



**Central Iowa NWA Meeting**  
**January 16, 2013 – 6:30 pm**  
2050 Agronomy Hall – Iowa State University  
Ames, IA



**1. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference Update**

**a. Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny, Iowa: April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**b. Please see Pre-meeting Conference Update for all of the teams' update**

**c. Member Rate Discussion**

*i. It was found that currently students are not getting much benefit by being a member.*

1. The regular student rates at \$75 for the conference and member student rates at \$55
  - a. But with paying \$10 in member dues, student are only saving \$10 for the conference
2. For comparison the current non-student member rate is \$95 compared to the regular rate of \$145, so the member pays 65% of the regular rate.
3. 65% of the regular student rate is \$48
4. Rod moved to keep the percentages the same so that a member would be paying 65% of the regular rate, whether student or non-student. The student member rate would become \$48
  - a. Bill Gallus seconded
  - b. Motion passed

**d. Latest Team Info**

*i. Agenda*

1. Jason Samenow has agreed to speak on the derecho event and the use of new media to convey information on severe weather
2. An invitation has been sent out to Ginger Zee of Good Morning America (ABC) weekend meteorology. She was in Atlanta during Sandy
  - a. At a previous talk, her agent insisted she have a stipend
  - b. So an email was sent out to see if she would agree to a stipend to cover her travel expenses.
    - i. Bill Gallus moved to offer her a block stipend of \$700 and not to exceed \$800 that would cover hotel, food, travel with extra money
      1. Aubry Bhattahai seconded
      2. Motion passed
    - ii. If she says no, have to offer a stipend along with the travel cost
      1. It was suggested to offer travel cost and stipend not exceeding \$800; she would get the difference from travel cost of \$800
      2. A vote will later be needed via email if she says no.

*ii. Registration*

1. The Intuit GoPayment device worked with the Motorola Droid device on the hotel's wifi
  - a. Mindy would donate the phone to the chapter
  - b. Using the hotel wifi, there would be no additional charges besides the 2.75% transaction fee
  - c. It is quick to just swipe at the registration desk to pay for DVDs and conference registration.
  - d. Jimmy moved to use the Motorola droid and free app to make transactions for the registration table for the conference
    - i. Seconded by Kevin Skow
    - ii. Motion passed

*iii. Electronics*

1. Dave needed the A/V price list
2. Willard will not make the conference so people are needed to man the A/V table just to supervise. Volunteers?

*iv. Scholarship*

1. The application has been fixed to allow 500 words, so please download the new version

**2. Future Meetings**

**a. Proposed to pay/bring in speakers**

- i. Chasers, researchers, media, other professors?*
- ii. Some interest in speakers*

1. Ben McMillan: medical training use in chasing; chasing techniques

**b. Interest in a Spring Picnic/Outdoor event for the April Meeting**

- i. Will be a conference wrap-up meeting*

**3. Treasurer Update**

**a. Member Dues: \$10 (due at the meeting for returning members)**

- i. Give to Jim Lee*
- ii. Cash or check (made out to Central Iowa NWA)*
- iii. Dues are due today! Pay to get the discount for the conference*
- iv. New members need to pay asap, will cover through January 2014*

**b. Current balance: \$23,143.52 (as of the meeting)**

**4. Next Meeting: February 27, 2013 at 7:30pm**

- a. Will be in the Ankeny/Des Moines area; Godfather's Pizza**

**Attendance**

Mindy Beerends  
Frank Boksa  
Karl Jungbluth  
Aubry Bhattarai  
Kevin Skow  
Bill Gallus

Josh Alland  
Lyndee Clark  
Rod Donavon  
Eswar Iyer  
Kevin Smalley  
James Cayer  
Corey Harguth  
Erin Jackson  
Sydney McBride  
Taylor Schillerberg  
Clayton Short  
Zach Sharpe  
Thanasy Telios  
Meghan Applegate  
Nathan Coy  
Seth Loyd  
Hyelee Loyd  
Eric Mykleby  
Kierstin Blomberg



## Central Iowa NWA

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

## Pre-Meeting

# Conference Update



1. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference Summary
  - 2013: April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>: Courtyard by Marriott - Ankeny
  - Conference Teams listed on last page
    - To join a team, email [melinda.beerends@noaa.gov](mailto:melinda.beerends@noaa.gov)
2. Conference Team Update Highlights
  - Agenda
    - Our invited speaker list is almost finalized. I believe we had already announced that Lou Wicker from NSSL will be the banquet speaker, and Troy Albert from the Henryville, IN high school hit by a tornado on March 3 were coming. Dennis Cavanaugh from the DFW NWS office has agreed to come speak on the Dallas metro area tornadoes of April 3.
    - Jane Cage (Joplin Citizens Advisory Recovery Team) and Steve Castaner (FEMA) have agreed to give a dual presentation on recovery after the Joplin tornado. They had given a similar talk at the Iowa Homeland Security conference, which was said to be very good
    - Greg Carbin (SPC) has agreed to speak to us, with an invited talk focusing on the first-ever Day 2 high risk issued for the April 14 tornado event last year.
    - An invitation has been extended to Ginger Zee (ABC) to speak about Superstorm Sandy. Her agent requires she be given a stipend, and we are working on figuring out how to do this without raising our chapter's costs.
    - Jason Samenow from the Capitol Weather Group has been invited to speak on the June 29 derecho event, and the use of new media to convey information about severe weather. He expressed interest in coming, and is checking with his family and employer.
  - Electronics
    - We have been in contact with Willard and are starting to work out what needs to be done.

1. Wireless gear and network for radar workshop is at Willard's house and ready to go. Willard will provide us with documents on how everything should be setup.
  2. Willard may not be around during the conference due to work. This means the electronics team and others will need to step up and make sure the conference runs smoothly. Willard has done a spectacular job with this in the past. Any volunteers? More on this at the meeting.
- Items needed from the hotel are: 9x12 screen, AV table to set the projector and laptop on, 2 wireless lapel mic's, 1 wireless handheld mic, house sound system for mic's and 1 sound connection for the laptop.
    1. Items we usually provide via Willard: extension cords, power strips, duct tape, wireless presentation clicker with laser pointer, network cables (if needed), and a network switch (if needed), laptop with presentations to avoid switching machines.
  - A 2013 AV cost sheet is needed from the hotel – Flory will work on getting this.
  - Radar workshop committee needs to let electronics know if they want to do a dry run like last year.
  - We will collect emails of presenters from Dr. Gallus in late February or early March and send out an email for presentations.
- Pam Daale Scholarship
    - The National NWA is advertising the scholarship in various ways. The scholarship is now on the NWS Scholarship site at: [http://www.nwas.org/committees/ed\\_comm/application/index.php](http://www.nwas.org/committees/ed_comm/application/index.php)
    - We will be contacting several universities the beginning January 14<sup>th</sup>, which is when classes resume for many
    - We will be completing the application scoring process soon
    - Applications are due February 27th
  - Radar Workshop
    - Environmental data has been gathered & is ready for Daryl to convert along with event radar data.
    - First dry run will be conducted in late-January or February.
      1. If another is needed it will be conducted.
    - Will be in touch with Willard to get equipment & go over any connection requirements.

- Kevin Skow is making a tutorial Power Point for the attendees for the workshop
- Registration
  - Will send out initial conference flyer announcement and open registration on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - An email announcement has already been sent to NWS Central Region NWS offices due to NOAA Group Travel Policy issues. Latest guidance has switched again that invited speakers and DMX employees receiving waived registrations do have to be included in the group travel request. If NWS attendance is less than 20 people, only approval from regional headquarters is needed, however if attendance exceeds 20 people or travel costs exceed \$75,000 we would need approval from NOAA headquarters and the request has to be filed at least 60 days prior to the start of the conference.
    1. At a minimum we will have to at least go through the regional approval which still needs some advance notice, but not as much as the 60 days.
    2. This could impact the following invited speakers Lou Wicker, our banquet speaker, Greg Carbin, our Dallas event speaker Dennis Cavannaugh.
  - The Intuit Card Reader worked great while I tested it at the hotel in December. The Droid connected to the hotel's wi-fi, opened the app, swiped the card, charged my card, and emailed me my receipt all in a minute or less. The funds would then be deposited right into our bank account. It does not perform refunds that I know of (have to do some more checking), but those can be handled through our treasurer with a check.
  - Will need to order badges and folders by the next meeting.
- Travel
  - Have been in contact with Dennis and MIC at NWS Dallas office to ensure we have proper NOAA/NWS approval for Dennis to travel to the conference as an invited speaker. Still waiting to hear if we have final approval.
  - Current Travel Cost Estimate: \$3,858.59
    1. This cost includes: 6 invited speakers, 1 speaker costs-shared with ISU, scholarship winner, scholarship presenter
    2. Believe this estimate is a little high because it assumes the scholarship winner uses the full \$250 available for travel (which

hasn't happened the past 2 years) and that 5/7 speakers stay for longer than one night, which usually doesn't happen.

- Will start working next month to make travel arrangements with invited speakers.

- Vendor

- Phone calls to restaurants have been made.
  1. Awaiting call backs
- Some 'No' responses from places like Hu Hot due to corporate policy.
- E-mails are out to some weather companies that may be interested in being vendors.
  1. Reminders will be sent in a couple weeks.

# 2012 – 2013 Conference Committees

## Registration Team

Mindy Beerends (Chair)  
Josh Alland  
Corey Harguth  
Ethan Milius  
Thomas LeBlanc  
Lyndee Clark  
Frank Boksa  
Kristy Carter  
Rachel Hatteberg

## Electronics Team

Dave Flory (Chair)  
Jimmy Cayer  
Kevin Snow

## Travel Team

Aubry Bhattarai (Chair)  
Ken Podrazik  
Jim Lee  
Jimmy Cayer

## Vendor Team

Chris Maiers (Chair)

## Agenda Team

Dr. Gallus (Chair)  
Ethan Milius  
Mindy Beerends  
Chris Maiers  
Dave Flory  
Ron Donavon  
Aubry Bhattarai  
Karl Jungbluth

## Pam Daale Scholarship Team

Rod Donavon (Chair)  
Jeff Zogg  
Aubry Bhattarai  
Karl Jungbluth  
Ken Podrazik

## Radar Workshop Team

Chris Maiers (Chair)  
Tim Marquis  
Dave Flory  
Kevin Skow

## Hotel Team

Mindy Beerends (Chair)  
Chris Maiers  
Jim Lee