

Meeting minutes from February 2nd, 1999 NWA Central Iowa Chapter

25 attendees including 1 Illinois storm spotter, 1 WOI, 11 ISU students from AMS chapter, 1 Polk Co. Emergency Management, 2 KCCI, 1 Iowa Department of Natural Resources Air Quality Bureau, 2 Iowa Energy Center, and 6 National Weather Service Des Moines.

The NWA chapter meeting began at 600 pm with a social. The pizza and pop did not arrive, hopefully just a miscommunication. Thanks to Bob Goldhammer, Polk Co. Emergency Manager, for making a quick "emergency" pizza run.

At 645 pm, the chapter business was performed with the following votes:

Motion approved to allow Adam Frederick, ISU AMS president, to develop a design for an NWA/AMS shirt to sell at the Severe Storms Conference in March. Funds would be split between chapters. Adam will present the design on the AMS web site for officers/members to comment on.

Motion approved to discuss with eastern Iowa new NWA chapter about alternating the Severe Storms conference year to year. Adam Frederick will contact point from our end.

Motion approved to develop a form letter sponsored by the NWA chapter to send to the state of Iowa DOT and other involved parties to upgrade the IDOT AWOS equipment, to fully accomodate precipitation data.

At 700 pm, Chuck made an excellent presentation about satellite imagery and winter weather forecasting. A pizza break followed about halfway, then Chuck finished up around 900 pm.

Action Items:

Conference chair John McLaughlin will need help to finish up conference details, and to acquire volunteers to help out during the conference. A meeting may be called soon to do so.

Next meeting:

Next formal meeting not decided yet, but likely after the conference in April or May. A field trip is hopefully in the works to one of northwest Iowa's wind energy farms.

Andy Kula, Vice President, acting Secretary at meeting

