



## Central Iowa NWA

January 23, 2014

3140 Agronomy Hall-Ames, IA

# Meeting Minutes



### -- Pre Meeting Activities --- Starting at 6:32--

1. 10 people participate in wind-chill forecast **Jimmy Cayer** Won the contest
2. Overview of January 16th 2013 Des Moines Metro Micro Blizzard

### -- Meeting --- (7:05 – 7:23) Total Attendance: 19 --

1. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference
  - a. **March 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>, 2014**
  - b. Team Updates

#### • Agenda:

- We invited Matt Kelsch to come speak on the Colorado floods, but he was busy. However, he suggested Nolen Doesken (CO state climatologist and founder of CoCoRAHS), and we extended an invitation to him, and he accepted. We may have him speak as well on CoCoRAHS.
- We officially invited Chris Karstens and he accepted. He'll give a talk about Tim Samaras at that special session, and likely another one on his Warn-On-Forecast work at CIMMS.
- For our last invited speaker slot, we have invited two Illinois State Patrol personnel, Miles Walsh and Sadie Conner, who have been interviewed several times, because both lost their homes in the Washington, IL tornado. The two are friends, and Sadie started her college career as a meteorology major at Valparaiso University. Thus she is a weather-geek (her own words) and was excited to receive the invitation. Both are checking with their bosses and their schedule. They both have amazing stories (e.g., Sadie did not have time to reach the basement and was picked up and tossed backwards down the stairs), and may also be able to talk about actions afterwards in their role as Troopers, or speak in general about what the ISP did, so we hope they can make it.
- **No volunteered abstracts have been submitted yet**, but one of last year's attendees from Accu-Weather has let me know he is coming and wants to be on the Career Panel (talk about your job). Megan Salois was also asked to join the career panel.
- **Scholarship and Awards:**
  - We have not heard anything back from WeatherCall, who donated \$500 toward the scholarship in 2013. Therefore the scholarship has been posted for \$1500 and is available on the website.
  - We will begin advertising the scholarship and the Tim Samaras awards in a joint announcement this week to surrounding universities.

- Our next step will be to review our scoring process for the scholarship and to develop a template to score the student presentations and poster presentations for the Tim Samaras award
- **Electronics:**
  - Radar workshop network gear tested during the holidays. Equipment works fine. Good to go!
  - Will start coordination of a projector form ISU.
  - Working on the preliminary equipment list. Will work with hotel team to get a 2014 price sheet (Sound equipment screens etc.).
  - Will prep my FTP site to allow for large presentation uploads.
- **Vendor:**
  - T-shirt votes are tallied... Lightning won. Found a website ([customink.com](http://customink.com)) that will create the shirts for less than \$6.50/each if 200 are ordered. That would account for attendees & possibly a few extra sales. Only sticking point is shirt color. Gray, light blue, white, black or red.
  - What **sizes** to get **S M L XL**? Aubry Bhattarai will check in to it.

No word from vendors/advertisers. Another round of e-mails will go out next week.

- **Registration:**
  - Registration types have all been updated to reflect 2014 prices and dates. The registration page has been updated as well. Registration will officially be open on Thursday, January 16th when I send out the first conference flyer via email to past attendees, regional NWS offices, universities and media personalities. We have actually had 2 registrations already as the links have been active for a few days even though the official announcement does not go out until Thursday. I will be checking lanyards, badges, and printer ink for February. Also we currently have **6 members** on the registration including myself. It would be nice if we could have a **few more members** on the team for working the desk and helping to set up posters (Friday afternoon) during the conference so that people do not have to miss a large percentage of the conference. During the first day, we usually need 2 people plus myself per shift at the desk Thursday and can usually go down to 1 per shift for Friday and Saturday. Additional people are then needed Friday afternoon to set up the posters. No new Hotel link
- **Travel:**
  - Working with speakers to arrange travel plans. Will have a better idea of travel costs once airline tickets are booked by next meeting.

- **Radar Workshop:**

- We will have a case decided upon by the meeting on Thu. Next steps will be to transpose the data to the DMX CWA and begin setting up the simulation. **Test run here shortly!**

- c. Conference Registration fees

- Students -\$ 80, Regular -\$150
- Members : Students - \$48, Regular - \$95
- **Question about committee chairs conference fee (Bylaws check)**
- **Shared registrations, last minute registrations, and Single day registration? All red topics in this section will be on agenda for next meeting!!!!**

- 2. Social Media Team

- Plan to form a team that will submit chapter news for the NWA news letter

- 3. Treasurer Update

- a. Account Balance - \$22,440.26
- b. Claim sent to Great Iowa Treasure Hunt for \$600 Vendor fees (need documentation to collect)
- c. **Renewing Member Dues** technically due at this meeting but **pay if you haven't.**

- 4. Chapter Activity Proposals

- a. Helping hearing impaired with NOAA Weather Radio adapters
- b. Serving at a food bank
- c. AMS has a ski trip?
- d. Other Ideas?

- 5. Secretary Notes

- a. Read the Minuets!!!

- 6. Past Notes and Reminders

- a. Brenda Brock and Karl Jungbluth will be invited to conference as our guests in appreciation for their service to the chapter.
- b. Email Addresses – Google for Non-Profits Update

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- 7. Other Items

- a. **Next Meeting Feb 11th tentatively @ NWS in Johnston?**
- b. Joint AMS NWA meeting in April? **Jim Orlando and Jimmy Cayer decide!!!**

# 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

## **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  
Jeff Zogg  
Aubry Bhattarai  
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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# Attendance Sheet

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Willard Sharp  
Elizabeth Lennartson

Seth Loyd

Jim Lee

Kevin Skow

Aubry Bhattarai

Megan Sabo's

Jimmy Cayer

Sydney McBride

Ralph Schullenberg

Kenzie Krocak

Rachel Duebner

Matthew Wicks

Megan Sabo's

Aubry Bhattarai

Rod Duntow

Jim Orlando

Lyndee Clark

Kevin Smalley

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