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THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

Nearly all professional meteorologists and hundreds of amateurs in the United States and Canada, besides several devotees of the same science in other parts of the Americas, are members of the American Meteorological Society, which was organized for "the advancement and diffusion of knowledge of meteorology, including climatology, and the development of its application to public health, agriculture, engineering, transportation by land and inland waterways, navigation of the air and oceans, and other forms of industry and commerce." Any person, corporation or other organization interested in these aims may be elected to membership. The society was organized in affiliation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science at St. Louis, Missouri, December 29, 1919. Its work is carried on by means of a monthly bulletin, by papers and discussions at meetings and by correspondence. There is close cooperation between the society and the official weather services of North and South America. A spring meeting is usually held at the Central Office of the Weather Bureau in Washington; a summer meeting in the Pacific states; and a mid-winter meeting in connection with the annual convocation of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; the next one will be held at Atlantic City, December 27-28, 1932. The society has a special research fund exceeding \$2,000. Grants from this fund are made from time to time for special investigations in meteorology and climatology.

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