



THE CHICAGO CHAPTER
of the
AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Greetings!

September is here, and though you wouldn't know it from the first couple days, fall is just around the corner. That means it's time to get the Chicago AMS 2011-2012 season underway. We have a few new things in store this year as well as some of the familiar tried-and-true.

We have a great line-up of meetings. They'll be on the typical first Tuesday of the month, except for January, which will move to the second Tuesday to avoid the holiday weekend. The location will continue to be the Harold White building at Lewis University in Romeoville when we're not on the road. We're starting out with our traditions: in October (10/4) we'll be hosting the Valparaiso University AMS/NWA chapter here. The Chicago NWS office will provide the speaker. In November (11/1) we'll be traveling to DeKalb to meet with the AMS chapter at Northern Illinois University. For December (12/6) the fine folks at Chesapeake Energy have graciously agreed to host at their office again. We are still working on firming up the programs for January and beyond. We will close out our season with the annual banquet in April. Please be sure to check our website www.chicagoams.org for updates on meeting information.

New this fall: enhancements to our website that will allow some of our support and services to be handled on-line, thanks to the efforts of our recent Past-President, Bob Somrek. Bob's introduction is included with this letter. We owe him a huge Thank You!

I am delighted to serve as your 2011-2012 Chapter President, along with the other officers: Mike Bardou (Vice President), Ray Waldman (Treasurer/Program Chairman) and Bill Johnson (Secretary).

Hope to see each of you at the meetings. And bring a friend!

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Chicago AMS Chapter President



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Introduction to Chicago AMS website Membership enhancements:

The AMS Chicago Chapter is beginning a transition to provide many of its member support/services online at the chapter's website: www.chicagoams.org. The website has been modified to provide a method to request membership online, including filling out an application and paying membership dues online. The website has also been modified to include access to a special, password-protected, members-only area. The new section of the website available to members initially will allow you to change/verify membership information, obtain contact information for other members, contact other members, obtain a downloadable complete membership listing, and pay your current year membership dues by check or through a PayPal account. The hope is to provide other membership services through this portal such as an interactive climatological database for Chicago, a meteorological calculator, and a method to enter the annual winter forecasting contest.

Within the next week all 2010-2011 paid members will receive an email from member.support@chicagoams.org (please be sure your email client will accept mail from this address or remember to check your 'junk mail' folder for the email). The email will contain a username and password that will allow access to the members-only portion of the website along with other useful information about the website. The password is temporary and you will be required to change it at login. You may also change your username after you have successfully logged in. When you have successfully changed your password you will be reminded that dues are now payable for the 2011-2012 membership year. You can choose your option to pay the dues – sending a check to the chapter treasurer or paying immediately using your PayPal account.