



Central Iowa NWA Meeting
October 1, 2013 – 6:30 pm
Old Chicago – Ankeny, IA



1) Cabinet/Student Liaison Position By-Law Amendment Overview/Vote

- Mindy read proposed amendment aloud, with no questions raised
- Aubry B proposes vote on amendment, with second from Chris M
- Motion unanimously passed

- While reviewing the by-laws for the new student liaison position, Mindy noticed a previous by-law amendment had not been added to the by-laws. At the November 2, 2010 meeting a by-law amendment was passed, but the exact wording was never finalized and it was not added to the by-laws. The purposed of this amendment was to include the previous president as a cabinet member, to help with a smooth transition for the new president/cabinet. The vote was taken at the 11/10 meeting and the motion passed. However since it was never added to the by-laws, this will need to be done. Mindy has the proposed wording and this will need to be reviewed and voted on by the chapter at a future meeting.

2) 2013-2014 Chapter Elections

- Candidate in contested positions (Rod & Ken; Jimmy & Jim) introduced themselves and started past experiences/future plans for the chapter. For uncontested positions (Kevin & Jim) Mindy read prepared statements from them since they could not attend the meeting and Tom spoke to the chapter.
- Votes were cast and collected/counted by Mindy

3) 18th Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference

- Team updates were sent out prior to the meeting. New sign-ups for team positions will be sent to the team chairs. Mindy spoke about the importance of team members to conference success and to for students to help them stand out for future employment/resumes
 - o **If you still want to join a team, email Mindy: nwa.beerends@gmail.com**
- Dr. Gallus has emailed Tim Samaras' wife who is enthusiastic about the idea of an award for a student poster/presentation at our conference. She thought the award would be an appropriate way to memorialize Tim. She may be willing/able to come to the conference. More details will be provided in the future by Dr. Gallus.
- There has been no change to conference prices recently. The only change was last year's student member rate change. Should we change the conference rate, taking into account the fact that we are no longer planning on selling DVDs of presentations and are going to share them with all attendees instead? Much discussion ensued:
 - o Our conference is more expensive than other local conferences (but they are shorter than our conference) and much less expensive than national conferences (but they're longer). Feedback from attendees has been mostly positive on our prices
 - o If we raise the rate too much will fewer people attend? We've had good attendance numbers in the past and with the prices we have had covered costs (volume vs. price) and if that number dropped because of the higher prices, will enough people still attend?
 - o Currently most of the conference money is coming from registrations, and very few from DVD sales. If we're giving the same quality of the presentations to attendees

for free, should we charge more? Would t-shirt sales make enough money to cover the lower registration fee?

- Motion by Rod D to raise the conference rates by \$5 for non-members. Motion seconded by Jimmy C. Motion unanimously passes.

New non-member conference rates: Students: \$80 and Non-Students: \$150

- Average attendance for conference is around 180 people and profit expected on each shirt would be \$1-3. Some discussion about what the design should be and what would look best.

- Should we sell add space on the back of the shirt, or since we are selling the shirts should we not put adds on it?
- **If you have t-shirt design ideas, please email them to Chris M (cmaiers@gmail.com) by November 30** and the vendor team will come up with three or so ideas to present to the chapter for a vote. Would like to have the final design decided by end of the year.

4) Google Non-Profits Email Addresses Update

- Have been verified with Google as a nonprofit and email address have been created. Will have access to Google Drive for each of the subsections to be able to store documents. Will work with Dave F to set up/access the accounts.
- Any new/different accounts needed?

5) Election Results

- President: Rod Donavon
- Vice President: Kevin Skow
- Treasurer: Jim Lee
- Secretary: Tom Maaske
- Student Liaison: Jimmy Cayer
 - Student liaison race ended in a tie. Jim Orlando ceded the position to Jimmy Cayer.

6) Treasurer Update

- Current balance: \$22,467.15

8) Other Items

- Kevin S to hopefully begin helping Dave F as web master
- Do we need a by-law amendment for how to handle ties in future elections?
- Ideas for things the chapter could do outside of the conference. Discussed was helping the hearing impaired with and NOAA Weather Radio adapters. Also possibly serving with a food bank. Chris M has a contact with the Food Bank of Iowa.
- Rod will speak at next ISU AMS meeting to help spread the word about the NWA
- It was noted that Patrick Marsh will be coming to speak at ISU on November 7

Next meeting tentatively set for Tuesday, November 5 in Ames

Attendance

Aubry Bhattarai
Brian Squitieri
Chris Maiers
Corey Harguth
Jim Orlando
Jimmy Cayer
Ken Podrazik
Kevin Smalley
Mindy Beerends
Rachel Duebner
Rod Donavon
Tom Maaske

2013 – 2014 Conference Committees

Registration Team

Mindy Beerends (Chair)
Corey Harguth
Lyndee Clark
Tom Maaske
Rachel Duebner
Kevin Smalley

Agenda Team

Dr. Gallus (Chair)
Brian Squitieri
Dave Flory
Karl Jungbluth
Aubry Bhattarai
Ken Podrazik
Mindy Beerends
Chris Maiers
Rod Donavon
Jeff Zogg
Willard Sharp (Chair)
Dave Flory

Travel Team

Aubry Bhattarai (Chair)
Jimmy Cayer

Vendor Team

Chris Maiers (Chair)
Jim Orlando
Rachel Duebner
Mindy Beerends
Kevin Smalley
Tom Maaske

Electronics Team

Willard Sharp (Chair)
Dave Flory
Chris Maiers

Pam Daale Scholarship Team

Rod Donavon (Chair)
Ken Podrazik
Bill Gallus
Brian Squitieri

Radar Workshop Team

Kevin Skow (Chair)
Dave Flory
Chris Maiers

Hotel Team

Rod Donavon (Chair)
Ken Podrazik
Chris Maiers
Mindy Beerends



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Pre-Meeting

Conference Update



1. 18th Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference Summary
 - 2014: March 27th – 29th: Courtyard by Marriott - Ankeny
 - Conference Teams listed on last page
 - To join a team, email nwa.beerends@gmail.com
2. Conference Team Update Highlights
 - Agenda
 - Just getting things going with an initial email out to team members
 - Electronics
 - No Update
 - Scholarship
 - No Update
 - Radar Workshop
 - Need to start brainstorming for possible cases we could use. We are looking for either tornado or severe wind/hail cases. More team members are welcome!
 - Registration
 - No Update
 - Travel
 - No Update
 - Vendor
 - Getting a list together of businesses to call for advertisements and vendors.
 - Not expecting prices to change.