

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

AMS Elections: Voting for the 2023 AMS President-Elect and AMS Council opens September 1. For further details see [AMS Election Information](#).

STAC Level Award Call for Nominations: As a reminder, consider submitting a nomination for a [STAC Level Awards](#).

There are three types of awards for which each Board/Committee can submit a nomination:

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

When considering a candidate for a STAC award, consider whether an AMS level award might be more appropriate. The nomination must be received by the STAC Commissioner no later than October 1, 2022.

2023 AMS Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Denver (January 8-12). You can view all the conferences and symposia set for that week [here](#). For most conferences, the abstract submission deadline is August 24. Most conferences and symposia will extend their deadline by at least a few days. Hotel blocks will be available by end of August. The program will be posted and registration will open in mid-October. For additional tips and more information on planning for your health and safety at the 103rd Annual Meeting, [please click here](#). You will find updated masking info and new details on vaccination and air filtration. The meeting will be fully hybrid, where you can present and attend in-person, virtually, or a mix of both. For more information on your hybrid experience, please click [here](#). You can find some FAQs for the annual meeting [here](#).

STAC Annual Meeting in Denver: We are planning to have our STAC B/C Chair Meeting on Sunday, January 8, from 11 AM to 3 PM. We request all Chairs and Vice Chairs plan to attend, or if you cannot, ensure that a member of your B/C is there to represent your concerns. AMS Meetings will conduct a training session immediately preceding our meeting from 10 to 11 AM. The training is specifically designed for those who are (or would like to be) Conference/Symposium Program Chairs.

STAC Board and Committee Meetings: If you are planning to hold a meeting for your committee or board during the 103rd Annual Meeting in Denver, please fill out this [form](#) to reserve a room. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Jen Ives at jives@ametsoc.org

Invite AMS Award Winners to Speak at your Conferences: If you are hosting a conference or symposium at the AMS Annual Meeting in January 2023 (or during the coming year), we ask that you consider including AMS Award Recipients and new Fellows in your conference schedules either as presenters or in panel discussions. [List of 2023 award recipients and fellows will be listed here soon.](#)

Specialty Meetings: Thank you all who have helped organize one of our 2022 eight specialty meetings. Without the involvement of yourselves, your committee, and your program committee, these meetings would not have taken place or been as successful as they have. All of the meetings were offered or will be offered as hybrid and you can see a status update on them [here](#). Planning is well underway for most of our 2023 specialty meetings, which will also take place in a hybrid format. Lead planners will be setting up kickoff calls with program chairs soon.

Membership Nominations and Renewals: By September, it is time to begin recruiting new members and reviewing whether those members completing their initial 3-year term (2-year for student members) wish to be extended for a second term. If nominating a new member, please send the [nomination form](#) and CV to your Commissioner point of contact. If renewing members, you can just note that in the same message—no documentation is required for renewing members.

Board and Committee Leadership: If you are Chair of a STAC Board or Committee and will be rotating off in January, you should be in the process of identifying your successor. Identifying a new Chair at the last minute leaves the successor with little opportunity to learn the many responsibilities, therefore we suggest beginning the process now. Often a logical successor is the Vice-Chair, which is 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 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 in 2023.

AMS Webinars: Consider [organizing a webinar](#) around a topic of interest to the AMS community. Speaking of webinars, did you know AMS has over [50 recorded webinars available in the webinar directory?](#)

Best Practices Document: The STAC [Best Practices document](#) was recently updated. Please check it out for useful information and guidance for your committee or board.

Upcoming STAC Conference Call: After the September Council meeting, we will host our second conference call of the year. Details will follow soon.

Commissioner: Ankur Desai

Past Commissioner: Gene Fisher

Incoming Commissioner: Kristie Franz