

# Meeting minutes from December 10th, 2002

## NWA Central Iowa Chapter

There were 9 members in attendance.

The Science Center of Iowa would like to do a joint effort with us in sponsoring their upcoming exhibit, Eye's on Earth. The exhibit runs from Jan 25 to April 27. Bryan is going to check on the possibility of having an "NWA night" during the conference.

Willard compiled a list of meeting days, times and locations. The meetings for Jan, Feb and March were approved. We are going to have to check into possible conflicts with the April and May dates Willard had picked.

Here are the approved meetings:

Wednesday, January 15 at 6PM NWS office in Johnson

Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM Chip in Ankeny (will reserve meeting room)

Wednesday, March 12 at 6PM Embassy Suites Des Moines

Again, the meetings start at 6:30 with social time being at 6.

We also came up with some ideas for speakers. One possibility might be to have the Drake Geography professor that was featured in this past weekend's Register come and talk. We also discussed the possibility of getting together with the Illowa (Eastern Iowa/Western Illinois) chapter and touring the Cedar Rapids Science Center.

Penny gave a brief treasurer's report. Our current balance is \$12,047.72. Penny forgot to mention this at the meeting, but dues are due at the next meeting in January. They are \$10.

We then moved on to the conference committees.

Hotel--Willard will be keeping track of government reservations for the hotel and communicating that to the hotel. He checked into parking. On Wed and Thur, parking is \$5 per day, as the Embassy leases that lot across the street. However, after 1 pm on Fridays and on the weekends, the lot is free. We also discussed the number of rooms that we have in our block and seeing whether or not we can have a line in the contract that says if they are not all taken, we gave give them back to the hotel. Bryan will have Willard or Jason check into this.

Registration-- Penny will be emailing vendors in the coming weeks. She said that the webpage for registration should be up the first of the year.

Promotion-- Bryan is going to be sending out our postcards this week. He is also going to send them to TV stations to help increase our broadcaster participation. Mitch came up with a tote bag design. We are going to have a tote bag this year instead of a t-shirt. The design was sent out via email earlier Wednesday night. He got a price quote from T-Galaxy in Ames for 300 bags. Our cost would be \$3.93 per bag. He will also check into DogTown University in Ames as well. We also discussed the possibility of having letter openers or magnets to give away. We'll discuss these at a future meeting.

Agenda-- We finalized a limit to spend on travel and lodging for our invited speakers. We set the absolute limit at \$3500. We set a time limit of one hour for speakers. We also discussed who we should invite. Brad has a good understanding of we are inviting. For further details, contact him.

At this point, we adjourned the meeting.

Have a good holiday season and we hope to see you at the meeting on January 15th at the NWS office in Johnston.