

American Meteorological Society (AMS)
Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC)
October 2020 STAC Newsletter

Upcoming STAC Board and Committee (B/C) Chairs Conference Call: Our next STAC B/C Chairs telecon will be Friday, Oct 23 from 2 to 3 pm Eastern Time. A calendar invite was sent to the B/C chairs and vice-chairs with call-in information. If your chair or vice chair cannot dial in, please have another member of your group participate in this call.

New Incoming STAC Commissioner: We are happy to share that the AMS Council selected Kristie Franz as the Incoming STAC Commissioner effective January 2021. Most recently, Kristie served as the Chair of the AMS Committee on Hydrology. She is the Interim Department Chair of Geological and Atmospheric Sciences at Iowa State University. Welcome Kristie!

2021 AMS Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting, January 10 – 14 is fast approaching. Due to COVID-19, all aspects of the Annual Meeting will be virtual, including oral and poster sessions, panel discussions, exhibits, AMS Awards Ceremony, business meeting, and networking sessions. The AMS Meetings staff is working hard to adapt to the realities and constraints we are all dealing with. You can read the latest plans for the meeting [here](#).

STAC Annual Meeting: The January STAC B/C Chair Meeting will be a virtual event as will your board and committee meetings. As soon as more information is available, we will send out further details.

2022 AMS Meeting Theme: You can learn more about the 2022 annual meeting (January 9-14) in Houston, TX through this AMS webinar on [Introduction to Environmental Security](#).

STAC Membership Update: Between now and Dec 1, it is time to recruit new members and review whether those members completing their initial 3-year term (2-year for student members) wish to be extended for a second term. As most members terms expire (or come up for renewal in January), this is the time of the year when you should ensure that there are successors for departing members, if needed. Also, for members who are completing their initial terms, we need notice if you wish them to have a second three-year term (two-years for student members). Each B/C must have at least one student member. Do not feel that there is a rigid limit to the number of members you can have. Rather, we encourage you to have as many quality members as you can effectively use and manage. You will find the link to the STAC Membership Nomination form [here](#)

Board and Committee Leadership: If you are Chair of a STAC Board or Committee and will be rotating off in January 2021, you should be in the process of identifying your successor. Often a logical successor is the Vice-Chair, which is one reason why we encourage every B/C 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.

AMS Elections: Voting for the 2021 AMS President-Elect and AMS Council is now open. The deadline to vote is Wednesday, November 11: [AMS Election Information](#)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at AMS: AMS is committed to advancing core values of diversity, equity, and inclusion across all aspects of the atmospheric, oceanic, and hydrologic sciences. To learn more about what AMS is doing, see [here](#).

Professional and Respectful Conduct at AMS Meetings: Please take a moment to note the [AMS statement](#) regarding conduct at our meetings and events. AMS is committed to safe and productive meetings for all attendees. Harassment, intimidation, or discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated at any meeting or event associated with the meeting.

AMS Community (<https://community.ametsoc.org/home>): The AMS Community online forum is a great tool that can really help your board or committee. [Erik Wilke](#) (AMS Member Community Forum Coordinator) can help you make use of the benefits of the AMS Community online forum, including these features:

- The ease of discussion both on the website and using your email client,
- Storage of files and documents,
- As a tool for outreach to new community members using the Open Forum.
- Each board and committee has their own private community that can replace committee e-mail for most purposes, especially if your notifications are set to Real Time. Directions for posting discussions and documents are available in the [AMS Community Quick Start Guide](#).

Commissioner: [Genene Fisher](#)

Past Commissioner: [Bruce Telfeyan](#)

Incoming Commissioner: [Ankur Desai](#)