

American Meteorological Society (AMS)
Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC)
February 2022 Newsletter

STAC Chairs Annual Meeting

Thank you to all Board/Committee (B/C) Chairs, Vice-chairs, and representatives who participated in the February STAC Chairs meeting. The slides from the meeting are located [here](#). If you missed the meeting, you can access the recording [here](#) (Passcode: 2u1zU=*7)

STAC Board/Committee Rosters

Now that January has passed, the member rosters should be updated. Take a few minutes to check your B/C roster on the [AMS STAC website](#). Please send any corrections or [new member nominations](#) to your STAC Commissioner point of contact.

Conference Summaries

Each Board/Committee that held a conference or symposia at the annual meeting should submit a STAC Conference Report Review by end of February. Typically, this is an action for the conference/symposium Program Chair (your B/C can determine who completes the summary) and this should be done within two months after your event has concluded. The STAC Conference Report can be found [here](#). A summary of all the input will be provided to the B/C Chairs.

Upcoming Specialty Meetings

For Committees that are planning a 2022 Conference/Symposium please take a moment to review the [current schedule](#) and reach out if you have questions or edits on what is listed.

Web Editor Requests

For new web editors on your B/C, please send your requests via the [Web Editor Request form](#). Staff are watching for incoming requests, and the goal is to have all requests completed within a few business days. Additionally, automatic web editor access is in place for all B/C chairs and vice-chairs. More to follow regarding other improvements coming this year.

AMS Awards

The May 1 deadline for submitting Society Awards and AMS Fellow Nominations is fast approaching. Each STAC B/C should encourage colleagues to nominate deserving individuals or groups for these awards and recognition. Additionally, 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/amsawards-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.

STAC Council Report

STAC presented a 2021 end of year report to the Council at its January 2022 meeting. This can be found [here](#).

STAC Best Practices

For new chairs and members, please review the [STAC Best Practices document](#) for ideas on how STAC B/C can carry out their required duties and accomplish their objectives more effectively.

Career Development

Visit the [AMS Career Resources website](#) for career guides and tools, job announcements, professional development opportunities, mentoring, and more! Kelly Savoie, AMS Director of Career Development notes that her department is always looking for podcast guests, career profiles, webinar and short course proposals, and participation in Ask Me Anything Career events in the online Community. If any board or committee is interested, please visit the [careers website](#) or contact [Kelly](#) directly.

Mentoring 365

Think about where you are today and consider the mentors (both formal and informal) you've worked with on your career journey. Are you ready to help pay that forward to someone with 2-3 hours a month? There are a lot of students and early and mid-career professionals within the AMS looking for some guidance for their futures as well. The [Mentoring 365 program](#) lasts for 3 months (it can be extended if you both agree) and participants are from around the world. We've seen a big increase in mentee requests from within the AMS community and we are in need of more mentors across all sectors of the weather, water and climate enterprise. Mentoring isn't only an investment in someone else, it's an investment in your own leadership and communication skills. If your board or committee have ideas or interest in promoting the program to your members, take a look at the link above or reach out to mentoring365@ametsoc.org.

Commissioner: [Ankur Desai](#)

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