

Central Iowa NWA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 2nd, 2012
NWS in Johnston, IA

Agenda Team

- One abstract submitted so far, too early to tell how many we will have. Deadline Feb. 25th
- Still waiting on Joplin doctor, emailed him about his schedule and said within the next day or two
- Northern Plains conference cancelled, so not sure the effect it will have on students attending ours
- Banquet is still going to be Thursday evening

Registration Team

- 11 registrations so far, 1 advertising space purchased
- 235 name badges will be needed
- Need to order 139 lanyards and 140 folders
- Email upcoming to registration team in the next week or two to schedule when to stuff folders, etc.
- Share registration for DMX employees when they go on different days?
 - o **Motion:** "To allow DMX personnel who are NWA members and whose registration is not already paid for the ability to split registration costs for this year only."
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Should we advertise the Joplin session at a daily rate?
 - o Might be a way to bolster the attendance
 - o Don't want to make it too low though or else it makes no sense to have a conference rate
 - o **Motion:** "To make a daily rate at \$70 for one-day registration only, excluding the banquet. The purchasing of two one-day registrations to achieve a cheaper overall rate would be prohibited."
 - Motion passes unanimously

Travel Team

- Estimated travel costs: \$5,919.56
 - o Does not include \$250 student scholarship costs or Russ's travel cost
 - o Cost to chapter: \$4,700
 - o Paid about \$3,700 last year
- **Motion:** "To set the banquet meal pass at \$25"
 - o Motion passes unanimously
- Greg Carbon and Gary Dobbs can each come, but James Spann is still a question mark
 - o Decided to just use the airline change fee if needed and have him come later and just talk to the chapter

Vendor Team

- Some ads have been purchased.
- The back page has been purchased by a mobile app creator.

Hotel Team

- Prices are basically the same this year as they were last year (food, electronics, etc.)
- Contract extension has been offered to us from Marriott and would be the same pricing, out to 2 or 3 years
- Prairie Meadows tour
 - o Very nice, incredible rooms
 - o There are some areas to eat nearby and shows going on there.
 - o Cost is going to be the issue, and deal is being reworked for one conference room (seats 261 classroom style).
 - o They have shuttles to/from the airport and will shuttle guests that are staying within one mile of the hotel.
 - o They seemed very accommodating with us bringing our own electronics. Wi-fi is complimentary.

Electronics Team

- All the same as last year, so nothing to report

Radar Team

- Need to get a dry run for the radar exercise
- Software updated to now issue tornado emergencies
- Situational awareness PowerPoint is done and the case is all set up

Scholarship Team

- All in favor of asking Brad to be our reader of the scholarships

Web Site

- Radar workshop and Facebook page update is still on the list of things to do
- It was decided to add the attendance to the bottom of the minutes instead of listing it as a separate column on the website.

Social Media

- Facebook/Twitter still up and running, with nothing else to report

Treasurer

- Money is good!

- 34 people have paid dues. Get them to Jim ASAP if you have not paid for some reason.
- Status of phone number registered on our account at the bank?
 - o Decided to set it to the DMX office phone

Jacob-Vice President

- Got a job as a general forecaster in Minneapolis, MN!
- Need a new VP:
 - o Will vote at the next meeting
 - o Send in your nominations to Chris within the next couple of weeks

Fundraising

- Finding a date at Pizza Ranch has been difficult
- Decided to skip it, not worth the headache
- Lesson learned: start earlier next year

Next Meeting

- Will be Thursday, March 1st at 6:00 PM at the Marriott Hotel

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Attendance

Roger Vachalek

Kevin Deitsch

Karl Jungbluth

Ricky McFarland

Chris Karstens

Andrew Ansoorage

Ryan Lehms

Frank Boksa

Ken Podrazik

Jeff Johnson

Jeff Zogg

Brenda Brock

Jim Lee

Bill Gallus

Dave Flory

Peter Effertz

Aubry Wilkins