

# Meeting minutes from December 1st , 2005

Central Iowa NWA meeting minutes

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Member Attendance: 23

Meeting Location: Legend's Restaurant, Ames

National Conference Recap-Karl, Ashley, Janet, Elise, and Chris

The conference was great! We all met good contacts for our conference and all received a good learning experience.

Our Conference (March 23-25, 2006: 16 WEEKS AWAY!)

Agenda: Jim Cantori cannot come to our conference; however, Jeff Trapp will be coming to talk about bow echoes and tornadoes. We will also have representatives from the New Orleans NWS office. Tim Samaras has agreed to come again and Matt Bunkers will be coming to speak on super cell motion and longevity. Have asked Walt Lyons to come and he said yes, but there is a possibility that he won't be able to come. Finally, Dwayne Hart, an Iowa broadcaster, will be coming to speak about the Iowa tornadoes.

The November 12th tornado event has turned into a great opportunity for our conference. We can now have talks from emergency managers, broadcasters, researchers, etc about this event.

Tornado simulator: The engineers who run the simulator said it would be okay to use the facility during the conference. It does cost \$200 for half a day. We need to ask and answer how often would we go, how would we get there, how would vans work, how would we cover the costs (dry is will cost a couple hundred dollars)? We will probably have to charge for this trip and may go through university for vans (this would be the cheapest way to go). The motion to include tornado simulator into conference was passed

Travel: Brenda has not received the list of speakers yet, so no travel has been planned at this point. There are no concerns at this point.

Registration: The registration information needs to be put up online and will be done in the next couple of weeks. Last year we charged \$125 for a flat fee with the student price at \$50 and the government price at \$100. All Central Iowa NWA members paid \$50. It would be helpful if government and regular attendees were the same rate. The motion for Regular/Gov. rates of \$125 (\$15 for tornado simulator, late fee of \$25 extra), student rate of \$65 (\$75 late fee and \$15 extra for tornado simulator) was passed. March 10th is the registration deadline and late fees will take place after that.

Hotel/Promotions: The contract has been ironed out and we have the large ballroom for whole time this year. We will be giving lanyards again this year, but need to find out how many we have to see if more need to be ordered.

A CD of abstracts will also be given out this year. We need to ask do we want abstracts or extended abstracts and will we include those along with the PowerPoint slides all on one CD? We will tell authors that CDs will be given out to encourage them to turn in slides early. It was decided that in order to save room, we will not include any video used during the presentations on the CDs? The questions of limiting size of files and either getting someone to create the CD and/or jewel case for us or should we create these ourselves were brought up. An estimate is needed on how much it would cost to have someone do it for us in order to answer the last question.

Vendors: Baron will pay for a Broadcasters Reception. Vendors so far are AccuWeather, Midwest Electric, Alliant Energy, and others.

Karl will be sending out postcards after the holidays. They will highlight the tornado simulator visit and some of the invited speakers.

Electronics: Will we want two screens or one? There is still time to ponder this topic. We will again look into getting projects from university of 3000 lumens or higher.

### Scholarship Committee

The application will be the same except for date changes. We will invite different reviews this year in order to stay unbiased. If you have an idea of reviews or ways to get scholarship information out there, let us know.

### Polo Shirts

A motion to change color of the shirts from yellow to blue and to have cost of \$10 was passed. Elise will research this information more and will email the group all the information she will need from us.

### Monthly Weather Speakers

We are looking for a coordinator to help get us speakers for our meetings. If you are interested, email the group (Central\_Iowa\_NWA@yahoo.com).

### Future Meetings

An idea was to have our next meeting at the Science Center in Des Moines, but logistics need to be worked out first. We have set the date for Thursday, January 19th tentatively at the Science Center

### Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please pay Elise as soon as possible. You can mail it to her at:  
153 North Highland Ave.  
Apartment #3  
Ames, IA 50014

### Other Business

There will be a banquet to celebrate the Silver Medal award from Department of Commerce to the Des Moines NWS Office. This will take place on Tuesday, December 13th at the NWS Office in Johnston. The luncheon will be from 11:30-12:45 with the presentation of the award at 1pm.