

Central Iowa NWA Meeting -- September 9, 2008

6:30 PM at Godfather's Pizza, Ankeny, Iowa

2008 Conference Review (Treasurer Chris Karstens)

The complete treasurer's report can be found online at our Google Groups' website or by selecting the following link: [Financial Report](#)

A brief summary of the report was given at the meeting by Treasurer Karstens:

A total of \$18,960 of income was received thanks to the 234 total registrants of the conference. With a total of \$12,066.44 spent for hotel fees, including all of the rooms for speakers. An additional \$2729.10 was needed for travel expenses for our invited speakers, with another \$3,085.60 spent on other miscellaneous items for the conference. This brought our total expenses for the conference to \$17,880.60, which allowed us to bring in a \$1,079.40 profit from the conference alone. Other income included \$30 worth of interest on our account, plus approximately \$480 in member dues. Additional expenses that were not for the conference totaled approximately \$960. This led to a total gross annual income of \$603.18.

13th Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference (President Dave Flory)

Over the summer months the date for the 13th annual conference was changed, due to changes in sweeps week for broadcast meteorologists. The conference will be held at the Sheraton of West Des Moines from April 2-4, 2009. The Sheraton will remain the home of the conference through 2010 with a new contract.

Conference team sign-ups were passed around at the meeting, if you wish to be a part of any team please let President Dave Flory know.

A registration fee increase was suggested by Rod Donavon, he had an initial proposal of \$5-10 increase. Last years' fees were \$65 for students and \$135 for others. A \$10 or \$25 increase was given for late fees for students and others respectively. The registration fee increase was discussed, and should continue to be discussed so that a vote can be made during the October meeting.

Discussion at the meeting includes the proposal that our fees should be increasing by the same amount that the hotel is increasing their rates for us to hold the conference. Another proposal was made that we could increase student fees by \$5, and the fees for others \$10. It is also recommended that we should be looking to see how our fees compare to other conferences.

Officer Elections (President Dave Flory)

Please email your nominations for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and webmaster to Dave Flory (flory@iastate.edu). The nominees will be posted online before the next meeting.

Other NWA Information (President Dave Flory)

Previous concerns about the by-laws were expressed, this includes that an addition to the by-laws should state the process for email voting. In previous meetings the potential for reimbursement on hotel rooms for certain officers or chairs was discussed. Both of these should be discussed at the next meeting, with more information presented.

It is also of concern that there are no by-laws governing group membership. Discussion included the potential to set a date in which there can be no new members to join the NWA, or an option in which you must attend a specific number of meetings was also proposed.

Another concern with the conference is the allowance of videotaping of the conference. It is felt that we should prohibit all videotaping of conference material. Once again, additional discussion will be held at later meetings.

Possible Speakers & Field Trips (President Dave Flory)

President Flory wishes that we can obtain speakers for every meeting through at least the month of January, if you have any ideas for speakers please email your idea. Also wishes to have at least one field trip to a wind farm, or other location of interest to the group. And the potential to have meetings during the summer months, as a majority of members are still in the area.

Fundraising Opportunities (President Dave Flory for Vice President Melinda Albrecht)

There continues to be a potential fund raising opportunity with Hilton coliseum by working at a concession stand during event(s). Vice President Albrecht will discuss more at later meetings. Discussion included the idea that profits should be defined to go towards the scholarship, or other community outreach opportunities by stating which in the by-laws to avoid any tax complications with a not-for-profit status.

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Chris Karstens)

Additional information was given at the beginning of the meeting. Dues will once again be \$10, and will be do ASAP for new members. Existing members must pay at or before the January meeting.

Secretaries Notes (Secretary Jayson Prentice)

All old items were previously discussed within the meeting, therefore no additional discussion.

Other Items / Next Meeting (President Dave Flory)

The next meeting of the Central Iowa NWA must have enough in attendance for a quorum due to officer elections. For this reason it is felt that it shall be held at the NWS Office in Johnston, IA. The chapter will provide food for those in attendance, and the date will likely be during the first week of October.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 PM.

*Any questions regarding meetings minutes from September 9, 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 web page at the following address: <http://www.iowa-nwa.com/minutes.php>*