Copyediting at AMS: A Team Effort

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Copyediting at AMS:

• Who we are
• What we do
• AMS style
Who We Are
The Copyediting Team:

- 1 Managing Copy Editor
- 4 Senior Copy Editors
- 5 Copy Editors
Preparation of an AMS Copy Editor:

- Education
- Experience
- Training
AMS Copy Editors
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AMS Copy Editors:

• Preserve scientific meaning
• Aim for clarity
• Improve language
What We Do
Four questions:

• What is the author’s intended meaning?
• Will the reader understand the author’s intended meaning?
• Is there any danger of ambiguity?
• Can the reader find the cited sources for further study?
The copyediting process:

1. References
2. Title page
3. Main text
4. Figure and table captions
Basic workflow:

1. Manuscript is copyedited
2. Manuscript is tech edited
3. Author corrects proof
4. Proof is copyedited
5. Proof is tech edited
Merriam-Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary

• The largest, most comprehensive American dictionary currently available
• Continually updated to accommodate the ever-expanding English language
• Recommended by the *Chicago Manual of Style*
The Chicago Manual of Style

- Supplements the dictionary
- Strives to codify the best practices of publishing
- Takes a traditional, conservative view of usage
AMS Style Guide

• Based on the dictionary and *Chicago Manual of Style*
• Provides guidance on common terms
• Responsive to changes in accepted usage
These resources help copy editors

• Edit for clarity and ease of comprehension
• Adhere to accepted style within the atmospheric sciences
• Provide a consistent experience for authors and readers
Goals of copyediting:

- To preserve the author's intended meaning
- To improve clarity and readability
- To edit for consistency by applying standard style
Summary:

AMS Copyediting Team

- Solid education
- Substantial experience
- Rigorous training

AMS Style

- Based on traditional sources
- Adaptable to change
- Evolves through collaboration
Thank you!

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