



Central Iowa NWA
March 12, 2014
Pizza Ranch -Ankeny, IA
Meeting Minutes



1. Team Info (Not in the Team Notes listed below)

a. Agenda:

- Volunteer(s) for Weather discussions in the morning much appreciated.

b. Registration:

- Sign up for Registration Desk times if you have not already

2. Hotel committee:

a. Kevin and rod looked over the hotel this week there was construction but the hotel said that it would be completed by the conference.

b. Committee looked into a new contract for next 2 years

- Current hotel is around the same piece as last contract
- \$2,000-3,000 cheaper than other hotels we have looked into

3. Conference Food vote:

a. Pork: 10

b. Chicken: 4

Pork won the vote at the meeting!

4. Other:

a. Social Media team will not have an organized event for this conference but if you are there Tweet and post on Facebook about the conference.

- **Suggestions on a conference Hashtag???**



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Pre-Meeting

Conference Team Notes



5. Agenda:

- Nothing new on invited speaker front – it had been finalized before last meeting
- We ended up with 3 student oral presentations and 6 posters competing for the Tim Samaras Award. At the present time, Tim's wife plans to attend but not speak, although she asked for the freedom to change her mind at the last minute.
- Dr. Alan Czarnetzi from UNI, Dr. Chris Karstens from NSSL, and Ray Wolf from NWS-DMX have agreed to be the judges for the Samaras award.
- The career mentoring activity participants have been set – Megan Salois from WHO-TV, Bob Smerbeck from Accu-Weather, Jeff Zogg for NWS-hydro, Tony Lupo from Univ. of Missouri, and Stephen Kearney and Rod Donavon for NWS-forecasting (Kearney is at Center Weather Service Unit, which is an unusual NWS path).
- Chris Conoan agreed to lead the Tape Swap
- We did not have enough space in the schedule for a panel discussion, as we had a lot of NWS submissions for the first time in years, which is a good thing.

2. Scholarship and Awards:

- Scholarship applications are undergoing the review process to narrow down to three. We will send them out to 3 reviewers outside of the Central IA NWA. Hope to have the recipient selected by March 18th.
- Plan to not have a guest speaker this year for the scholarship. We will still remember Pam and reflect but it will become more traditional this year.

3. Electronics:

- E-mail sent to all presenters asking for presentations and any special AV needs. Presentations are starting to roll in. No special AV requests as of yet.
- In the process of rounding up extra power cords and strips for radar workshop. I have 8 extension cords and 11 power strips. The electronics team is looking for more so we don't get dinged from the hotel on power cord and strip costs.
- Dave Flory is coordinating the projector with ISU.

- Planning on a site visit with possibly other NWA members before the conference? Will iron out any AV details with hotel during that visit.
- Here are the AV and computer items we have and should not need from the hotel.

laptop for presentations
 laptop for presentation recording
 duct tape
 network equipment for radar workshop
 laser pointer/presentation clicker
 batteries
 various misc AV cords

What we need from the hotel. Each item is a per day charge.

2 x wireless lavalier mic's
 1 x handheld mic
 screen
 6x8 section of riser
 hotel sound system

4. **Vendor:**

- T-shirts are ordered and should be here on March 18-20. Color had to be changed to 'sand' in order to get a better print. 60 total shirts were ordered.
- No ads this year except a complimentary spot to Mike Gibson for contributing an extension key for GR2Analyst. Bruce Thomas and Bruce Jones from Midland have registered as vendors. An NWA booth will be set up as well.

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.
- Supplies have been ordered and some received. Some lanyards, folders and badges were needed. We had some badges from last year, but saw that they were a different size thus half the badges were 3 x 4 inch (usual size) and the others were 2.5 by 3.5 inch that we ordered last year. Therefore we ordered some more to make them all matching at the 3 x 4 inch size that we had used in previous years.
- I have the email/sign-up sheet out to the registration team to work the desk and help with the poster set-up.
- I have the final agenda from Dr. Gallus and am working to put the rest of it together to get it to the printers by the 17/18th at the latest. All materials are needed by March 15th, this includes the President's Welcome letter, name of scholarship presenter, and the Gibson Ridge ad.
- I will be working on getting name tags printed with our printer and taking the alcohol policy to get printed. All the materials will be put together Thursday morning during conference/registration table setup.

- So far registration numbers are hovering near average for the past few years to slightly below. However the ISU students have not been added in yet, which usually gives a good jump which should then bring the numbers more toward the other traces when they are added.

6. **Travel:**

- Just finishing up working with speakers
- Estimate for travel costs (includes 7 invited speakers, Kathy Samaras and Scholarship winner) = \$3700

7. **Radar Workshop:**

- Second test run soon. Environmental data done. Fine tuning LSR data .

8. **Treasurer Report:**

- The \$600 from the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt has arrived!
- Current Balance: \$22, 102.44

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

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Tom Maaske

Electronics Team

Willard Sharp (Chair)
Dave Flory
Chris Maiers

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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

Attendance

3/12/14

Taylor Schillerberg

Kevin Smalley

Tom Maaske

Jim Lee

Lyndee Clark

Chris Conour

Willard Sharp

Jennifer McDermid

Kevin Skow

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