith Sherburn	x
Michael French		Rob Warren	
Kristin Calhoun	X	Jim Ladue	x
Matt Flournoy	X	Kristen Axon	x
Bryan Smith		Luke LeBel	x

Keeper of the minutes: *Matt Flournoy*

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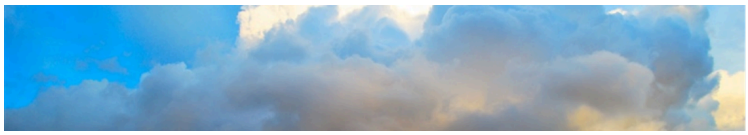
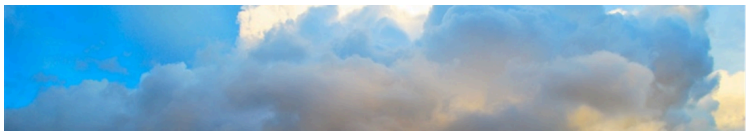


Agenda

a. Updates and information from AMS Counsel
   i. *AMS publication submissions lowest in last 10 years*
      1. *Causes: **cost**, review time, competing journals, natural variability*
   ii. *Current technical editor shortage (30+ days to pass technical check)*
b. What is STAC?
   i. Best Practices
   ii. Resource page
c. SLS 31 in Virginia Beach (**Casey and John**)
   i. Abstracts closed!
      1. *335 abstracts submitted (quite high), program committee currently reviewing them all*
      2. *Program set by 2 July*
      3. *Program posted around 11 July*
   ii. Poster judging & session chairing
      1. *Program committee subcommittees underway*
   iii. Sponsorship
      1. *Currently at $11k in sponsorship (dropped registration fees?!)*
   iv. *Four student travel awards available*
   v. *Episode VI: Return of the Video Night is in production*
   vi. *Networking event Sunday night*
d. SLS 32 (**Victor**)
   i. Received one proposal (Jenni Pittmann and Victor)
   ii. Vote to name SLS 32 Co-Chairs
      1. *Unanimous STAC decision to have Jenni and Victor as the SLS 32 Co-Chairs (!!)*
   iii. Next steps?
      1. *Discuss STAC-internal vote for next STAC Chair in the coming months*
      2. *Nominate or self-nominate a STAC member for the Chair position before SLS. STAC will vote at the SLS meeting.*
   iv. Changes to process
      1. *Broadcast SLS STAC and future Co-Chair opportunities at SLS*
      2. *Time of year (late spring) is generally busy, consider a different timeline for co-chair proposals*
   v. International SLS?
      1. *Australians possibly collaborating with Northern Tornado Project folks (Canadians) to discuss potential international SLS in Canada in the future*
   vi. *How can we better advertise what we do and get more people invested in SLS STAC?*
e. 5y Strategic plan (Need a chair!)



i. Goal would be to identify 2-3 things SLS may want to focus on in the next 5 years to enhance participation, recruit new members into the community, and expand the reach of our science.
    1. *Chair of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee: Jim LaDue*
    2. *Deliverable: 1-page summary to AMS*
ii. Meet and identify areas (by SLS31)

f. Website changes (**Chris**)
    i. For now please send any other changes to Chris
    ii. Would like to get our meeting minutes to be posted to our webpage going forward
    iii. Any other changes we would like to make?

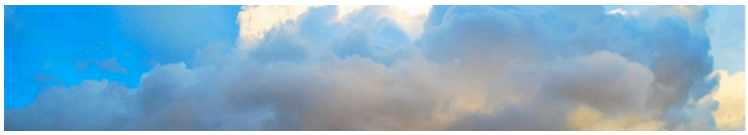
g. Subcommittees
    i. Strategic plan (need a chair)
        1. *Chair: Jim LaDue*
    ii. Please add yourself to a subcommittee if you are not already on one.

h. Awards (**Michael**)
    i. John Peters' SLS STAC ECA nomination confirmed
    ii. Award will be presented at SLS 31 (evening session)
    iii. AMS named award (Ted Fujita Lifetime Achievement award?)
        1. Waiting for response from Kristie F.
        2. *Send nomination to Kristie F., she will share with commissioner(s)*
        3. *Once Kristie et al. off, SLS STAC sends the nomination to AMS Council for approval*
        4. *Could name example candidates who would have been (or are) deserving of an award*
        5. *General desires to 1) have it be a named award (Ted Fujita) and 2) award it every year (assuming a good applicant pool)*
        6. *Goal: have proposal drafted by SLS and submitted to AMS by the Annual Meeting in January*

i. Social Media (**Alicia**)
    i. Would like to see ~1 post per month highlighting something related to AMS/SLS
        1. *Matt F. working on possible BlueSky/Threads accounts*

j. Community Forum
    i. Reminder that all SLS STAC business is taking place on the SLS STAC forum channel.

k. New members? (**Victor**)
    i. We will be losing 4 SLS STAC members after the annual meeting in New Orleans (John, Casey, Manda, Alicia)
    ii. Seven others will expire but are eligible for renewal. (Chris, Alexandra, Matt, Bryan, Luke, Logan, Bobby)



1. *Send Victor an email with your interest (or not) in renewing your membership status by AMS Annual.*

iii. Advertise for new members at SLS 31 and keep applications open until 1 Dec 2024 (new terms would start after the Annual Meeting in NOLA).

Next Meeting: Q3 ‘24 (@ SLS31) + virtual