

Meeting minutes from December 5th, 2000

NWA Central Iowa Chapter

Location: KCCI-TV Des Moines

Twenty-one "members" were in attendance.

Meeting was called to order by President Bryan Karrick

1. Old Business regarding instrumentation of a television tower, and a possible merger of the Central Iowa NWA with the ISU Student Chapter of the AMS, was tabled until the next meeting in hopes that more of the knowledgeable players will be able to attend.
2. The dates of the Central Iowa NWA Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference will be March 29-31, 2000. Discussion focused on conference costs and setting registration fees.

Metinka stated that hotel costs rose nearly \$5000 in each of the past two years, but this year's costs should remain similar to last year's. Travel costs for invited speakers have averaged \$1000 per conference, with the NWS picking up an additional \$2000 in costs the past two years. It was agreed that registration fees should be raised.

Individual motions were made and approved to raise registration fees to:

Basic registration \$100

Student registration \$ 60 including walk-in student registration

Walk-in registration \$110

Vendor fees \$275 basic/minimum plus additional cost to be determined by hotel team for extra tables and internet hookups. Extra cost will be determined by the amount the hotel charges.

Bryan stated that he has requested that Barron Services print the conference program and agenda, plus abstracts, at no cost to the NWA.

Bryan will send out a list of the teams, team leaders and emails to assist in communication.

Conference team duties were discussed in detail, with team leaders selected.

Agenda Team - Andy Kula

Promotion Team - Mindy Albrecht

Registration Team - LEADER NEEDED!

Hotel Team - Jason Parkin

Registration team will handle giveaways. T-shirts are the giveaway of choice. It was suggested that we also have extra T-shirts or other items available for sale.

Bob Goldhammer suggested that AJ Munn (Polk County Emergency Management) and Andy Kula coordinate providing a second video projector in addition to the setup which will be provided by KCCI.

Electronics during the conference. People are needed to set up and keep things running smoothly during the session. Steve Aves and Terry Garrett are volunteers.

Promotional mailings need to go out ASAP. Mindy will coordinate.

Abstract deadlines were set at February 2, 2001.

Registration deadline is set at March 9, 2001. After that, cost of registration will be \$110.

There was some discussion on last year's conference. General consensus that there was too much talking during sessions last year and sound was not loud enough in back of room. The plan this year is to place vendors in separate room. Nobody thought the DJ in the hospitality suite was a good idea. Generally, it is thought that amount of food could be scaled back in the hospitality suite and during breaks.

3. There was open discussion on the need to define the chapter membership list in the near future, and get member dues paid up. Dues will be paid on a calendar year basis, \$10.

4. Next meeting will be Tuesday January 9, 2001 at 6:30 pm. Location to be determined. Topic will likely be...organizing the conference.

Karl Jungbluth, Temporary Secretary