

Central Iowa NWA Meeting

7:00 pm Tuesday, November 2nd, 2010
National Weather Service, Johnston, IA

The meeting began at 7:02 pm. President Chris Maiers welcomed everyone.

15th Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference

March 31st – April 2nd at the Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny, IA

For conference team sign-ups, email President Chris Maiers (cmaiers@gmail.com)

Agenda Team Update (Dr. Gallus)

Narrowed Banquet Speakers to 3 Candidates including the following:

Roger Wakimoto - NCAR

Harrold Brooks – Known for his tornado climatology studies/climate change in terms of severe weather

Chris Wies – Vortex II

After discussion, it was a group consensus to ask Harrold Brooks to be our banquet speaker for this year's conference.

As for other invited speakers, the following were mentioned as possibilities: someone from the Yazoo City, MO tornado outbreak; either media or NWS employee from Jackson, MS; media to speak about the May 10th tornado in OK; and Roger Wakimoto.

Dave Flory mentioned the idea of moving the banquet from Thursday evening to Friday evening. After discussion, it was decided to remain on Thursday.

Registration Team Update (Jeff Duda)

No new updates at this time.

Travel Team Update (Aubry Wilkins)

No updates. Once we have the speakers/agenda finalized, then the committee will work at getting the travel and hotel arrangements lined up. It was mentioned that there is a shuttle service coordinated by the Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny that runs between the dsm airport and back to the hotel. This makes a convenient travel arrangement for the conference attendees and speakers who are traveling via the airport.

Vendor Team Update (Chris Maiers)

Some of the possible vendors include, Mike Gibson, Verizon, sprint, AT&T (the idea is to bring them because most chasers use mobile data and could be promising). As for local restaurants, Ken P. has a list of places to contact. WxCentral is evaluating their budget, so they are still tentative. Bruce Thomas will be contacted since he is a good representative of the National NWA and Midland Radio.

Electronics Team Update (Willard Sharp)

No new updates at this time.

Radar Workshop Update (Liz Suess)

No new updates at this time.

Pam Daale Scholarship

A proposal was passed around which summarized the following changes:

1. It is proposed we increase the scholarship to \$1500 this year, waive the registration fee and offer \$250 for travel and lodging. This more than doubles our scholarship value from past years. The \$250 will be used from travel money saved by not paying for Dan Miller's travel.
2. Require the winner to attend the conference. Registration fee waived which includes the banquet. We will offer up to \$250 for travel which will include a hotel room for one night.
3. We will not pay for Dan Miller's travel to be a speaker at the presentation; however, we will offer to waive his registration fee if he would agree to come speak again. See section 1 above, the savings will be used for the scholarship winner's travel.
4. We will plan to pay the scholarship in the Fall of 2011 directly to the university instead of paying the student. NOTE: This is pending further investigation with financial aid offices that it can be easily done.

A motion to pass this scholarship proposal was made by Karl Jungbluth and seconded by JoBeth Minniear. The motion was put to a vote, and unanimously passed.

It was mentioned that it might be a good idea to get in contact with Pam Daale's family and let them know the winner of the scholarship, along with the previous winners. The scholarship team will look into that.

ISU Basketball Concessions Update (Mindy Beerends)

We tentatively will work the concessions for the men's basketball game vs Kansas State on Saturday, February 5th. We have not been officially scheduled for this date yet, because the concessions for Hilton are under new management, so still trying to get in contact with them. Check emails for updates on this matter.

Another idea for fundraising is bussing tables at Pizza Ranch to bring in money for the club. From past experience this method of fundraising has been very profitable.

By-Laws & Conference Policy

Past President Cabinet Position Vote

There was a short discussion regarding this matter. The general consensus was that introducing this executive position would be a positive addition to the cabinet. This change would allow for a more efficient transition between years. Brenda Brock made a motion for the addition of the Past President position, in which it is a voluntary cabinet position, and Dave Flory seconded it. The motion was unanimously passed. As this will amend the current by-laws, we will need future official documentation made for this change.

Conference Policies:

By-Law amendment for Associate Members....

Mindy Beerends made a motion that we get rid of the Associate Membership altogether. If individuals outside of the organization's geographic boundaries want to aid in conference planning, they may, but will not receive membership or reduced conference rates. Ken Podrazik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The issue regarding geographic boundaries will be tabled and we will look at re-defining the boundaries in the by-laws. Mindy Beerends will draft a by-law amendment proposal for this topic for the next meeting.

Chair Descriptions:

These are typed up documentation of the specific chair duties and descriptions. It is the individual chairs' responsibility to routinely maintain these chair descriptions for future reference. Drafts were submitted for the Vendor and Registration teams. These drafts are dynamic and can be modified freely by each committee.

Treasurer Notes (Adam Deppe)

The current account balance is \$18,687.32

Member Dues are \$10, and are due for new members, otherwise, due by the January meeting for returning members. Dues can be paid to the Treasurer, Adam Deppe.

Other Notes

Ideas for presentations at our meetings are as follows: John Martin from University of WI can possibly do a presentation for a meeting, or even in the agenda for the conference. Jay Trobec, the Chief Meteorologist at KELO in Sioux Falls (ISU AMS is bringing him in, can possibly do a dual presentation with him and split the cost). Someone could do a presentation/tutorial about the new version of Bufkit. Craig Cogil could possibly do presentation about climate. If you have other ideas for presentations at our monthly meetings, contact President Chris Maiers (cmaiers@gmail.com).

Various items on the website need to be updated. Pictures of new cabinet members will be updated. Mindy has been in contact with Liz Suess about this matter.

Motion made for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:25 pm by Ken Podrazik and seconded by Dave Flory

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 7th, 2010 in room 3140 Agronomy Hall in Ames at 7:00 pm.

Any questions regarding meeting minutes from November 2nd, 2010 can be directed at the Central Iowa NWA Secretary Rachel Hatteberg (rah@iastate.edu)
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>