

# Central Iowa NWA Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2007

## 2007 Central Iowa NWA Conference – March 22-24

- Banquet on March 23 – will have a regular main course and vegetarian options
- ISU Alumni Luncheon booked at Rock Bottom Restaurant for March 24
- Agenda Team
  - Only a handful of oral presentation slots left
  - Poster abstracts have started coming in
  - Broadcast workshop being planned; Chris Maiers may bring in his stereo to save money on additional audio equipment
  - Tim Samaras presentation will be 7:30-8:00 p.m. March 22, followed by Storm Chase Video Night (including part of the *Storms of 2006* charity DVD) and Broadcaster Tape Swap
  - Tape swap may be in another room or we will split the large room
- Registration Team
  - About 20-25 registrations so far
  - Registration table work times will be set up when the speaker schedule is set up
- Pam Daale Scholarship
  - 11 applications
  - Local scholarship team members will start reviewing them, picking top three to send to independent judges
- Travel Team
  - NWS Central Region contributing \$2000 for travel for government invited speakers
  - Travel for invited speakers currently being arranged
- Electronics Team
  - Will use one big screen (9'x12' for \$80/day), put in the middle of the front of the room; will perhaps borrow the NWS screen for the Broadcaster Tape Swap
  - Wireless internet in conference room: \$100/connection/day
  - Vendor internet fee reduced to \$20/day
- Hotel & Promotions
  - Two vendors signed up so far
  - Environmental Research Services donated a RAOB program as a giveaway
  - Three ads sold in agenda
  - Promotional item will be a laser pointer (\$812.50 for 250)
  - Will provide presentation CDs with the conference packets again this year
  - Menu choice will be voted on with the listserv

## Treasurer Report

- Last balance: \$11,504.64
- Financial records being kept on 10-year old laptop; worried about losing data in a hard drive crash
- May try using an OpenOffice spreadsheet software
- Will postpone decision on new laptop
- \$600 to be claimed from State Treasurer's Office

**Next meeting** will be held at the conference center, date TBD.

Meeting minutes submitted by Justin Gehrts