



Central Iowa NWA Meeting
February 27, 2013 – 7:30 pm
Godfather's Pizza -- Ankeny, IA



1. 17th Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference Update

- a. Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny, Iowa: April 4th – 6th, 2013**
- b. Please see Pre-meeting Conference Update for all of the teams' updates**
- c. Latest Team Info**

i. Agenda

1. The deadline to submit an abstract has been extended to Friday, March 8.
 - a. Only have a few so far, with 20+ openings
2. Lou Wicker is still coming to speak to the ISU Graduates, but if the NOAA Group Travel is denied, then he can't have any association to the NWS
 - a. Can't use government resources if denied or associate with government organizations
 - b. Maybe try to have him talk as a non-NOAA representative but not have it known by the government
 - c. Need to think of alternatives if he can't come if the Group Travel is denied
 - d. Will also be trouble for NWS getting time off
 - e. Won't hit the >\$20,000 limit, but could have over 20 NOAA people

ii. Registration

1. So far we are at 2008's amount of registrants
2. Have gotten the folders and badges
3. Have had issues with the printer in the past, but currently works now
 - a. Will try later with the NWS laptop to see if that is the problem

iii. Travel

1. Troy Albert's wife is planning on coming and was asked if we should waive her conference fee?
 - a. Kenny Podrazik moved to waive Troy Albert's wife's conference registration and banquet fee
 - i. Josh Alland seconded
 - ii. Motion passed

iv. Electronics

1. No new updates until March
2. Josh Alland will get a projector from ISU
 - a. Will need to get a NWS projector or have another student get a second projector through ISU (Update – NWS will provide a back-up projector)

v. Radar Workshop

1. Chris Maiers is stepping down as chair, and can't be at the workshop
 - a. Kevin Skow is new chair
2. Have done all of the tests, dry runs, etc.

- a. Working on 2 presentations, which will go on the website eventually
 - i. GR tutorial – what is needed to know for the workshop
 - ii. Radar Interpretation – symbols, reflectivity, etc.
- vi. *Scholarship*
 - 1. WeatherCall (a private forecasting company), who knew Pam, donated \$500, which was put to the scholarship, now \$2000
 - a. Sending Laura (who knew her) to present the scholarship and have door prizes – discussed whether to waive her registration fee
 - i. Kevin Skow moved to waive registration and banquet fee for Laura (WeatherCall) and offer a vendor table if wanted
 - 1. Clayton Short seconded
 - 2. Motion passed

2. *Future Meetings*

- a. **Dave wanted to try to go for chapter of the year**
 - i. *Need an outside source to nominate us*
 - ii. *Want to recognize everyone for their hard work*
- b. **NWR Programming Event**
 - i. *One store in Ames and Des Moines (86th St.)?*
 - ii. *April 27th decided*
 - 1. Also offered to help publicize AMS programming event via Facebook, Twitter, etc. Can help also if needed
- c. **Summer Get-Together**
 - i. *Summer Picnic?*
 - ii. *I-Cubs game? - Some interest*
 - iii. *Mini-Golf Tournament?*

3. *Treasurer Update*

- a. **Member Dues: \$10 (don't get member discount for registration)**
- b. **Current balance: \$22,768.06 (as of the meeting)**

4. *Other Items*

- a. **NWS can only have 2 student volunteers per year now**
 - i. *Only in central region*
 - ii. *Negotiating for 1 in the summer and fall – already have 2 for the spring*
 - 1. Can look for stops outside of Iowa, maybe more likely to have opening that is not near a college with a meteorology program
- b. **There may be a hotel meeting for team chairs, cabinet, and hotel staff (?)**
 - i. *Date to be decided: March 27th? April 2nd? During night or daytime?*

5. *Next Meeting: Thursday, April 25th*

- a. **Picnic in Ames (weather permitting)**

Attendance

Mindy Beerends
 Kevin Skow
 Jeff Zogg

Lyndee Clark
Ken Podrazik
Tim Marquis
Kevin Smalley
Sydney McBride
Nathan Coy
Clayton Short
Zach Sharpe
Meghan Applegate
Dave Flory
Chris Conoan
Frank Boksa
Seth Loyd
Josh Alland
Corey Harguth



Central Iowa NWA
January 9th, 2013



Pre-Meeting Conference Update

1. 17th Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference Summary
 - 2013: April 4th – 6th: Courtyard by Marriott - Ankeny
 - Conference Teams listed on last page
 - To join a team, email melinda.beerends@noaa.gov
2. Conference Team Update Highlights
 - Agenda
 - We had finalized our invited speaker list by adding Ginger Zee, who had agreed to come to speak about Hurricane Sandy. However, she had a personal conflict arise and agreed to do a remote broadcast of her presentation, but the team decided that our audience would probably not like a remote broadcast. Thus, Ginger will not be speaking.
 - At this point, we have 7 invited speakers, and that will likely be the final number. Feedback is still being collected on whether or not we should try to find a Hurricane Sandy replacement or get another broadcaster from some other event to speak, but it appears a consensus is arising that it is too late to do that.
 - We've had 3 abstracts be submitted so far, and have been told of another one coming. There are only 9 days left to submit abstracts, but it is relatively normal to have only a handful at this point. Hopefully lots get submitted in the remaining 9 days.
 - Electronics
 - No new updates at this time.
 - Pam Daale Scholarship
 - I was contacted by WeatherCall, and they have generously offered to donate \$500 towards the scholarship.
 1. This will increase the scholarship amount to \$2000.
 2. One of WeatherCall's employees is Lora Holt, who was Pam's best friend. Lora has remained in contact with Pam's kids over the years. Lora plans to attend the conference this year and

we plan to have her as the featured speaker for the scholarship presentation.

- Radar Workshop
 - Dry run completed. Only minor issues to work out.
 1. LSRs needed some tidying up.
 - I have to step down from my position as chair. Kevin Skow is the new chair.

- Registration
 - We are good on lanyards, folders and badges have been ordered. I went with the badges that only work with the lanyards versus the ones we had that also included clips.
 1. The lanyard only badges were \$9.79 per 50 ct versus around \$27 per 50 for the clip/lanyard badges.
 2. We do have several clip badges left from previous conferences, so if someone prefers the clip badge they can ask for one at the registration table.
 - Sent the second conference announcement out via email with announcement about the abstract deadline, instructions for using a laptop for the radar workshop, and announcing Jason Samenow as an invited speaker
 - Registration is progressing nicely with the current amount of registrations well ahead of previous years.
 1. One reason is there have been a few duplicate registrations that need to be cleared up once the attendee's payment has been made, but for now these are only a few so overall attendance numbers are currently on track to surpass the past few years. We will see if the trend continues.
 - I will send out an email toward the beginning of March to the registration team to start getting people's schedules to work the registration table.
 - I will be checking out the printer to make sure we are good to go on that after some of the trouble we had last year with it. We worked on it some last year and over the summer and it got a little better, but I have not had it out since then.

- Travel
 - Still waiting to hear back from several speakers before making arrangements. Mainly NOAA speakers.

- Waive registration fee for Troy Albert's wife? (A science teacher who wants to attend the conference with him)
 - Current Travel Cost Estimate: \$4,198.33
 1. This cost includes: 7 invited speakers, 1 speaker costs-shared with ISU, scholarship winner, scholarship presenter
- Vendor
- No word on local restaurants buying ads at this point.
 - PYKL3 Radar bought the back page.
- Hotel
- I will be sending out an email to the hotel team to decide on a banquet meal for the conference. I will also work with them over the next few weeks to check out that everything is good to go at the hotel for the conference.

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

Kevin Skow (Chair)
Chris Maiers
Tim Marquis
Dave Flory

Hotel Team

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Chris Maiers
Jim Lee