

AOGS General Election

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Mission Statement

AOGS has been in existence for over a decade. Each year, AOGS has its Annual Meeting that has grown in the number of participants through conference sessions organized by various scientists. However, the way in which the sessions are organized appears to be quite ad hoc, which often results in sessions that overlap.

If elected as section President, I would try to have a bit more coordination. While we would still call for session proposals, we should not accept all proposals as they are. We need to see if some similar sessions can be combined. This has few advantages. Attendees will not miss presentations in another similar session. The sessions can also last for more days so that it would be easier to group presentations that fall in the same topic. Lastly, by grouping attendees in the same room, more interaction can take place.

In addition to this move, I would continue the tradition of hosting a young scientist forum by getting very senior researchers to have a dialog with young scientists. This was done in the World Weather Open Science Conference last year in Montreal with quite a good success. Young scientists get to meet the seasoned ones and have a chance to find out more about good research methodologies, scientific thinking, etc.

The third would be to encourage scientists to submit articles to the AOGS journal, *Geoscience Letters*. Perhaps one way to encourage such articles is to create a special issue on one of the major topics in the Atmospheric Science section in each Annual Meeting. This can be discussed in more detail.

Lastly, if the interaction among Asian scientists is only through the Annual Meeting, it is probably not enough. It might be useful to create focus groups that can interact online to discuss issues of common interest. We will need to work with the AOGS secretariat to see whether this is possible.