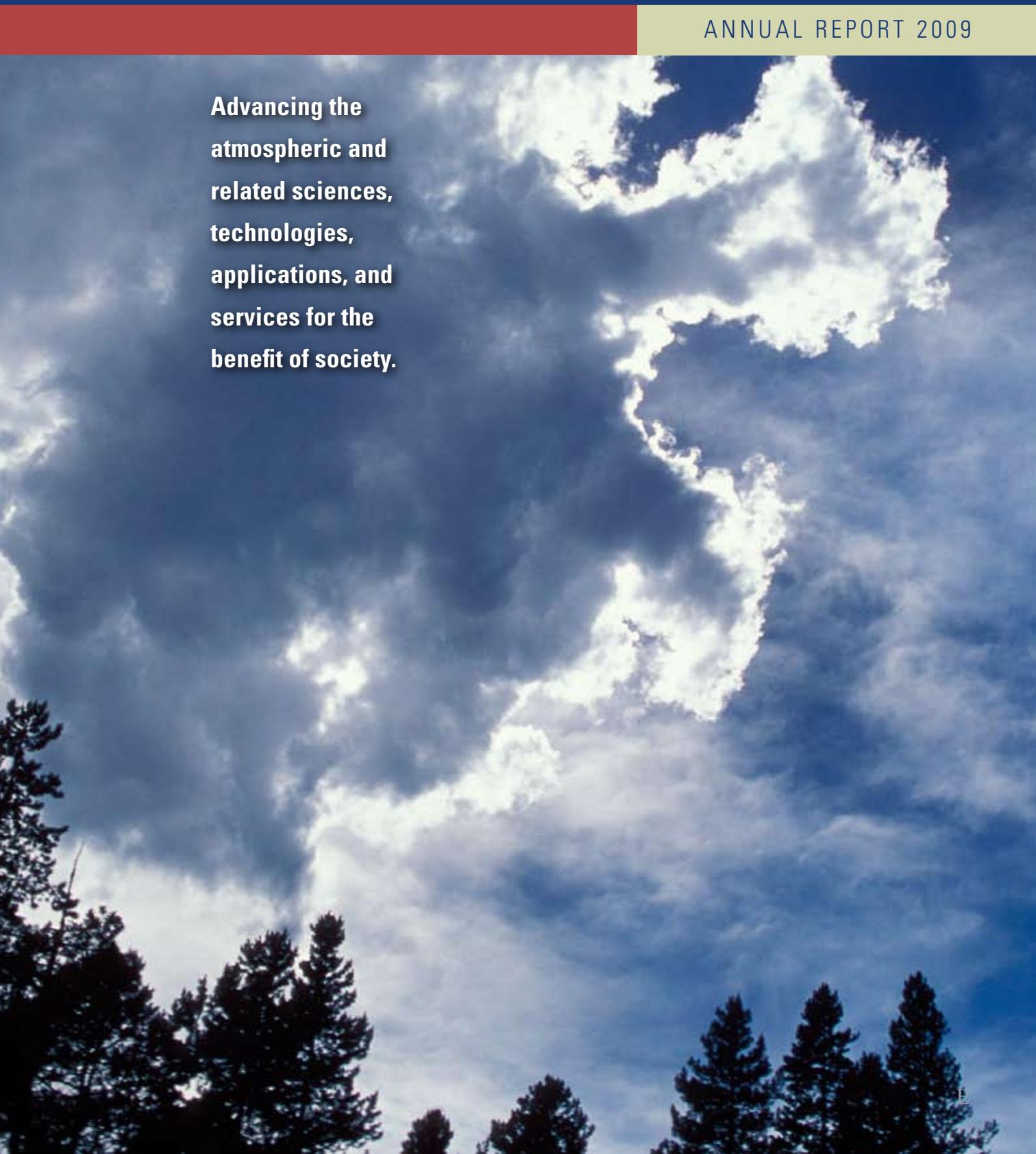


The American Meteorological Society

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

**Advancing the
atmospheric and
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President's Remarks



Dear Members and Friends,

Our Society began the year dealing with the effects of the economic crisis that first became evident in the fall of 2008. As a result we experienced less than anticipated participation in the Phoenix Annual Meeting, which added to our budget problems going in to 2009. Over the past several years we had witnessed difficulty in getting to a balanced budget for a variety of reasons. As a result, our Executive Director, Keith Seitter, worked closely with the Executive Committee to address a number of budget issues. This helped put us on the path to a balanced budget with a slow repayment to build up our reserve funds. Unfortunately to do this we had to make some very painful cuts. This included the release of a few staff members that had served the Society for many years. Keith and the Executive Committee took this action with a heavy heart.

I am now happy to report, however, that with the actions we took our budget shortfall has been eliminated and with the record turnout at the AMS Annual Meeting in Atlanta, we feel we are back on the path to sustaining and growing many of our activities.

As you know, in 2009 we surveyed members to better educate the entire Society about the extent of our work and outreach, as well as to better understand the needs and desires of our members. The results of that survey have now been compiled and they are described in an article in the May 2010 issue of BAMS. The Council learned much from the survey, and is committed to taking action on a number of items that have been recommended by our members. We believe the survey results will be a useful guide for us now and into the future.

We continued to achieve remarkable success on a number of fronts. Thanks to the generosity of our individual and institutional members, 59 students were awarded graduate fellowships or undergraduate scholarships totaling more than \$500,000 in 2009. This is a great investment in our science, our Society, and our future.

The Scientific and Technological Activities Commission (STAC) added a new ad hoc Committee on Data Stewardship. The AMS published almost 27,000 pages in its journals in 2009 (just shy of the all-time record set in 2008), and with strong support from the Policy Program, delivered the first issue of the new scholarly journal, *Weather, Climate, and Society*.

The past year saw a record number of applications in the Society's broadcast certification programs and a continued growth of Certified Consulting Meteorologists. These certifications serve to raise the competency bar for practitioners in both of these important areas.

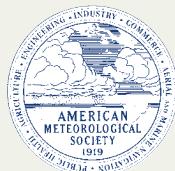
In Atlanta during our January 2010 Annual Meeting we hosted the Second International Forum of Meteorological Societies, the result of planning efforts begun in January 2009 and ongoing throughout 2009. There were representatives from 23 societies from North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania to discuss common issues. One issue in particular merits mention. Several meteorological societies, besides the AMS, publish research work in scientific journals. Discussion centered on data access policies of the journals for papers that are accepted for publication. This was recognized as important, particularly in light of the large number of data files that are commonly used in today's research. Although no consensus was reached as to an international policy, the discussions have set the stage to address this important issue.

I wish everyone could experience one year as President of the AMS. It surely must be the most dedicated and professional society in the world. The amount of time our members put into the Society is simply amazing. The enthusiasm is unparalleled. I feel honored to have represented the Society during the past year, and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in the coming years.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas R. Karl". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tom Karl, AMS President, 2009



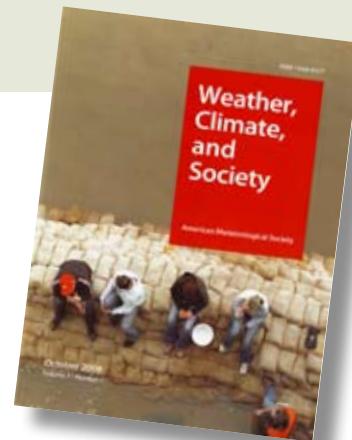
PUBLICATIONS

Publishing Journals, Books, and Monographs with Quality Reputations

In 2009 AMS technical journals accepted 2,617 manuscripts (up from 2,564 in 2008), sent 1,671 papers to press (compared with an all-time record 1,748 last year), and produced 26,900 published pages (just under the record 27,368 turned out last year).

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- Overall median production time fell to 161 days in December, falling 20% from January, and 43% from January of the previous year. Roughly two-thirds of the excess backlog of manuscripts has been eliminated since January 2008.
- A decision was made in the fall to explore the possibility of using an off-the-shelf manuscript tracking system to take the place of the custom in-house system in use for much of the past decade. While the in-house system has served authors, editors, and production staff well, the increasing volume of submitted manuscripts and need for ongoing development to add increased functionality motivated the decision to investigate other options.
- When the latest Thomson ISI rankings were released in mid-2009, half of the AMS journals had Impact Factors that placed in the top 10 of all journals in the atmospheric and related-sciences categories. *BAMS* led all journals in this category.
- *Weather, Climate, and Society* (WCAS), the newest AMS journal, released its first issue in October. Under the guidance of Chief Editor Roberta Balstad, WCAS encompasses economic, policy, institutional, social, behavioral, and international research, including mitigation and adaptation to weather and climate change. WCAS is already broadening the AMS community and making an impact in the many fields it represents.
- AMS Books released two titles in 2009, both already making our bestseller list. *The AMS Weather Book*, by Jack Williams, was released in June, just in time for the Broadcasters Meeting. It is heavily illustrated with figures and photographs that convey the science behind, and the impacts



of, the weather. *Eloquent Science: A Practical Guide to Becoming a Better Writer, Speaker, and Atmospheric Scientist*, by David M. Schultz, was released in late November, wracking up a few hundred unit sales in the holiday season and at the annual meeting in Atlanta alone. *Eloquent Science* stands to be a bible in our field, providing critical guidance in communications to early career scientists and beyond. Through our partnership with The University of Chicago Press (see sidebar), both books are available in bookstores nationwide.

Partnership with The University of Chicago Press

In 2009, The University of Chicago Press (UCP) began to distribute AMS Books. While AMS Books are developed, produced, marketed, and distributed by staff at our headquarters in Boston, UCP warehouses additional stock, which its sales force promotes and sells to a broader range of customers, including large retail operations, real and virtual. Through UCP, AMS Books are becoming available at bookstores across the country, and this additional revenue stream will grow and help buoy the program through both economic booms and busts in the future.



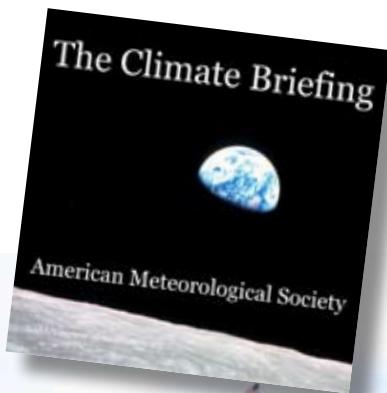
POLICY PROGRAM

Strengthening Connections between Public Policy and Earth System Science and Services

The AMS continues to work to strengthen the connection between public policy and Earth system science and services by building policy research and by creating opportunities for policymakers and scientists to engage and exchange perspectives to foster better-informed policy decisions.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- In January, the Policy Program supported the Phoenix Annual Meeting in several ways by facilitating the NWS International Workshop, hosting Colloquium alumni activities, and staffing both the Sixth Symposium on Space Weather and the Fourth Symposium on Policy and Socioeconomic Research. More than 300 meeting participants attended these activities.
- On 2–3 April, the Policy Program hosted its second forum, in partnership with NOAA, on national healthcare infrastructure continuity in the face of weather extremes, entitled “Rising above the Weather.” Some 100 professionals took part.
- The AMS hosted its ninth Summer Policy Colloquium from 31 May to 9 June in Washington, DC. The program included a new emphasis on the environment and national security. Speakers included a former director of the CIA, a Navy Admiral, a former Air Force general, and President Bush’s Science Advisor.
- The Policy Program continued to work with its Curriculum Advisory Committee to develop the Community Science Policy Curriculum.
- In mid-year, the AMS concluded its well-received Environmental Science Seminars on Capitol Hill, and secured NSF support for a new Climate Briefing Series (which has since started up, beginning in calendar-year 2010).
- The AMS continued a rewarding collaboration with UCAR, supporting Congressional Science Fellows. Kevin Rennert concluded his 2008–2009 tenure and joined the staff of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Jonah Steinbuck began his tenure for 2009–2010, and is working for the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming.
- Policy Program staff continued grant-supported research on space weather, climate change, and visual risk communication. These research efforts seed the larger-scale collaborations of the Policy Program.
- 2009 saw a big improvement in the Policy Program’s financial picture, thanks to new grants from NASA, NOAA, and NSF, and to the continued support from AMS corporate patrons: ITT, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, and SAIC.



EDUCATION

Promoting the Teaching of Atmospheric, Oceanographic, and Hydrologic Sciences

The AMS promotes science literacy by giving teachers the knowledge and skills they need to educate students at all levels. AMS undergraduate course packages are reaching students in new locations and in exciting new ways, often at institutions that have never been able to offer courses dealing with the atmosphere or oceans.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- As of December 2009, the AMS *DataStreme* courses have trained 15,009 teachers who have earned three graduate credits for completing the course. The innovative distance-learning courses, workshops, and the educational materials that make them up have reached hundreds of thousands of other teachers and almost three million students. The program is in the process of creating *DataStreme Climate in the Earth System* to bolster climate and climate-change literacy of the nation's K–12 teachers.
- The suite of *DataStreme* teacher-enhancement courses trained a total of 1,000 precollege educators via 65 Local Implementation Teams nationwide during the 2008–09 school year.
- Ongoing semester course evaluations indicate 99% of the *DataStreme* teacher participants feel the science content is very good while 91% feel the courses have enhanced their science teaching. According to a recent external evaluation, the most telling assessment was that 94% of the course alumni said they would take another *DataStreme* course if it were offered.
- The NOAA Education Office has funded the third year of a five-year grant to support *DataStreme Atmosphere* and *DataStreme Ocean* courses.
- NASA has provided grant funding to develop materials for a new course for pre-college teachers called *DataStreme: Earth's Climate System* and a second grant to fund the development of an undergraduate version of the course which AMS will license to colleges and universities nationwide in the Fall of 2010.
- The AMS Project Atmosphere and the AMS Maury Project train teachers for leadership roles within their schools, school districts, and states. Teachers trained offer workshops to peers and provide the expertise and leadership needed to deliver the AMS *DataStreme* courses. Nineteen teachers completed Project Atmosphere and 25 completed the Maury Project in 2009. Project Atmosphere has been supported by NSF, NOAA, and AMS and is hosted by NOAA's National Weather Service at the Training Center in Kansas City. The Maury Project is supported by the United States Navy and is hosted by the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.
- The NSF-funded *Online Weather Studies* Geosciences Diversity/National Dissemination Project has conducted seven workshops over the past seven years for undergraduate faculty members from 145 minority-serving institutions (MSIs). One hundred forty-five MSIs are now offering an introductory meteorology course for the first time because of this project.
- The NSF-funded *Online Ocean Studies* National Dissemination Project held its final best practices workshop for 25 undergraduate faculty members from MSIs at the AMS Annual Meeting in Atlanta. These faculty were participants in workshops held each June at the University of Washington School of Oceanography, NOAA PMEL, and NOAA Northwest Fisheries facilities from 2005–2008. The project has introduced the AMS oceanography course to 75 MSI campuses.
- AMS *Weather Studies* and *Ocean Studies* course packages continue to be marketed to undergraduate institutions. Five hundred seventy-eight institutional licenses have been issued to date for the meteorology and oceanography courses. Active marketing of these exciting learning packages occurs at major professional conferences for educators throughout the year. The course materials featuring real-time, real-world data are most often used at community colleges, small liberal arts colleges, and universities and may be the leading curriculum for these disciplines within online programs. The courses have been adopted by the U.S. Navy for the professional development of sailors around the world.



The AMS Education Program is supported by NOAA, NASA, the National Science Foundation, and the United States Navy.

New K–12 DataStreme climate course

The AMS is currently in the process of developing, testing, and implementing a new pre-college teacher enhancement course and a companion undergraduate course dealing with Earth's climate system, climate variability, and climate change that is supported by NASA. A full pilot test of the course was conducted in real time during the 2009 Fall Semester with teachers in eleven locations. This course will build upon previous *DataStreme* courses.

MEMBERSHIP

Delivering Value to Our Members

Maybe not surprisingly given the economic climate, AMS membership dropped in 2009 for the first time in a number of years. Members continued to renew at about the same rate as 2008; however, fewer professionals, students, and weather enthusiasts joined in 2009 than did in both 2007 and 2008. The total number of members at the end of the year was nearly 14,000, lower than in 2008 but still a 15% increase from where we were just five years ago.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- Last year, the Society received 1,603 new member applications and finished 2009 with just over 9,600 full Members.
- Of the 1,603 applications received, 490 were for full Member status.
- The AMS received 857 student applications. The number of Student Members, typically at the 1,000 mark before the introduction of the Early Career Dues rate, now stands at 2,660.
- In early 2009, the AMS launched *BAMS* Digital Edition—a dynamic, interactive reading experience that allows AMS members to read *BAMS* as they've never read it before. By the end of 2009, nearly 2,000 members had decided that they no longer needed to receive *BAMS* by mail, opting instead to take advantage of the flexibility that the online edition of *BAMS* has to offer.
- Nearly 10% of AMS members participated in the member survey conducted online during the spring and summer of 2009. A synopsis of the responses appears in the May 2010 *BAMS*.
- In October of 2009, the AMS introduced its new online bookstore. This easy-to-navigate site allows users to review and purchase new and classic titles in the collection of AMS Books, as well as view tables of contents, information about the authors, and independent reviews. In just two months of activity during 2009, the AMS Store handled nearly 200 orders, a considerable increase over typical book order volume.
- As a service to students interested in pursuing a degree in weather or climate related disciplines, we created a comprehensive listing of schools in North America that offer programs in the atmospheric and related sciences. This list of 138 schools replaces and improves upon the *Curricula in the Atmospheric, Oceanic, Hydrologic, and Related Sciences*, which the AMS published in conjunction with UCAR both in print and online.

Membership (as of 31 December 2009)

Honorary Members	32
Fellows	603
Members	9,005
Members with Student Privileges	192
Associate Members, Voting	38
Associate Members, Nonvoting	997
Associate Members, High School Students	154
Associate Members, K-12 Teacher	112
Student Members	2,660
Corporation Members <i>(Includes 8 Sustaining; 68 Regular; 11 Small Business; 84 Publications)</i>	171
TOTAL	13,964



MEETINGS

Enhancing the Exchange of Scientific and Technological Knowledge

It was certainly a tough year economically for many in 2009. However, after a drop in anticipated attendance for our Annual Meeting in Phoenix, most of our meetings and symposia throughout the year were able to hold steady with strong registration numbers. The Broadcast and Polar Meteorology conferences were the two specialty conferences where there was a significant drop in attendance. For all others, we either came in at budget or slightly above.

Due to the economic downturn, we started to look at potential Annual Meeting sites beginning with 2021 through 2032 since so many hotels

and convention centers are anxious for business and want to put some meetings on the books. We were seeking multiyear contracts to give us the best negotiating power. During the year we received some very positive proposals from New Orleans, LA, Houston, TX, and Denver, CO. In January, AMS Executive Committee approved pursuing contracts with these cities for future meetings. The staff is still working to secure proposals from other cities for annual meetings during this time frame, with a focus on trying to find an East Coast venue to include as part of the annual meeting rotation.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Society hosted 10 meetings in 9 cities.
- 4,235 people attended AMS conferences and symposia; compared to 5,039 the previous year.
- 454 students attended the Student Conference.
- A total of 3,434 presentations and papers were given. A total of 3,032 scientific papers were presented in 2008.
- More than 110 organizations exhibited at our meetings during 2009 compared to 120 during 2008.
- 13 organizations helped sponsor AMS meeting activities.

AMS CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Recognizing Competence and Fostering Professionalism



In 2009, the AMS Board of Broadcast Meteorologists evaluated a record number of Seal of Approval and Certified Broadcast Meteorologist (CBM) applications: 227 for the Seal and 47 for the CBM. This is a very time-consuming process for the volunteers doing the reviews, and the Society owes its thanks to the members of the 2009 Broadcast Board for doing such an outstanding job: Sean Sublette, Chair, Mike Alger, Richard Berler, Dan Bickford, Nancy Dignon, George Lessens, Maureen McCann, Keith Monahan, Joe Murgo, Jeff Renner, Tammie Souza, and Alan Sealls. Thanks also go out to Troy Kimmel, Mark Nelsen, and Patrick

Powell for volunteering to help the Board get through the tremendous number of reviews, and to John Toohy-Morales, Commissioner of Professional Affairs, for overseeing this Board with dedication and finesse.

In an effort to provide CCMs with a Web resource, the Board of Certified Consulting Meteorologists created a Web site specifically for CCMs. The site, which is a work in progress, includes articles, brochures, and other helpful links for CCMs. The site may be accessed through the “Certification Programs” page on the AMS Web site.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- 58 broadcast meteorologists earned the CBM Certificate, bringing the total number of active CBMs to 370.
- 2 broadcast meteorologists earned the Radio Seal of Approval, bringing the total number of active Radio Sealholders to 19.
- 97 broadcast meteorologists earned the Television Seal of Approval, bringing the total number of active Television Sealholders to 738.
- 4 AMS members earned the Certified Consulting Meteorologist designation, bringing the total number of active CCMs to 299.

OUTREACH

Creating a More Scientifically Literate Population

Providing opportunities to learn more about the atmospheric and related sciences is woven through all of the AMS programs.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- *The AMS Weather Book — The Ultimate Guide to American Weather*, by Jack Williams, written for a general audience and available through bookstores and other outlets across the country was released in 2009 to rave reviews. (Members can purchase this excellent book at a discount through the AMS Web site.)
- The AMS Web site now provides a page with an extensive list of resources aimed specifically at precollege students and their parents.

The listing contains links to high quality resources of information on the atmospheric and related sciences. The page can be found on the “Student” pages.

- The WeatherFest event at the Phoenix Annual Meeting in January was again a resounding success, with over 2,000 members of the public attending.
- Hundreds of news media outlets featured stories based on research results published or presented by the community in AMS publications or at AMS meetings.

New Statements

The Society adopted three statements in 2009:

- On the Infrastructure Supporting Weather, Water, Environmental, and Climate Sciences, Services, and Assessments (Adopted by the AMS Council on 1 October 2009)
- Radio Frequency Allocations for Meteorological Operations and Research (Adopted by the AMS Council on 1 October 2009)
- Geoengineering the Climate System (Adopted by the AMS Council on 20 July 2009)

All AMS statements in force are available on the AMS Web site at www.ametsoc.org/policy.

AMS Local Chapters

In 2009, the Local Chapter Affairs Committee focused on updating the Local Chapter Web page and creating resources to help local chapter members apply for AMS chapter awards. The Committee revamped the Chapter Web site to make it less cluttered and easier to navigate and created guidance statements for the Local Chapter of the Year Award and Poster Competition. The new and improved site may be viewed at www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/.

The following six chapters were authorized in 2009, bringing the total number of active chapters to 148. A full list of AMS chapters may be found on the AMS Web site at www.ametsoc.org/amschaps/newdirec/.

- Emerald Coast, Hurlburt Field, FL
- Houston Area Student Chapter, Houston, TX
- Howard University Student Chapter, Washington, DC
- Northern Arizona, Bellemont, AZ
- Ohio University Student Chapter, Athens, OH
- Triad Student Chapter at A&T, Greensboro, NC



DEVELOPMENT

Aiming High to Expand Opportunities

Despite the weak economy experienced by the nation throughout 2009, the AMS membership continued to be very generous to the Society's programs supported through charitable contributions, most of which directly benefit students.

In addition, the Society continued to receive strong extramural support for its education and policy programs through grants from federal agencies, corporate sponsorship, and the support of the AMS Corporate Patrons. Without this extramural support, many of these excellent programs would simply not be possible.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- Over \$500,000 was awarded to outstanding, young students in the form of 14 fellowships and 45 scholarships. Since the inception of the fellowship and scholarship program in 1919, AMS has awarded over \$6.2 million to support the next generation of scientists.
- With member contributions, AMS was able to provide partial travel support for more than 100 students to attend the AMS annual meeting in Phoenix and several specialty conferences held throughout the year.
- The 8th Annual AMS Student Conference, supported almost solely with member donations, attracted over 450 students. The two-day conference focused on providing students with valuable graduate school and career information, and included a networking reception that featured over 60 exhibitors representing all of the sectors.

Corporate Partners

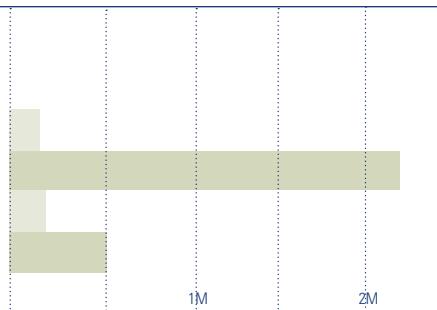
In 2009, AMS Corporate Patrons (Lockheed Martin, ITT, Raytheon, Northrop Grumman, SAIC) supported AMS activities at the level of \$100,000 each.



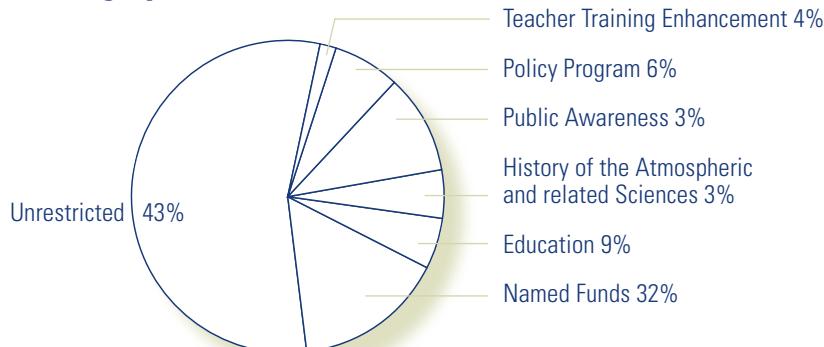
Extramural support in 2009

(Rounded to the nearest thousand)

Individual Contributions	\$160,000
Grants	\$2,210,000
Sponsorships	\$170,000
Corporate Patron Support	\$500,000



Giving by Fund in 2009



FINANCES

Managing Resources for Optimum Growth

After the economic collapse toward the end of 2008 that included significant losses in the Society's investment portfolio, 2009 was a year of economic recovery. At the direction of the Executive Committee, significant changes were made in the Society's budget to reduce expenses. These adjustments, plus a marked improvement in both the economic climate and our core programs, helped us end 2009 with the operating budget showing net revenue of approximately \$280K and a return on our investment portfolio of just over \$800K — restoring a significant fraction of the loss experienced at the end of 2008. The August 2010 *BAMS* will contain the Society's audited financial statements.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- The drop in total membership by a little over 300 members and a significant drop in *BAMS* advertising revenues was partially offset by an increase in page-charge revenues from *BAMS* articles and reduced printing and postage costs.
- Near-record published page counts in the journals coupled with increased subscription revenues contributed significantly to the AMS budget in 2009.
- Meetings during the year continued to be affected by a lingering weak economy with overall losses of more than \$170,000. Things did begin to improve for the meetings held near the end of the year.
- The AMS Education program continues to be very strong and is able to cover their expenses through a combination of diverse revenue sources. Less than half of this program now depends on grants as its revenue source, contributing to the long-term sustainability of the programs.
- The AMS Policy Program continues to do great things while significantly reducing its operating deficit. We have secured several multiyear grants and hope soon to have this important aspect of AMS operations become self-sustaining.
- Contributions from individual members have increased despite the trying times and for this we are most grateful. These funds provide significant career opportunities for students via the annual student conference and support to attend scientific meetings. Our Fellowship and Scholarship Programs remain strong and vibrant.
- In keeping with our long-range investment strategy, AMS stayed the course with our equity portfolio in 2009. This produced investment returns of \$814K and helped improve our Unrestricted Net Asset position.

Members In Memoriam 2009

With deep regret we list below the members of the Society who died in 2009:

Fred Abell	Francis Courtney	Duane Goodman	Howard Lewit	Ralph Quiring	Anthony Slingo
Lewis Allison	Robert Cunningham	Earl Gossard	Julius London	Uwe Radok	Freeman Smith
Lee Anderson	Derek Cunnold	John Ground	Stanley Marczewski	Ronald Reap	Robert Stapleford
Tadao Aoki	Elen M.C. Cutrim	Rheinhardt Harms	Michael McCormack	Robert Reid	Howard Taylor
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Frederick Berg	Dezso Devenyi	Carl Johnson	Eric Mollo-Christensen	Charles Roberts	Warren Wooster
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The objective of this Society is to advance the atmospheric and related sciences, technologies, applications, and services for the benefit of society.

The Society shall be a nonprofit organization, and none of its net income or net worth shall inure to the benefit of its members. Its membership and activities shall be international in scope.

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2. The membership of the Society shall consist of:

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