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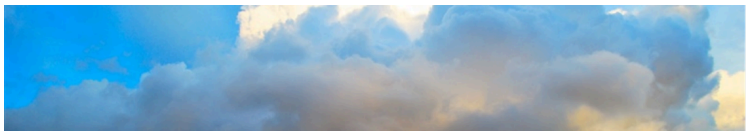


AMS Committee on Severe Local Storms Meeting Agenda
24 September 2025, 2PM CT (Zoom)

Attendance

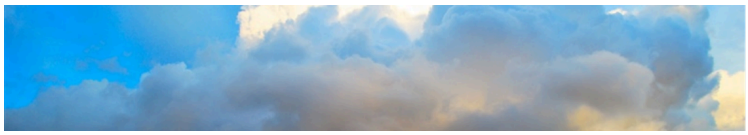
Logan Twohey		Andrew Wade	X
Bobby Saba		Bryan Smith	X
Luke LeBel	X	Jenni Pittman	
Victor Gensini	X	Matt Flournoy	
Chris Melick	X	Brian Squiteri	
Scott Gunter	X	Burkely Gallo	
Alex Anderson-Frey		Dan Dawson	X
Michael French		Kristin Calhoun	X
Anthony Lyza	X	Jim Ladue	X
Benjamin Schenkel	X	Kristen Axon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

Keeper of the minutes: *Victor Gensini*

SLS STAC Google Drive

Agenda

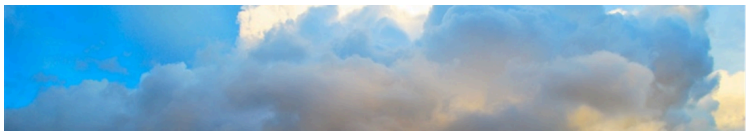
a. Membership roster changes (AMS Profiles on SLS Committee Webpage)
   i. Please send any updates to Chris or Kristin
b. What is STAC?
   i. Best Practices
   ii. Resource page
c. Dr. Rob Warren from the BOM in Australia decided to step down. Initial thought was not to replace him right away. Open to discussion.
   i. No real discussion but perhaps no need to add anyone since we have all eligible members renewing their terms.



ii. Will want to check with graduating students to see if they would like to extend to full member status post graduation.

d. Subcommittees
   i. Social
      1. **Chair: Andy Wade**
      2. Would like to see about 1 post a month.
      3. **Facebook is still outdated with content which stretches back to October 2024.** Who can help to update this? Please pass along the information to me if it can't get resolved.
         a. Scott G. volunteered to help with FB posts.
      4. On the other hand, Bluesky and X have been updated to be more recent. The only thing I noticed is that the posts directly from us are not identical and need to be. **The messaging should be consistent from the SLS Committee.**
         a. Try to get posts up once a month on all platforms.
   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. Updates if any since June.
      4. It would be good to have a subcommittee meeting soon to discuss further development of the document
         a. Jim plans to lead discussion for strategic plan. Stay tuned for a poll.

   iii. Conference Planning
      1. SLS 32 in Fall 2026 [Co-Chairs: **Victor & Jenni**]
         a. Updates
         b. Accepting session topic proposals.
         c. Lyza suggests reaching out to Mt. Met STAT for a potential joint session on topo impacts on severe local storms
         d. Other suggestions for joint sessions should be sent to Victor or Jenni
      2. SLS Participation (if any) in 2027 AMS Annual Meeting
         a. Refer to email from Jen Ives forwarded on Sept 5th.
         b. **Proposal: Discuss the idea of coordinating a joint session with another conference.**
         c. We need to submit a form indicating our desire to participate by Oct. 31st.
         d. Consensus was not to submit anything for AMS annual 2027. We will see how things go in 2028 for another virtual



joint summit in the summer or plan something for the 2028 AMS annual meeting.

iv. AMS Glossary
   1. **Chair: Luke Lebel**
   2. New Terms or Update existing ones?
   3. Look into examining the AMS Glossary to find terms that are candidates to be updated by our committee (if needed).
   4. No new activity. Luke will reach out via community forum to solicit any new terms or update to terms from members.

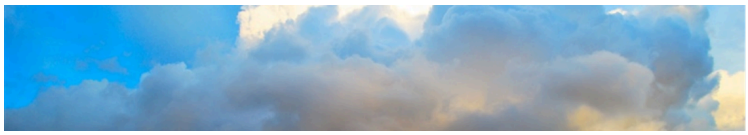
v. Website
   1. **Chair: Benjamin Schenkel**
   2. Updates sent to Peter Killelea at AMS [pkillelea@ametsoc.org]
   3. Need to get site/dates posted for 32nd SLS Conference on the conference webpage
   4. Meeting minutes posted on webpage
   5. No major new business

vi. Awards
   1. **Chair: Michael French**
   2. Fujita Award - Kristin
      - New AMS-level named award. Current proposal here
      - Kristin reached out to Dave Stensrud and he recommended adding additional letters of support.
      - Also will want to address that the NWA has a Fujita Award so there are no surprises
      - To submit - email Todd Glickman, AMS Secretary, secretary@ametsoc.org Make sure you have all the required elements in the proposal.
      - Get other STAC chairs involved. WAF/NWP would probably sign off.
      - 3. Soliciting award nominations for SLS STAC (Early Career Award): https://forms.gle/X8CGL7oymCm2VLTR9

e. Chair's Report

i. Next Virtual STAC Chairs/Vice-Chairs Meeting TBA in Sept 2025

ii. STAC B/C Chair Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026 in Houston
   1. Chair will not be in-person at the 2026 AMS Annual Meeting; Will attend virtually



iii. Nothing new to report; will pass along information when needed

Next Meeting: Q4 Early December 2025 (watch for when2meet poll).

Meeting adjourned at 304 PM CDT