

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

STAC May Telecon: Thank you to the board and committee (B/C) chairs/members who took part in our STAC Chairs conference call on May 12. The [slides](#) and [recording](#) are available for your review.

STAC Level Award Call for Nominations:

We recommend your B/C start discussing considerations for the [STAC Level Awards](#). There are three types of awards from which each B/C can choose to submit their single nomination:

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

You can view previous award recipients [here](#). The nomination must be received by STAC Commissioner, Ankur Desai, no later than October 1, 2022.

STAC Webpages

The new theme and access rules for the STAC web pages have been implemented. Please review your B/C pages to see if any need tweaking for design or content and reach out to Peter Killelea (pkillelea@ametsoc.org) if you have any questions. You can now also include direct links to your social media accounts in the "full edit" section.

The Commission Web Editor Guide can be found [here](#).

For the remainder of 2022, every B/C should set a goal to at least update the content of the website and remove outdated material.

Note that the "membership" page that lists your members is automatically generated from the AMS database and you cannot directly edit. If you see someone missing here or some other edit that needs to be made in position title or term length, please email your commissioner point of contact who will notify AMS for the update. These are usually made within a couple weeks of the request. Note that members are automatically removed after the noted expiration date here. This is a good time to review and make sure your pages are accurate.

Future of Meetings Task Force

AMS is seeking additional members to join the Future of Meetings Task Force. If you have an interest in shaping the future of AMS meetings in breadth, accessibility, and inclusivity, consider joining. Reach out to AMS Meetings Director Jen Ives (jives@ametsoc.org) to express interest. Here is the charge: "Meetings are an essential way that AMS meets its strategic goals. The AMS currently has a mix of specialty meetings focused on one discipline, forums, summer community cross-sector meeting, an annual meeting that can encompass several specialty meetings along with other community-wide sessions, and other international meetings. Meetings are essential for the exchange of scientific ideas and preliminary results, for networking among AMS members, for cross-sector discussion and collaboration, for

outreach by the society to local communities, for honoring esteemed members, for conducting AMS business, and for creating a sense of belonging and inclusion within the Society. With virtual formats recently becoming a potentially viable alternative to being in person, the Society needs to consider the nature of meetings going forward. A final report will be presented to the AMS Council at the Annual Meeting no later than Jan 2024.”

Please be aware, that until any recommendations from the task force are adopted and based on discussion with AMS Council, AMS will be planning all upcoming meetings to be in hybrid format with both in-person and virtual options for presentation and participation.

2023 AMS Annual Meeting

The AMS Annual meeting will be held January 8-12, 2023 in Denver, CO. The 103rd Annual Meeting offers a great opportunity to share your ideas and research with colleagues! The theme is “Data: Driving Science. Informing Decisions. Enriching Humanity.” Check out the [call for papers](#). See the [FAQs](#) for further information.

Board and Committee Leadership:

If you are Chair of a STAC Board or Committee and will be rotating off in January 2023, now is a good time to begin identifying your successor. Often a good successor is the Vice-Chair, which is one reason 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 to selecting a new Chair and you have flexibility in how your B/C goes through the process. A current Chair might inquire among several members to see who is willing to take over as the new Chair. Other groups ask each member if they are interested in becoming the new Chair and then find a consensus across the B/C membership. Regardless of the approach you take, be thoughtful in developing a succession plan if you are stepping down as Chair in January.

Student Membership on Boards and Committees:

Boards and Committees without one or more student members should be actively seeking student members. Submit a CV and nomination form for your student members to your Commissioner. You can find the STAC board/committee nomination form at <https://www.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/membership/>

AMS Career Development Resources

Visit the [AMS Career Resources website](#) for career guides and tools, job announcements, professional development opportunities, mentoring, and more!

Commissioner: [Ankur Desai](#)

Past Commissioner: [Genene Fisher](#)

Incoming Commissioner: [Kristie Franz](#)