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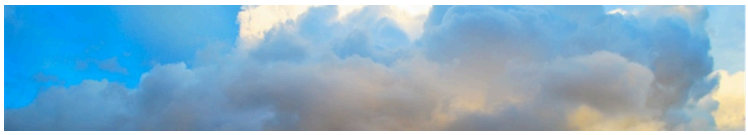

AMS Committee on Severe Local Storms Meeting Agenda
24 October 2024, 12:00P eastern @ SLS 31 + (Zoom)

Attendance

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

Keeper of the minutes: *Alicia Klees*

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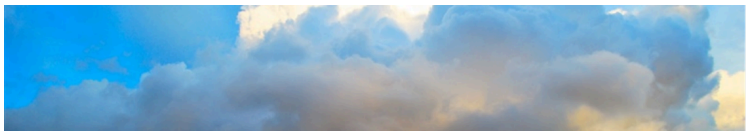


Conference stats:
~300 in-person registrations, ~37% students (very similar to 2022 Santa Fe conference)

Award updates
Jonathan Peters – award given out in afternoon session
Early career award: N/A this year
Distinguished accomplishment award: an individual making sig contributions to discipline, well-recognized as science/tech leader, mid or late career scientist
Rich Thompson
But where to present? Possibly WaF/NWP if he goes (like we did for Burkely)
Outstanding service award

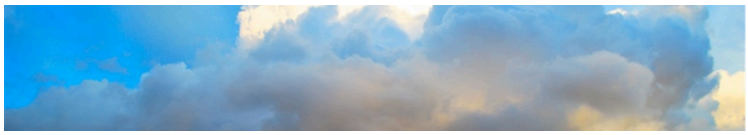
AMS Glossary - *the term 'CAPE' - determining which STAC is going to focus on that*

Social Media Updates:
Getting lots of traffic/retweets and likes on Twitter, especially during the conference as well as advertising events leading up to conference
Trying to amplify student events, talks as much as possible
Need contingency plans re: possible instability of Twitter long-term, especially for weather community
AMS is now on BlueSky - follow and amplify and vice-versa

Website
Not great venue for time-sensitive topics, little foot traffic
Be sure to amplify conference summary on social media, too!

Strategic plan
Model out there from WaF
Focus on STAC goals - very tangible milestones along the way - 2-5 years to advance this
Jim LaDue chairing subcommittee on this
Plans for science steering committee meeting discussions with external and internal partners to shape conference themes, etc

Awards:
Named award at the AMS-level?? Other STACs have but we do not - what about 'Fujita'?
Why severe storms are important
How we will evaluate for who we give award to
Kristin will share the letter w/ STAC
List of possibilities of who may be candidates for this award - many already fellows and not a diverse list so striving to pull more diverse list
Need to clarify timelines/process



32nd Conference on Severe Local Storms

AMS is surveying and evaluating possible cities such as Twin Cities, Milwaukee, Louisville, etc.
Also may survey Michigan, Ohio cities, mention of Boise, etc. but VERY likely in 'central US'
East of Continental Divide
Possible to collaborate with Warning and Communication sub-conference (normally w/ broadcast) - normally 2.5 days, no posters - may be a reasonable merge with SLS
Has SLS ever done a joint meeting? No
Would it be one after another or big joint sessions? Maybe ~50-75 folks
Generally positive comments from us at the SLS STAC meeting
"THREATS" with Frank Lombardo (UIUC) - NSF-funded - not AMS but interesting overlap in some topics
Proposal from Australia - South American live storm conference BUT live virtual joint sessions in some way w/ SLS - prohibitively expensive to attend in person

New membership:

Alicia, John, Casey, Manda - must rotate off
All who are eligible for renewal have agreed to renew! Yay!
Few rotating off in the next cycle
5-new membership applications - we will admit all!

Chair, vice-chair

Chris: elected chair
Kristin C: elected vice-chair

Other business

Can we communicate over different platforms?
No, we must communicate over AMS Community forum - archive and mandated
AMS Community forum has worked for WaF, NWP
AMS doesn't pay for Slack - doesn't archive - not an option
Timeline for new student member applications?
Depends on student graduation - rolling into regular membership after
Probably not recruiting for quite a while

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM