

American Meteorological Society (AMS)
Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC)
August 2023 STAC Newsletter

AMS Elections: Voting for the 2023 AMS President-Elect and AMS Council opens September 1. For further details see [AMS Election Information](#).

STAC Level Award Call for Nominations: As a reminder, consider submitting a nomination for a [STAC Level Awards](#).

There are three types of awards for which each Board/Committee can submit a nomination:

- Outstanding Early Career,
- Distinguished Scientific/Technological Accomplishment, and
- Outstanding Service.

When considering a candidate for a STAC award, consider whether an AMS level award might be more appropriate. The nomination must be received by the STAC Commissioner no later than October 1, 2023.

Several groups are soliciting award nominations, which we share below. Please recommend great candidates!

- **Middle Atmosphere:** [AMS Middle Atmosphere STAC awards 2023 \(google.com\)](#). Nominations are due by August 25, 2023.
- **Tropical Meteorology:** The American Meteorological Society (AMS) Science and Technological Activities Commission (STAC) Committee on Tropical Meteorology and Tropical Cyclones seeks nominations for this year's STAC Committee Outstanding Early Career Award. Your nominations are critical to identifying the diverse group of deserving candidates for these awards. No formal letter is required for this nomination and you can submit your nomination through [this Google Form](#). All nominations are due September 4, 2023.
- **Radar Meteorology:** The AMS Radar STAC is soliciting nominations for early career, technological accomplishment, and outstanding service awards. These AMS society-level awards are meant to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to radar meteorology: <https://forms.gle/v2HHUrn64jzDmC9i7>
- **Mountain Meteorology:** The Mountain Meteorology Committee seeks nominations for the STAC Mountain Meteorology Early Career Award. This award honors individuals within 10 years of having earned their highest degree, or are under 40 years of age when nominated, who have made significant contributions to the discipline of Mountain Meteorology and are on a path to becoming a scientific leader in the community. Nominations and CV can be emailed to Ethan Gutman <gutmann@ucar.edu>

2024 AMS Annual Meeting: The 104th AMS, Annual Meeting with a theme of "Living in a Changing Environment", is scheduled for Baltimore, MD, January 28-February 1. You can view all the conferences and symposia set for that week [here](#). The abstract deadline was extended to August 31. Hotel blocks will be available soon. The program will be posted and registration will open in mid-October. For additional tips and more information on planning for your health and safety at the 104th Annual Meeting, [please click here](#). The meeting will be fully hybrid, where

you can present and attend in-person, virtually, or a mix of both. For more information on your hybrid experience, please click [here](#). You can find some FAQs for the annual meeting [here](#).

STAC Annual Meeting: We are planning to have our STAC B/C Chair Meeting on Sunday, January 28 mid-day, including virtual participation options. We request all Chairs and Vice Chairs plan to attend, or if you cannot, ensure that a member of your B/C is there to represent your concerns. AMS Meetings will conduct a training session immediately preceding our meeting. The training is specifically designed for those who are (or would like to be) Conference/Symposium Program Chairs.

STAC Board and Committee Meetings: If you are planning to hold an in-person meeting for your committee or board during the 104rd Annual Meeting in Denver, please fill out this [form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgIRYY1aORmrHHUrxzpMH8P4XetCUPmqb49GVIn4KWnoPw8A/viewform) (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgIRYY1aORmrHHUrxzpMH8P4XetCUPmqb49GVIn4KWnoPw8A/viewform>) to reserve a room. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Jen Ives at jives@ametsoc.org

Invite AMS Award Winners to Speak at your Conferences: If you are hosting a conference or symposium at the AMS Annual Meeting in January 2024 (or during the coming year), consider including AMS Award Recipients and new Fellows in your conference schedules either as presenters or in panel discussions. List of 2024 award recipients and fellows are listed [here](#).

Specialty Meetings: Thank you all who have helped organize one of our 2023 specialty meetings. Without the involvement of yourselves, your committee, and your program committee, these meetings would not have taken place or been as successful as they have. All of the meetings were offered or will be offered as hybrid and you can see a status update on them [here](#). Planning is well underway for most of our 2024 specialty meetings. Lead planners will be setting up kickoff calls with program chairs soon.

2025 AMS Annual Meeting: Planning is underway for the **American Meteorological Society's 105th Annual Meeting, to be held 12-16 January 2025 in New Orleans**. The theme is "Towards a Thriving Planet: Charting the Course Across Scales." Please reference the [theme summary](#) for the details. Confirm your committee's intent to organize a conference/symposia or sessions (even if you usually meet at the Annual Meeting) by **31 October 2023** in this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0v7h51u7PeNLnKTeWKtuuPoQQRxKgnTrcwulQvZeg2LUfBw/viewform?usp=sf_link. You are welcome to plan joint sessions with any of the existing conferences and symposia as well instead of hosting your own sessions.

Membership Nominations and Renewals: September is a good time to begin recruiting new members and reviewing whether those members completing their initial 3-year term (2-year for student members) wish to be extended for a second term. If nominating a new member, please send the [nomination form](#) and CV to your Commissioner point of contact. If renewing members, you can just note that in the same message—no documentation is required for renewing members.

If you are looking for new members or other volunteers, be aware that AMS will be kicking off a **Volunteer Marketing Campaign** on 15 September by sharing opportunities to serve on Board and Committees with the AMS community. Please reach out to [Erica Callahan](#) with questions.

Here is a breakdown of the deadlines:

- 15 September-15 October: Volunteer Opportunities marketed through direct mailings, October Soundings, Community Posts, Social Media, and AMS website
- 16 October: Initial Volunteer Application Deadline
- 17 October: Chairs begin to review applications and have until 1 November to accept applicants
- 1 November: Chairs share the list of accepted applicants with a shared document and by email
- Note that Volunteer Applications will include an opt out message that names will be shared with other board and committee chairs for open positions.
- 3 November: CE Staff will share the Volunteer Applications that are interested in hearing about other opportunities with the Board and Committee Chairs that still have openings.
- 15 November – Board and Committee chairs confirm final list of applicants selected

Board and Committee Leadership: If you are Chair of a STAC Board or Committee and will be rotating off in January, you should be in the process of identifying your successor. Identifying a new Chair at the last minute leaves the successor with little opportunity to learn the many responsibilities, therefore we suggest beginning the process now. Often a logical successor is the Vice-Chair, which is why we encourage every board and committee to have a Vice-Chair as a way of training the next Chair. There is not a set method and you have flexibility in how your B/C goes through the process. Regardless of the approach you take, be thoughtful in developing a succession plan if you are stepping down as Chair in 2024.

AMS Webinars: Consider [organizing a webinar](#) around a topic of interest to the AMS community. Speaking of webinars, did you know AMS has [dozens of recorded webinars available in the webinar directory](#)?

Best Practices Document: The STAC [Best Practices document](#) is always your go to for best information on practices and policies. Please check it out for useful information and guidance for your committee or board.

Upcoming STAC Conference Call: After the September Council meeting, we will host our second conference call of the year. Details will follow soon.

Past Commissioner: Ankur Desai

Commissioner: Kristie Franz

Future Commissioner: Clark Evans