American Meteorological Society (AMS)
Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC)
April 2024 STAC Newsletter

Society Awards and Fellow Nominations

The May 1 deadline for submitting Society Awards and AMS Fellow Nominations is fast approaching. STAC B/C should encourage colleagues to nominate deserving individuals or groups for these awards and recognition. Also, B/Cs might consider nominating a worthy individual as an AMS Fellow. Further information on AMS awards can be found at https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-honors/ Note that the Society's lectureships are intended to recognize *outstanding mid-career scientists*. Mid-career is nominally taken to include scientists who are within 10 to 20 years beyond earning their highest graduate degree or within 15 to 25 years beyond earning their baccalaureate. Consideration will also be given, however, to those who are still in the middle stage of their careers but have seen these interrupted for up to 5–10 years by military service, or family and career circumstances.

Reminder: STAC B/C Strategic/Five-Year Plans

As a friendly reminder, please recall that we encourage every Board and Committee to have a Strategic or Five-Year Plan. We leave it up to each Board and Committee to decide how to create and implement their plans, but they should reflect the directions your Board or Committee would like to pursue over the next five years. Some older examples are available on the STAC webpage at Combined Five Year Plans 2014 version 8.pdf (ametsoc.org), and the Committee on Weather Analysis and Forecasting has their current plan available on their STAC webpage at AMS WAF Strategic Plan 2022 - Final.pdf (ametsoc.org). Please reach out to your STAC commissioner point of **contact with any questions or to share your Board's or Committee's plan.**

May Chairs Call

We will be holding our next STAC board and committee chairs zoom call on May 17 at 2 pm central daylight time (UTC-5) / 3 pm Eastern / 1 pm Mountain / 12 pm Pacific. Jen Ives will present on cost of meetings, we will discuss the updated procedure for submitting STAC award nominations and cover other general announcements including board and committee volunteering. The call will be recorded. Links will be shared on AMS community.

STAC Membership

B/C Chairs and Vice-Chairs should review their updated 2023 membership rosters on their web pages at https://www.ametsoc.org/index.cfm/stac/ and report any corrections to your STAC Commissioner point of contact. Having student members is an AMS requirement and the commissioners will be glad to help in finding a prospective student member. Submit a CV and nomination form for your student members to your Commissioner point of contact. You can find the STAC board/committee nomination form at this link.

2025 Annual Meeting Theme

Planning is underway for the 105th Annual Meeting. The overall theme of the Meeting is "Towards a Thriving Planet: Charting the Course Across Scales" The goals of the 2025 AMS Annual Meeting are to assess how the state-of-science, -practice, and -art can be brought to bear in addressing the challenges to a thriving planet, and identify remaining challenges that need to be resolved in the journey to achieve resilient communities.

As in past years, this Annual Meeting will include a series of Town Hall Meetings. Town Halls provide a valuable opportunity for extended interactive two-way dialogue among the Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise and other interested groups for the benefit of the AMS community. These engagements can include a wide range of topic areas and formats that do not typically fit into the traditional AMS Annual Meeting program. The deadline to submit a Town Hall Meeting proposal is June 27. In addition to the townhall deadline, the deadline to submit a short course proposal for the Annual Meeting is June 1. Also, the form for requesting a committee meeting room in New Orleans during the Annual Meeting will be posted on the AMS community in the next month.

Volunteering

AMS staff is working with Commissioners to finalize a timeline for the recruitment and onboarding of board and committee volunteers. The process will run through October, when we hope to have new members in place, so that they can participate in events pertaining to their committee during the Annual Meeting. Finalized details will be provided during the spring Board/Committee chairs meeting.

AMS Career Center

AMS continues to expand its career development resources and activities. Visit the AMS Career Resources website for career guides and tools, job announcements, professional development opportunities, mentoring, and more!

AMS Podcast Series

AMS offers two podcast series:

AMS on the Air

Bringing you cool stories, news, and research in the weather, water, & climate community, focusing on conversations with the people who make it all happen.

Clear Skies Ahead

Learn about careers in meteorology and beyond. Join AMS as we talk to experts working in the weather, water, and climate sciences.

Commissioner: Kristie Franz
Past Commissioner: Ankur Desai
Incoming Commissioner: Clark Evans