

Meeting minutes from February 23th, 2004

Central Iowa NWA meeting minutes
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Our February 23rd meeting was held at the NWS office in Johnson. 23 chapter members were in attendance for this meeting.

First a big thanks to Brenda for providing chili and Willard brought brownies for the meeting. They were both very tasty.

To start out the meeting Karl Jungbluth gave a presentation on the Jordon, IA tornado. It was a very interesting presentation and the chapter sends a big thank you to Karl for taking time out of his busy schedule to give this presentation.

After the presentation we started with chapter business and we started with status reports on conference teams. The Agenda team reported that all slots were filled. The agenda is posted on the web site for everyone to view. Also Bill asked for volunteers to session chairs during the conference.

The promotion team reported that the portfolios are done and they are in. Also the pens are done but the writing was on the cap instead of the main body of the pen. Will look at fixing that issue. All letters and postcards were sent out to TV folks and other people to try and get them to come to the conference.

Registration is continuing and so far 74 people have signed up for the conference and 1 vendor.

Transportation is going OK as well. With the \$2000 from the NWS and the \$3500 from the NWA transportation costs are in line and we should be with budget.

Electronics is going well also. Willard has the list of equipment needed and will be giving that to the hotel. Willard will also be contacting the speakers so they can submit presentations to Willard for testing and collection.

The hotel team reports all is on track. The block of rooms are in place and are starting to fill up. 50% of the block has been filled up. On a side note we talked about how to setup the room for video night and how to best fit the public in. We will be placing conference attendees in the front of the room and the general public in the back. The front of the room will be setup classroom style and the back of the room will be theater style. For the dinner the cost per person was calculated at \$25 per person.

For video night we have received 1 tape so far. More should be arriving in the near future.

Penny also talked out whether or not to have the public at video night at all. After much discussion it was decided that it was OK to continue to allow the public access to video night.

Next we talked out where to have the 2005 conference. We are looking at 2 hotels. The West Des Moines Marriott and the Ames Gateway center. We developed a chart that listed pluses of each location and that chart is listed below. We decided to table the vote on this until the March meeting so we can get more information on AV costs and food costs. Once the vote comes it will be done at the next meeting and also we will allow people who can not make it to the conference a chance to vote via absentee.

Ames Gateway Center	West Des Moines Marriott
\$1400 for classroom	\$500 for classroom
Rooms are \$89 per night	Rooms are \$94 per night
Block size is 125	Block size is 0
Surrounding Area	
Gas station	Perkins
2 other hotels	McDonalds
CyRide (\$1)	Steakhouse and others
	Free shuttle from airport
	Jordon Creek Mall

Next Andy talked a little about the Iowa Games. They will be held in July and we will be looking for volunteers when the time comes to work in booths and help participate in games. More information to come.

Our last item of business we discussed was about designing and getting polo shirts for chapter members for this year's conference. A design will be submitted.

Meeting adjourned.