

Central Iowa NWA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 1st, 2012
Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Ankeny, IA

Team Updates:

- Agenda

- Things are pretty much ready to go.
- There were only two spots left as of Wednesday, February 29th.
- Ads have been turned into the vendor team.
- Cover and logo will be delivered later next week.
- Still looking for a replacement for Dr. Veer
 - A possible backup would be the fire chief.

- Registration

- The number of people who have signed up is running ahead of '10 and '11, but behind '08 and '09.
- Folders and lanyards have been ordered.
- An email has been sent to the team in regards to who will be working the registration booth at what times.

- Travel

- Plane tickets for the guests have been purchased.
- Hotel reservations will be made soon.
- Chris will be giving up his free room to assist in the accommodations.
- \$5,500 is the expected cost this year.

- Vendor

- Nothing new to report, just waiting on more ads.
- Chili's has purchased an ad and the back page has been filled.
- 2 or 3 ads have been purchased, but not yet received.

- Hotel

- The number of banquet meals, breakfast, and snack food all still need to be figured out.
- A hotel agreement for 2013 has been reached, just awaiting paperwork.
- 2014 and 2015 are still being worked out, waiting on a few bids still.
- The team is still deciding on a good area to place the cash bar
 - The idea of potentially two cash bars was brought up.
- An idea was introduced to perhaps set up the posters in the back of the conference hall and not in the hallway, in order to free up some space in the already crowded hallway.

- Electronics

- Will be doing a dry run with the radar software shortly
- Will need students to rent the projectors and help bring the equipment down to the conference

- Radar Workshop

- A short demo video has been put together on how to use the new software.
- The layout of the radar workshop will be: mesoscale overview, radar overview, tutorial on the software, then the radar session.
- Winners will receive a free breakfast.

- Web Site

- Will make a few updates to the site to continue to draw in more people
- Awaiting details on the radar workshop

- Social Media

- Chris has continued to send out occasional blurbs on Facebook and Twitter.
- It was suggested that some of last year's photos be place on the Facebook page.

- So far, there have been no nominations for the VP vacancy. Send any nominations into Chris.

- Next meeting

- It was suggested the next meeting be held on Thursday, April 19th in Ames at the Perfect Games facility. This place has bowling and laser tag, providing a good place to unwind after the hard work that went into the conference planning!

Attendance

Chris Maiers

Rob Nelson

Lyndee Clark

Roger V.

Karl J.

Chris Karstens

Dave Flory

Rachel Hatteberg

Kevin Deitsch