

Central Iowa NWA Meeting
Tuesday Dec 6, 2011
KCCI Studios—Des Moines, IA

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
- Severe Storm Conference Team Updates
 - o Agenda:
 - Dr. Gallus was not in attendance, so Chris filled in
 - Little update from previous meeting—all speakers are confirmed
 - There will be an NWS speaker from WFO St. Louis to talk about the tornado that struck the St. Louis airport—person not known at this point.
 - Still unknown if DMU will host Dr. Veer as a speaker when he's here in March. They will share the cost of his travel expenses if they do.
 - The ISU Grad club will share the cost of Russ Schumacher's travel expenses
 - o Registration
 - A logo for the conference has been created and is ready to go
 - Mindy proposed the idea of buying large plastic totes to house NWA materials since they are currently loosely stored in old boxes. It was agreed that this was a good idea and we should proceed. She will research tote prices and report back at the next meeting.
 - o Travel
 - Still waiting for a list of names to buy plane tickets for.
 - We will start setting up hotel reservations in January and February.
 - o Vendor
 - Going to local restaurants this weekend to see if they will allow us to advertise the conference in their venues.
 - o Hotel
 - Will send out dinner options in the near future for people to decide on.
 - Continued the discussion of moving the conference to a different location next year.
 - Stony Creek and Prairie Meadows continue to be top candidates. Nothing has been heard from the Marriot.
 - Discussed how we would set up the posters in the hotel this year, including creating a separate room with the hall dividers or setting up only three quarters of the dividers and allowing people to go between rooms as they please.
 - o Electronics
 - Not much new since last meeting—activity will pick up in January
 - In January we will get a price list from the hotel of equipment we will need from them
 - In February we hope to have all of the presentations from the presenters
 - Still looking for a projector to use—an ISU student can likely reserve one for use from the university. One of the NWS projectors recently broke, and with the conference in the middle of spotter talk season, it is unlikely that the NWS will be able to provide a projector.
 - We will be using much of the same equipment and setup as last year for the radar workshop

- Radar Workshop
 - Have narrowed down the number of possible cases to three candidates.
 - Once a case is decided upon, will need to send the files to Daryl to be processed.
 - Also need to work out LSR geospatial transformations—might need to work with Daryl on this.
- Pam Daale Scholarship
 - Still working on redoing the questions for this year's scholarship application. Hope to be completed by the end of the month.
 - Undecided if there will be two or three essay questions in the application.
 - Will institute a point system this year to score the applications/essays. The top three will then be forwarded to outside reviewers for the final decision.
 - Hope to have the application posted to the website in the next few weeks.
- Social Media
 - Twitter and Facebook up and running
 - We have been posting information about the conference speakers on Twitter, which has been re-tweeted several times. It seems like the word is getting out nicely via Twitter
- Treasurer
 - Dues (\$10 for the year) are due by the next meeting in January
 - There is a new process for adding members to the NWA Chapter bank card, which was discussed at the meeting. This primarily concerns the president, VP, and treasurer.
 - Signature bank card was signed by all parties
- Fundraising
 - We will do Pizza Ranch in February sometime. Will initially work at the Ames restaurant, and then if there is enough interest, will work at the Waukee location.
- Secretary Notes
 - None! (Kevin Skow filled in for Kevin Deitsch as he was working)
- The January meeting will be at either the Pizza Ranch or Valentinos in Ames. Date to be announced.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.