



Central Iowa NWA Meeting

February 11th, 2014

National Weather Service - Johnston, IA



Meeting Minutes

-- Pre Meeting Activities -- -- Starting at 6:30pm--

1. AWIPS2 overview (Kevin Skow) and review of winter forecasting within the GFE environment (Rod Donavon)

-- Meeting -- -- (7:12pm – 7:41pm) Total Attendance: 15 --

1. 18th Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference March 27th-29th, 2014
 - A. Team updates (**See end of meeting notes for the full team updates**)
 - Agenda – reviewed pre-meeting conference notes
 - Registration
 1. Sent out second flier with updated speakers
 2. Folders, badges, and lanyards ordered
 3. Hotel link to be updated on the website (no rate change but date needs to be changed on the hotel website)
 4. A member registration link was sent out by Mindy Beerends via email
 - Travel – did not discuss in meeting
 - Vendor – did not discuss in meeting
 - Electronics – did not discuss in meeting
 - Radar Workshop – did not discuss in meeting
 - Scholarship and Awards – did not discuss in meeting
 - B. Split registration discussion and policy
 - Proposed by Rod Donavon
 1. Only for Des Moines metro NWS and local media.
 2. A schedule is needed listing the people splitting the registration and their expected coming and goings.
 3. If both people want to attend banquet, the second banquet fee must be paid.
 4. If you want to do this, you must contact Mindy Beerends (Registration Chair) Mindy also plans on emailing media.
 - a. Before the vote, discussions were made on:
 - i. Single day registration (Less policing than split registration but thought there would be lost revenue and confusing on banquet fees).
 - ii. There was also discussion of member/non-member split registration issues.
 - **A motion to vote** was made by **Jim Lee** to approve of split registration of Des Moines metro NWS and Local Media (applying Rod's 4 point proposition above).
 - **Seconded by Willard Sharp**
 - **Vote passed unanimously with the understanding of the need to vote on this in future to make part of bylaws!**
 - C. Team Chair waived registrations
 - Was not voted on based on the assumption that it is in the bylaws already.
 - **(Need check into or vote on in future to make part of bylaws!)**

D. Conference location for 2015-2016

- Would like to get 4 bids: current location, 1 in Ames, and 2 in the Des Moines metro.
- Will form a team soon. Plan to have site and dates determined by this year's conference.
- **Let Rod Donavon know if you are interested in this team!**

E. Conference Registration Fees

- Students - \$80, Regular - \$150
- Members: Students - \$48, Regular - \$95 (email was sent out with link)

2. Social Media Team

- Plan to form a team that will submit chapter news for the NWA newsletter
- Twitter and Facebook **NEED UPDATING!**
 - * A small group is planning on gathering to form a social media promotion for the conference. (Discussion on a possible door prize or waved registration fee for next year's conference if you like the Central Iowa NWA's Facebook page and are selected.)

3. Treasurer Update

- A. Account Balance - \$21,648.87
- We did get a \$250 donation for the Pam Daale scholarship from WeatherCall (not included in balance)
 - *Note:* our balance will be going down due to conference fees and will bounce back in midsummer.
- B. Claim sent to Great Iowa Treasure Hunt for \$600 vendor fees – nothing heard yet
- C. **There is a registration deadline (Mar 15) for non-members to avoid late fees for conference (a \$30 penalty fee + conference fee if registered after the deadline)**
- **Will make this an official conference policy outside of the NWA bylaws in future.**

4. Secretary Notes

- A. Read the Minutes!!!

5. Chapter activity proposals

- Helping hearing impaired with NOAA Weather Radio adapters
- Serving at a food bank
- Other Ideas?

6. Past notes and reminders

- Brenda Brock and Karl Jungbluth will be invited to the conference as our guests in appreciation for their service to the chapter.
- Kathy Samaras may or may not be coming. Hopefully we will know by this week.. If not, she will be invited in future years. Possibly have her record a statement to play at the meeting if she is unable to attend.
- Email Addresses – Google for Non-Profits Update
president@iowa-nwa.com treasurer@iowa-nwa.com
students@iowa-nwa.com registration@iowa-nwa.com
vice.president@iowa-nwa.com secretary@iowa-nwa.com
webmaster@iowa-nwa.com

7. Other Items

- A. Next Meeting Date: March 11th? Location TBD
- B. Officer and Team Chair meeting the following week? (At Hotel)
- C. April Meeting in Ames! **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

Seth Loyd

Megan Salois

Makenzie Krocak

Kevin Smalley

Jimmy Cayer

Tara Maaske

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Willard Sharp

Jeff Zogg

Jim Lee

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Mindy Beerends

Ken Podium

Rod Donovan

Kevin Skow

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Pre-Meeting Conference Team Notes

1. Agenda:

- Within the last week, the two Illinois State troopers we had asked to speak about their experiences in the Washington, IL tornado had to cancel since they were unable to get time off of work. The mayor of Washington, Gary Manier, was quickly contacted and agreed to come speak. Thus, our invited speaker list is finalized.
- We have not yet received any volunteered abstracts, although one student emailed that he plans to submit something. However, at the AMS Annual Meeting in Atlanta, a group of 3 St. Cloud students indicated they all are submitting posters, along with another classmate. They were excited by the Samaras award, and it is possible we will have to buy more easels, since there is some chance we will exceed 8 posters this year, for the first time ever.
- Within a few days, we hope to have the career panel set up for Thursday evening. Dr. Tony Lupo has agreed to represent large universities, while Bob Smerbeck from Accu-Weather will represent private companies.
- Probably the only major task remaining for this committee is to establish the team of judges that will choose winners for the Samaras award.

2. Scholarship and Awards:

- A. WeatherCall has donated \$250 toward the Pam Daale Scholarship. Total is now \$1750.
- B. Notice went out to surrounding universities regarding the scholarship and the Tim Samaras Award. Team will work on updating the scholarship scoring. Also we plan to invite a guest speaker.
- C. Applications are starting to come in. The scholarship deadline is February 26th.

3. Electronics:

- A. I plan on having someone contact ISU this week to reserve the projector.
- B. Working on acquiring AV list from hotel so we can calculate AV expenses and reserve what is needed.
- C. Will get speaker list from Bill and ask for presentations. Will ask for list in the first week of March or so.

4. Vendor:

- A. T-shirt votes are tallied... Lightning won. Found a website (customink.com) that
- B. T-shirt design has been voted on. The lightning won, but it now is a matter of finding quotes for prints. CustomInk.com has reasonable prices if we order 200 of them. Single color prints are around \$6.50 per shirt. Full color is around double.
- C. I have not heard back from any potential vendors or advertisers. E-mails will go out again tomorrow in an attempt to reach

5. Registration:

- Called and emailed Cheryl at the hotel, to double check the hotel link for the website. So far I have not heard back. I will try again later today Tuesday if I have not heard back by then.
- Mindy sent the 2nd Conference Email announcement out that included the updated speaker list and a reminder for the abstract submission deadline that is fast approaching.
- Mindy has been working with the NWS on the NOAA Group Travel Request. We have extended the deadline for interested NWS attendees until the end of this week since the budgets for training/travel were just released to the offices toward the end of last week.
- Need to check our badges, lanyards and folders to see if any need to be ordered and will work with Jim to get those ordered. We did just order lanyards and badges last year, so those may pretty well set. We will need to order folders for sure.

6. Travel:

- A. Still working with travelers have booked flights for Damon Lane and Jeff Snyder (banquet speaker) still need to book Nolen Doesken and Kathy Samaras
- B. Current estimate on total travel costs: \$3190 this does not include the costs for the scholarship winner (up to \$250) and the costs for Kathy Samaras (estimated \$500)

7. Radar Workshop:

- A. We did a successful test run of the event 2 weeks ago and are now working on configuring the LSRs, downloading the environmental data, and acquiring new versions of the Warngen program/GR extension key.