

well as with the American Geophysical Union was considered. While in Boston, Maria Latyszewskij and Carol Watts met with representatives of the AMS, and in 1997, Keith Seitter of the AMS flew to the Seattle

SLA meeting with an offer to host the ASLI conferences as a component of the AMS Annual Meeting. Based on a positive majority vote by members of the listserv, ASLI accepted the offer and held its first annual meeting six months later at their AMS meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

AWARDS

HELP ASLI FIND 2007'S BEST BOOK IN METEOROLOGY/CLIMATOLOGY/ ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE

Each year during the AMS Annual Meeting, the Atmospheric Science Librarians International presents the **ASLI's Choice Award** for the best book of the year in the fields of meteorology/climatology/atmospheric sciences. The books are judged on uniqueness, comprehensiveness, usefulness, quality, authoritativeness, organization, illustrations/diagrams, competition, and references.

Have you submitted your choice for the best book in 2007? If you haven't, there are still a few days left to send in your nomination—the deadline has been extended to mid-November 2007.

To nominate your choice, use the online form at www.aslionline.org/bookaward.html or send an urgent e-mail to one of the following addresses: Maria.Latyszewskij@ec.gc.ca, Doria.Grimes@noaa.gov, gilibrary@gi.alaska.edu, or gcsheerra@mit.edu.

Then wait for the announcement of the 2007 **ASLI's Choice Award** at the January 2008 AMS Annual Meeting and see if your selection matches ASLI's.

The 2006 **ASLI's Choice** winners were:

- *Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics: From Air Pollution to Climate Change* (Second Edition), by John H. Seinfeld and Spyros N. Pandis
- *The Callendar Effect: The Life and Times of Guy Stewart Callendar, the Scientist Who Established the Carbon Dioxide Theory of Climate Change*, by James Rodger Fleming

The 2006 **ASLI's Choice** Honorable Mentions went to:

- *Atmospheric Halos and the Search for Angle X*, by Walter Tape and Jarmo Moilanen
- *An Inconvenient Truth: The Planetary Emergency of Global Warming and What We Can Do about It*, by Al Gore
- *Railroads and Weather: From Fogs to Floods and Heat to Hurricanes, The Impacts of Weather and Climate on American Railroad*, by Stanley A. Changnon

For more information on the award, please go to www.aslionline.org/bookaward.html.

You can submit your 2008 nominations at any time to the e-mail addresses above, and watch the ASLI Web site for updates and additional information.

Be part of **ASLI's Choice!**

The AMS conference milieu is an ideal setting for ASLI's annual meetings. ASLI members are able to reach out to the greater atmospheric science community through the ASLI booth in the exhibits area, and by inviting scientists to speak at ASLI sessions. Meeting with AMS also provides a wonderful opportunity for ASLI librarians to network with clients and publishers in their field. Special sessions are held where they can hear from representatives of the publishing industry and are able to ask timely questions about this rapidly changing aspect of the library world. ASLI members also have opportunities to influence information products to the benefit of the international atmospheric clientele. Presentations by local experts in library matters and fellow members who share information about their specialized library collections are extremely valuable to professional growth. One additional highlight each year has been a tour organized by Julia Triplehorn of select local libraries, archives, and specialized collections. These tours allow members to see how local professionals are serving their unique communities.

Through the years, ASLI has sponsored several major initiatives. In 2004, a formal survey of the members became a guide in planning future meetings. The results of the survey can be seen on the ASLI Web site (<http://aslionline.org/index.html>). ASLI instituted the ASLI's Choice Awards for the best book of the year in the fields of meteorology/climatology/atmospheric sciences. The first award was presented in 2006 to *The Arctic Climate System* by Mark Serreze and Roger Barry. As an ongoing project to assist atmospheric science research, ASLI has plans to create a core list of atmospheric science materials that will be placed on the Web.

As it begins its second decade, ASLI has a strong core membership, but there is room to grow, particularly in reaching out to more members from the international community. ASLI members are very concerned about the loss of information due to the recent downsizing and closure of federal libraries, and the ASLI association is publicly voicing this concern (see the July 2007 *Bulletin*, pp. 1114–1115). ASLI members are contributing to the International Polar Year with talks, displays, posters, and bibliographies. Beginning