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From Warren Wiscombe, continued from pg. 1

dash back and forth between the two Moscone buildings, and about the sheer volume of sessions even within AS, some with too similar subjects.

The AGU membership was recently polled on meeting growth, but the results were somewhat inconclusive, except that no one wanted to leave San Francisco or move the meeting to January. (AGU has secured a December week at the Moscone facility for many years into the future.) Making the meeting 6 days, having half-day poster sessions and having shorter talks are among the proposed solutions. There will be greater pressures to reduce the number of talks than the number of posters.

similar number might be expected for the 2008 election. Please submit any Fellow nominations directly to AGU headquarters. For suggestions on preparing a solid nomination package and submission directions, visit <http://www.agu.org/inside/fellguides.html>. Nominations are due July 15, and the decisions are made in the Fall.

Outstanding Student Paper Award

Jay Gregg of the University of Maryland has won the Outstanding Student Paper Award for the 2006 Fall AGU Meeting. Gregg is a PhD student and research assistant with The Joint Global Change Research Institute. His current research focuses on improving representations of biomass residue energy supplies.

The AS Section owes a huge debt of gratitude to Susan Buhr of the University of Colorado, who has been coordinating the section

Atmospheric Sciences Banquet

As a fulfillment of my only explicit campaign pledge, I helped transform the Atmospheric Sciences Section dinner from a poorly-attended, expensive rubber-chicken event held at local hotels into a special, eight-course Chinese banquet at the Empress of China restaurant in Chinatown. After the banquet, President Warren Wiscombe presented the James R. Holton Junior Scientist Award to Prof. Noah Diffenbaugh (Purdue University). Then [Lynda Williams](#), the Physics Chanteuse, performed science songs specially written for the occasion on global warming, geo-engineering, aerosols, clouds, climate modeling and other atmospheric topics, as well as some old standards from her repertoire. I hope you all enjoyed it, and the AS Section plans to continue the tradition in 2007.