

Central Iowa NWA 10/13/05

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Member Attendance:

Meeting Location: National Weather Service, Johnston

National Meeting in St. Louis-This weekend

The National Meeting takes place this Saturday thru Thursday. Ashley, Elise, Chris, Karl, and Janet will talk about their experiences at the next meeting.

10th Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference: WDM Marriott, March 23-25

- Committees: If you would be interested in a certain committee, please email the group.
- Agenda: Chair-Dr. Gallus Members-Karl, Rod, Chris, Dave (theme, who to invite, abstracts, etc)
- Travel: Chair-Brenda Members-Rod
- Registration: Chair-Elise Members-Justin
- Hotel/Promotions: Chair-Ashley Members-Scott, Janet
- Electronics: Chair-Chris Members-Willard, Jason
- Featured Speakers: We talked about some ideas for featured speakers for our upcoming conference in March. Some of the ideas we came up with were Katrina/Rita speakers (NWS offices, broadcast, etc.), lightning, Jeff Trapp (Observations during BAMEX), Tim Samaras, hour-long warning simulation (instead of SPC exercise), Radar conferences (basic and advanced), Les Lemon, Tornado simulator at ISU, presentation about Tornado Simulator, Bunker's super-cell longevity talk, Flash Flood speakers (Minnesota flash floods, European flash floods), speakers from National meeting this weekend, Bob Davies, and FEMA.
- Promotional Item: Koozies, Presentation CD's, lanyards
- We will have an email computer again.
- Sponsors: Possible sponsors that we thought of were Pella, F-5 Data, Baron Services, Pioneer, Mid-American Energy, Alliant Energy, Weather Central, WSI, Iowa Games, and Iowa Athletic Association. These are all possible at this moment. None have been confirmed.
- Vendors: Possible ideas for vendors were Gibbson Ridge and Rob Dale.

Pam Dale Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created last year and won by Elise Johnson from Iowa State University. The amount given is \$1000. We need to start thinking about sending information out to our newsletter, Universities, and websites. The winner will be announced at the conference and the recipient must plan on attending the conference to receive this scholarship. At this time, we need to form a committee. The chair will be Karl with Elise, Janet, Rachael, and Dr. Gallus. We will look into having Dan Miller join us again. We also need outside help to judge the applicants. If you would like to help out, email the group about your interest.

Monthly Meeting Speakers

Think about who you would like us to bring in to speak to our chapter; Craig Johnson-Science Association of Iowa, Tornado Simulator at ISU

Katrina Relief Donation

The group seemed to agree that our efforts would probably be put to better use in local donations instead. An idea that was brought up was the donation of weather radios to local schools. The hurricanes showed us what can happen if you are unprepared for severe weather. These weather radios could help others prepare for such weather. We would work with emergency managers and decide what our donation policy is as a chapter (would we set aside money in budget for yearly "relief donation" and decide what to donate each year?). We will need to figure out if vendors would give us a break since we are a not-for-profit group and where the need for these radios would be.

Treasures Report – Budget, Dues, Listserv

We have broken even last two years on our conference. Currently, our balance is approximately \$15,000. One of our big expenses was having our income taxes done. This cost us \$400 (up about \$120 from previous years). Also, in order to accept credit cards at the conference cost us \$20 per month which is up from \$5 per month. We decided to cancel the credit card service.

If you have not paid your dues, please pay Elise. If you pay now, your dues will be covered for the rest of year. Dues are \$10. If you don't paid your dues, you will be taken off the listserv.

Officer Elections

President: Ashley Altieri

Vice-President: Rod Donovan

Secretary: Janet Schenck

Treasurer: Elise Johnson

Webmaster: Scott Lincoln

Other Business

Next Meeting: December 1st at Legends, 5:30 dinner, 6:00 meeting