

Central Iowa NWA Meeting -- January 16, 2008
Legends Sky Box, Ames, IA

Featured Speaker: Karl Jungbluth (DMX NWS) -- The History of the Central Iowa NWA

Agenda Committee Update (Bill Gallus)

- ~ The conference this year is ending two hours early on Saturday, however beginning one hour earlier on Thursday. We still however are losing an hour of presentation time that is going to be made up by starting the conference at 8:15 and 8:10 AM on Friday & Saturday respectively. This is a change from the usual 8:30 AM start that the conference has typically had. Discussion was held on whether or not this schedule works or if the start should be 8:30 AM. This led to a decision that attendees pay for the conference and pertinent presentations would still likely be attended regardless of start time. Therefore Friday will likely begin with an invited presentation, with Saturday likely to begin with another invited speaker (Charles City Tornadoes).
- ~ Banquet will be held Thursday evening with the video night to follow. Friday night will feature the poster session, supper break followed by the tape swap to begin at 7 PM.
- ~ Ann Dixon is the invited speaker that is a resident of Greensburg and was home during the tornado. It is known that she has a 20 minute presentation including power point and should be a very nice addition to our conference.
- ~ Pam Heinselman has notified us that she is unable to attend the conference, but has named a suitable replacement if we choose. Kevin Scharfenberg is working with Dual-Pol and its' progress within the NWS system among others. More information will likely be passed along within the agenda committee and a formal decision made.

Hotel Committee Update (Rod Donovan)

- ~ Thursday is available for vendors as early as 8 AM
- ~ There is no reset fee for the banquet on Thursday; however 30 minutes is needed for the setup
- ~ Questions to be answered include how long it will take to clear the dishes after the banquet
- ~ Banquet will start at 5:45 PM and food will be served promptly, scholarship and banquet speaker will begin approximately an hour later.
- ~ Internet can be checked before the conference to ensure no problems exist and vendors will have the access they require
- ~ Vendors should have enough room in the hallway, however the entire hallway cannot be used like last year and therefore movement of registration table may be an option to clear some space.
- ~ Future conferences will require a new contract, hotels should be toured in an attempt to get the best deal for our conference in future years. 2009 conference will have to be held on March 26-28 due to conflicts with Easter, VEISHA and spring break at ISU.

Vendor Committee Update (Chris Maiers)

- ~ WeatherCentral confirmed with morning workshop to be held on Thursday morning
 - ~ WxMetrics, Rob Dale and Mike Gibson also confirmed
 - ~ Baron, WDS Radar, WSI all still possible vendors
 - ~ WeatherCentral has bought last page of agenda
 - ~ Committee members should think of local businesses nearby the hotel that may be interested in buying ad space within the agenda. Other vendor ideas are also welcome.

Travel Committee Update

- ~ Brenda has things under control and organized as of latest knowledge

Registration Committee Update (Chris Schaffer)

- ~ 3 registries' thus far with Google checkout now also an option
- ~ Invited speakers will not have to register; they will be included within the system
- ~ Last years' lanyards are the best design and option for us to take, the cost of production as well as time to have them produced will be explored.
- ~ It was discussed on whether or not conference chairs should pay registration fees.
Motion by Adam Deppe, Seconded by James Musal to waive registration fees. Motion Passed.
- ~ Postcards to previous attendees will be sent out in the coming week

Electronics Committee Update (Chris Maiers)

- ~ Williard sent out an email to the NWA list-serv pertaining to audio/video costs
- ~ Hotel will be contacted to get an idea of costs in upcoming week
- ~ NWS will provide the main projector. ISU Students will provide backup projector(s) and screens for the conference.
- ~ Duplication CD's were done last year at a cost of \$464; Will be done once again this year to give to conference attendees.

Poster Committee Update (Chris Conoan)

- ~ Assembly for poster easels should begin as soon as warmer (workable) weather exists

Scholarship Committee Update (Karl Jungbluth)

- ~ February 8th has been setup for scholarship deadline and is posted online
- ~ Scholarship information has been shown on UCAR and Unidata sites

Website Update (Ben Schwedler)

- ~ Information on hotel cut-off dates will be posted as soon as they're known
- ~ Any other pertinent information can be posted, just get a hold of Ben and let him know what you would like posted online.

Concessions Fund Raising (Mindy Albrecht)

- ~ Hilton is only available for basketball season; would have to wait until next basketball season (2008-2009) in order to begin.
- ~ Wells Fargo concessions require 10-15 people per event and will likely have to commit to at least 10 events as well. 10% of revenue is given to the group. If anyone is interested in joining Mindy to see how Wells Fargo concessions work contact her for more details.

Treasurer Report (Chris Karstens)

- ~ Account balance is currently \$12,364.19 with the purchase of the new laptop last month.
- ~ 21 people have paid dues for this year; they are due immediately.
- ~ The new laptop has all of the records transferred from the previous one.
- ~ NOVA has been officially cancelled
- ~ Google Checkout takes each transaction and direct transfers into account, where there is a limit on deposits that can be made into our account (~200). This should not be an issue however as it is understood that Google only does one deposit per day.
- ~ 'Software Committee' members are to look into buying 'money' software for laptop
Motion by Karl Jungbluth, Seconded by Jeff Duda that the 'software committee' can spend up to \$50 on software with the option to retable for more fund if needed. Motion Passed.

Other Notes & Information

- ~ Radio programming is likely to occur once again this year
- ~ COMET modules are to be provided by UCAR for the promotional item this year
- ~ There is a lecture series in Memorial Union that pertains to global warming. These are possible events that members may want to join up and attend. Dates for these are as follows:
January 29, February 11, & March 13.
- ~ Next meeting may occur at WOI at a date to be announced, more information will be sent by email.

Chris Maiers motion to adjourn, Seconded by Ben McNeil. Meeting Adjourned.

*Any questions regarding meetings minutes from January 16, 2008 can be directed at the
Central Iowa NWA Secretary Jayson Prentice (jaysonprentice@gmail.com)*

*Previous meeting minutes along with a copy of the agenda for this meeting can be found on the Iowa NWA
webpage at the following address: <http://www.iowa-nwa.com/minutes.php>*