

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

IMPORTANT NEWS: STAC boards and committees can request AMS to waive the abstract submission fee for STAC Award Winners. This waiver is for one abstract submission and should be for the conference where they will receive their award.

STAC Chairs Annual Meeting

Thank you to all Board/Committee (B/C) Chairs, Vice-chairs, and representatives who participated in the January STAC Chairs meeting in Denver. The slides from the meeting are located [here](#) and a recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Additionally, slides from the New Program Chair Briefing can be found [here](#). Note that the Best Practices related to Meetings will be undergoing updates based on direction from the Future of Meetings Task Force.

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. We are also sharing summaries with the Future of Meetings Task Force. Your feedback helps guide future decisions about how meetings are organized and run!

AMS Community

Each Board/Committee has a page on the [AMS Community](#) that can be accessed with your AMS log-in. Members are automatically added as they join your board or committee, which you can find under the menu Communities->My Communities. Community is an easy way to send notifications to your whole committee, upload, archive, and share documents, and generate discussion. By default, community pages are set to email a daily digest. However, to allow for more regular conversation, we recommend switching the "Settings" for "Email Notifications" on your community to "Real Time". The Settings button is immediately to the right of the name of the community after you click on it.

Social Media

Several boards and committees run social media accounts, primarily on Twitter. Your board or committee can choose to create one on their own. No approval is needed. If you do, please let Commissioner Ankur Desai know and he will add it to the unofficial list of AMS committee twitter accounts at <https://twitter.com/i/lists/1216442211778420736> . Our incoming commissioner, Clark Evans, has started a commission-wide twitter account too https://twitter.com/AMS_STAC , who can help boost posts of yours.

Upcoming Specialty Meetings

For Committees that are planning a 2023 or 2024 Conference/Symposium please take a moment to review the [current schedule](#) and reach out if you have questions or edits on what is listed.

The table below shows meetings in the works for 2024 and their current status. Keep these in mind if you are interested in possibly co-locating your meeting with others.

CONTRACT SIGNED	CONFERENCE	LOCATION	DATES
	EC Meeting		
	Washington Forum	Washington DC	
Yes	35th Conference on Hurricanes and Tropical Meteorology	Long Beach, CA	6-10 May 2024
	Summer Policy Colloquium		
Requesting Proposals	Broadcast Meteorology	Virginia Beach Myrtle Beach Savannah, GA	early/mid June
	Weather Warnings and Communication		
Requesting Proposals	Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics	Traverse City, MI; Amherst/North Hampton, MA; Asheville, NC; Santa Fe, NM; Stowe, VT; Jackson, NH	First two weeks of June
	Middle?	Join with AOFD?	
Requesting Proposals	21st Conf on Mountain Met	Bozeman, MT, Flagstaff, AZ, Bend, OR and Boise, ID	late June-July preferred, or open to pushing it to September
	BLT		
	<i>22nd Conference on Satellite Meteorology</i>	<i>2024 Annual - 2025 Euro</i>	
	<i>17th Conference on Polar Meteorology and Oceanography</i>	<i>2024 Annual (1 day) then meet in 2025</i>	

	16th Conference on Cloud Physics	2024 Annual- 2026 Spec	
	16th Conference on Atmospheric Radiation	2026 Spec	
	Summer Community		
	ECLA		
	Fall EC/Council		
	Heads and Chairs	Boulder CO	October 10-11
Requesting Proposals	SLS	Savannah, GA; Charleston, SC	October

Web Editor Requests

For new web editors on your B/C, information on how to request web editing privileges and instructions on how to edit the pages can be found at this [link](#). Staff are watching for incoming requests, and the goal is to have all requests completed within a few business days. Automatic web editor access is in place for all B/C chairs and vice-chairs.

AMS Awards

The May 1 deadline for submitting Society Awards and AMS Fellow Nominations is 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 2022 end of year report to the Council at its January 2023 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 has ideas or interest in promoting the program to your members, take a look at the link above or reach out to mentoring365@ametsoc.org.

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Incoming Commissioner: [Clark Evans](#)