

Meeting minutes from March 5th, 2002 NWA Central Iowa Chapter

Meeting called to order Tuesday March 5, 2002 at 6:30PM at the Polk County Communications Center. 9 NWA chapter members in attendance.

Old Business:
No old business.

Current business:
Current balance in the checking account is \$22841

Registration:
As of February 28th 150 people are registered for the conference. The conference will be held in sections A-E at the Embassy Suites.

Hotel Items:
We have not met the room requirement as stated in the contract with the Embassy Suites hotel. The current possible short fall as of this meeting is 160 rooms. If not filled the chapter would have to pay \$20,800 for the rooms. The hotel is working with us to fill the rooms either with conference goers or with regular people staying at the hotel. Those people are not part of the conference, but they will count for our room short fall. For information the current room rates for Thursday are \$159 per room and Friday is \$130 per room. We did make our quota for Saturday.

A vote was placed on the table to help pay hotel rates for government employees. The current hotel rate for those folks is \$109 per night. The vote was for the NWA chapter to pay for \$42 of that rate so the government employees get the standard \$67 rate. The hope is that this will allow more NWS people to attend the conference. The vote passed.

Travel committee:
Tim suggested that in the future the treasurer should be in charge of the travel committee. That will make it easier to issue check to people traveling into the conference. No waiting for checks to be cut.

Listed are the current status of people traveling in and what they need to be reimbursed.

Les Lemmon - covered
Jeff Worman - \$977.50
Bill Bunting - covered
Dan McCarthy - covered
Eric Rassmussen - \$723-50
Tim Marshall - possibly \$300
Matt Kelsh - covered
Lis Catone - needs to pay hotel??

Two proposals were brought to the table for a vote in regards to funding and ISU student trip and help fund a project for the mesonet. Both items were tabled until after the conference to make sure that the chapter is on stable financial ground.

Agenda committee:

The agenda is up on the web site. It contains a schedule of people and when they will speak.

A valid communications point was made. Last year we have some hand held radios to help keep track of where people where and to locate them quickly. Need to do this again with radios or cell phones or pagers.

We will need to have 3 people at the registration desk and 1 person to collect money. Please send when you can work to Penny so she can coordinate.

Electronics:

PC equipment taken care of. Still waiting for presentation on burned CD to make sure they work OK.

We discussed having an internet connection for one of the PC's. We will use the internet connection for Friday and it will be on one PC for people to check mail and stuff.

In the process of accruing projects and other AV needs for conference. Will work with chapter members and hotel to complete.

Next NWA meeting will be voted for online. Dates for vote are April 2nd or 3rd.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by:

Willard Sharp

Secretary NWA Central Iowa Chapter