

**Central Iowa NWA Meeting -- Wednesday October 10
NWS Office, Johnston, IA**

*Pizza & Pop were available for supper during a social time before meeting began
Presentation by Rod Donavon over the September 30 & October 2 low-topped supercells in Iowa*

(6:52 PM) Meeting Called to Order

Voting for '07-'08 officers took place after an introduction by each nominee; the nominees are listed below:

President: Dave Flory

Vice President: Mindy Albrecht & Chris Mairs

Secretary: Jayson Prentice

Treasurer: Chris Karstens & Ken Podrazik

Discussion began on dates of conference for 2008, realization was made previously that this year's conference falls onto Easter weekend as well as Iowa State Univ. spring break. Many expect that our numbers for attendees may be lower than usual; problems may ensue with getting invited speakers. To ease the problems there were ideas of moving times around on when to begin & end the conference; as well as taking travel needs for speakers into consideration when deciding when they will speak. Idea of a banquet lunch was brought up, allowing people to attend an evening worship service if desired. Much more discussion will be available once Rod is able to talk to the hotel.

Conference teams were noted on back of agenda, decisions need to be made for chairs of each team.

Agenda team has already come up with several ideas for presentations as well as speakers. They included a presentation on Dual-pol radar as well as phased array; VORTEX-2 presentation by Josh Wurman or Paul Markowski; Greensburg, KS tornado from the perspective of an Emergency Manager or other public members. Local events that may be of interest to the conference included the 1998 derecho that crossed through much of the state and the Charles City F5 tornado.

With the tape-swap for broadcasters having such a great turn out and response, the possibility of giving it a better time slot with less of a conflict was discussed. Again, the conflict with Easter was discussed and it was mentioned that we may need to contact every possible speaker to get a feel of when they would be willing to speak and try to avoid travelling conflicts with Easter.

Banquet speaker for this year was also discussed; currently the best presentation for this may be the VORTEX-2 presentation. Idea for making the chase video night Friday instead of usual Thursday was mentioned, allowing people less of a conflict with worship services on Good Friday.

If anybody has ideas for presentations or speakers, please send a message on the NWA listserv or get it to Dr. Gallus.

Conference Fees from last year were \$50 for members, \$65 for students and \$130 for others. Vendors were \$200 with a \$25 addition for a second person (Internet Fee additional). Registration fees for the conference have not risen nearly as much as other conferences, but date conflict is of concern.

****Motion by Dave Flory to maintain fees, Seconded by Scott Lincoln. Motion Passed****

No news on possible public service projects, still thinking about project to coincide with CoCoRaHS.

No Notes from Secretary as Justin Gehrts was Unavailable

Member dues of \$10, Mindset was that the group would rather earn money through conference instead of the members that were helping with the conference.

Scott Lincoln motioned to maintain \$10 member dues, James Musal Seconded. Motion Passed

Treasurer Update: \$11,809.96 before ~\$104 for pizza/pop

Future Meeting: Wednesday November 7th @ 7:15 PM, Location TBA

Website control was given to Ben Schwedler after motion by Rod Donavon and successful vote

Note was made that committee members need to be sure they have a good handle on what they are doing. It is a very important responsibility to be in charge & helping on a conference committee.

Chris Maiers mentioned the likelihood of several vendors already secured for conference, others still possible.

Election Results were announced, the following are the officials for the 2007-2008 Iowa NWA

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Motion to adjourn by Rod Donavon, Suzanne Morris seconded. Meeting adjourned, 7:40 PM.