

Gail Hartfield

Gail Hartfield is the President of the National Weather Association (NWA), an organization dedicated to connecting operational meteorologists in pursuit of excellence in weather forecasting, communication and service. Gail is a Senior Forecaster at the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Raleigh, NC. Born and raised in Muskegon, MI, Gail received her B.S.E. in Atmospheric Science from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 1992. Gail started her NWS career in Detroit, MI, before transferring to the Raleigh forecast office. A proud member of the NWA since 1993, Gail has served as Chair of the Training/Professional Development Committee (1997-2003), 25th Annual Meeting Program Chair (2000), Councilor (2001-2002), and Vice President (2005), and has delivered numerous oral and poster presentations. She is also a longtime member of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) and has served as Chair of the AMS Board for Operational Government Meteorologists, AMS journal manuscript reviewer, member of the WAF-NWP Conference planning committee, and is currently on the AMS Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee. Gail has worked on several applied research projects, many in collaboration with North Carolina State University students and faculty, on topics including cold-air damming, MCSs, lightning prediction, and heat danger awareness. She also works on web page development, leads the office's social media program, and maintains its graphical forecast production software. Gail was a part of teams which received a Department of Commerce (DOC) Gold Medal, four DOC Bronze Medals, two NOAA Unit Citation awards, and four Isaac Cline awards. Gail is married with two children and enjoys

running, hiking, kayaking, disc golfing, University of Michigan sports, and Detroit Tigers baseball.

