

AMS Committee on Severe Local Storms Meeting Agenda

05 Aug 2026, 12:15PM CT ([Dane Room at Monona Terrace](#) in Madison, WI + Zoom)

Attendance

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

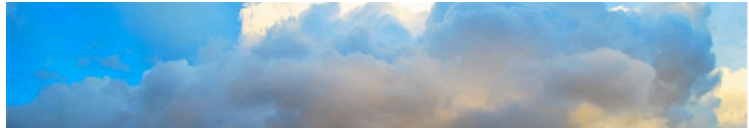
Keeper of the minutes:

Kristen Axon

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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 for 2027:** We will need to recruit about 2-3 regular members and 2-3 new student members for terms starting in 2027. Both Leanne Blind-Doskocil and Eddie Woff (33rd SLS Co-Chairs) terms will start then as well.
 - i. **Low on student-members**



- ii. AMS STAC - no announcements
 - iii. distinguish between conference registrations to get accurate number of attendees to SLS apart from the Summit. 470 people put SLS first for the 2026 Madison Summit when registering. More people registered than expected (AMS STAC rep)
 - iv. student judging, needs to be coordination among conference committees with judging to not overburden judges
 - v. AMS STAC rep - use some AMS annual processes for newer Summit style conferences. More check-ins with program chairs
 - vi. Victor - overall dedicated summit chair needed
- d. **Presentation from AMS Meetings Staff**
- e. 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. Summary report from 32nd SLS Conference (Coordinate with Victor).
 - b. Advertisement for New Member Recruitment in the next 1-2 months
 - 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.** Extension: shoot for getting suggested edits back to the subcommittee **by Q4 meeting**
 - a. draft of Strategic Plan. How do we enact it once we evoke it
 - When do we want to vote on it? Need to place on community forum for feedback
 - Can post on website
 - Want it done by the end of the year, vote by next meeting (Q4 in November time frame), but want all comments addressed before then for a clean version
 - Comment deadline: october
 - iii. Conference Planning



1. Updates for SLS 32 in August 2026 [Co-Chairs: **Victor & Jenni**]
 - a. Provide and feedback or requests from committee
 - b. Provide summary assessment after SLS conference.
2. Evening session well received (big success), attendance is very variable across SLS sessions
3. Early Aug - bad week to do a conference (semester comping up), want fall again. Oct is latest option (AMS STAC rep), committee can vote and pick 1,2,3 date option but have puzzle pieces to see what committees overlap with choices of time, location, etc.
4. Can group things more strategically moving forward
5. Concern with getting to attend SLS-specific research, joint sessions at same time as concurrent SLS sessions mean you miss a lot
6. SLS33 Co-chair inquiry: Smaller summit - what top two would we want? (WAF/NWP, Weather Warnings)
7. Biggest things determining summit choices: similar date and location (AMS STAC rep)

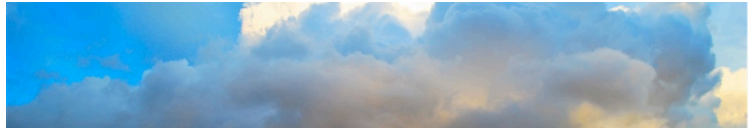
1. 2028 AMS Annual Meeting Symposium (Updates by **Jim Ladue**)
 - a. Should be a one-day thing, targeted invited talks (suggested 2-days also)
 - b. Supported, but consider how to represent SLS better especially student-involvement
 - c. October 15 2026, have to submit for AMS 2028, submission form should be on STAC commissioner community and needs to be submitted by the STAC chair
 - d. specially meeting needs to be submitted by Aug 15, 2026 (also by STAC chair)
2. 2028 AMS Summit – 33rd SLS Conference
 - a. **Leanne Blind-Doskocil & Eddie Woff (Co-Chairs)**
 - b. Discussion on feedback request (by Aug 10th)
 - c. Going to communicate with chairs from other committees
 - d. Need to decide: Where and when (and what other committees). May have to do South with previous SLS locations

ii. AMS Glossary

1. **Chair: Luke Lebel**
2. “Triple Point” needed updated definition; Finished by May 22nd.
3. No other new requests have been sent to me.
4. No new feedback

iii. 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

iv. Awards

1. **Chair: Michael French**

2. 2026 SLS STAC Early Career Award

Presented to the recipient (**Brice Coffey**) on Monday morning.

3. 2027 SLS STAC Award

- a. **Alan Gerard** is the recipient and will be announced at the 2027 AMS Annual Meeting.

b. **Want more publicity to get more nominations**

4. Fujita Award - Kristin

- **Any status updates?**
- **Coordinate with other STACs**

b. **Chair's Report**

- i. Lots of Hard Work Getting Done. Much appreciated!
- ii. Many kudos to Victor and Jenni for leading the new format for 32nd SLS!
- iii. **Next meeting in Nov or Dec**

Any other last minute items??

Next Meeting: Q4 for 2026 in December (look for when2meet poll)