



**Central Iowa NWA**  
February 12th, 2015  
Agronomy Hall, Iowa State University,  
Ames, IA



## **Minutes**

- 1.) **Presentation: “Top 10 weirdest, most extreme weather events in Iowa IMHO” – Bill Gallus**
- 2.) **Old Business**
  - a. **Recognition of distinguished members update (Maiers)**

This committee has been talked about at past meetings and has begun to take shape. Current members of the committee include Jim Lee, Jeff Zogg, Megan Salois and a few students. The plan is for Dave F and Chris M to nominate people and then committee will decide if they deserve recognition.
  - b. **Weather Information/Warning Information on Social Media (Beerends)**

Completed. The Hollings Scholar has found another way and no longer needs our group’s participation.
  - c. **Fund-Raising efforts**

Please bring up any ideas you may have.

    - Previously have discussed share with AMS club at ISU Memorial Court food court. No updates on this yet.
    - Jimmy Cayer suggests a March Madness bracket where a fee is charged and the proceeds go to the NWA but the winner only gets bragging rights (no prize)
      - o Some concerns that this might not be legal
  - d. **Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference, March 26 – 28, 2015 (Committee chairs)**
    - i. Updates/Announcements  
*Agenda Team – Bill Gallus:*
      - There are about eight abstracts submitted already which is more than this point in past years.
      - The agenda team may be called on if we have enough people wanting to speak that we may need to consider doing a parallel session. (two rooms with ongoing talks, similar talks in each room but hopefully keep the topics of each room very different) We haven't had to do this before as we've always ended up with just the right number of talks.
        - o Willard mentions this would pose a lot of technical challenges
        - o Would this mean more attendees?
      - Ben and Tony wanted a bit more time for their talk about the Pilger, NE tornadoes

- Gene Willers was named "Nebraska Citizen Hero of the Year." He saw the Pilger tornado coming and got everyone in the bank into the vault and only the vault survived the tornado
  - o Dave suggest the social media team can use this information for promotion

*Awards Team – Rod Donavon:*

- A reminder to get Pam Daale scholarship applications in
  - o The transcript requirement is for copies of transcript, not an official transcript
  - o We only have estimated 8-12 applicants each year. This means we have good competition amongst applicants, but not high numbers
- A suggestion that Senior Thesis presentations would be good candidates for Tim Samaras award presentations at the conference

*Electronics Team – Willard Sharp:*

- Getting ready to get started on electronics needs for the conference

*Travel Team – Aubry Bhattarai:*

- Current travel estimate is: \$4345.12
  - o Last year's costs were: \$4060.45
    - Please note last year's costs are not representative of normal chapter costs as a few speakers donated part of their travel funds back to the chapter
  - o This is a rough travel estimate and may change dramatically as plane tickets are purchased and will likely come down
- Plane tickets from Denver are very expensive so that is unfortunate for the chapter. Haven't booked Karen's ticket yet in the hopes that prices come down.

*Radar Workshop – Dave Flory (Kevin Skow not present):*

- Will consider doing additional things to what we have done in the past.
- Thinking about adding clickers to each table to involve interactive questioning for teams

ii. Menus for banquet

We get to choose a menu item for the banquet

- We had pork last year, which was a change from the chicken we'd had for several years prior.
- We choose from an old menu or the new menu which the hotel has this year
- Some uncertainty if we choose off the dinner menu or lunch menu

- The ISU alumni luncheon may use the same menu so may be good to coordinate the two meals

iii. Registration

Registration – Dave Flory (Mindy Beerends not present):

- Estimated that we have 13 registrants at this time
- Web pages are open for electronic registration
- AMS will discuss registrations for students at the next cabinet meeting
- Bill asks if chairs and cabinet members will be registered by the chapter. Dave thinks this is how it will be done and has been done in the past, but we aren't sure and will check with Mindy

### 3.) New Business

**a. Chapter of the year nomination (Flory)**

In order to compete for this, we need to be nominated by somebody out of the chapter. We haven't been nominated since 2006 (when we won). Dave has an idea of somebody we can ask. Dave will work on this

**b. Location for next meeting. Any ideas?**

Any ideas for where to have the next meeting? Dave wants to do something fun since it will be right before the conference.

- Send suggestions to Chris M
- We could bring in a speaker for the meeting such as Harry Hillaker
- Seven Oaks was suggested. It was suggested that Seven Oaks does group rates for Ski, snowboard or tubing

**c. Treasurer update**

Account totals:

- \$23,080.15 in the account
- \$1,372.81 in pay pal account. The pay pal number is fluid this time of the year.

Jim has updated our taxes for this year (tax exempt status)

Meeting adjourned.

**Future Meeting Dates: Wednesday, March 11;  
Wednesday, April 29 (High Trestle Trail, Slater)**

Dates are subject to change, most locations and times are to be determined

**Attendees:**

Sydney McBride  
Katie Berlund  
Tayler Schillerberg  
Jimmy Cayer  
Sean Stelten  
Willard Sharp  
Eric Manges  
Nick Lesser  
Seth Loyd  
Jake Smith  
Matthew Miksch  
Cassie Happel  
Kris Tuftedal  
Jaret Lansford  
Caitlin Cervac  
Zane Satre  
Kelsie Ferin  
Lauren Walker  
Nate Smith  
Kenny Podrazik  
Aubry Bhattarai  
Brad Carlberg  
Lauren Merten  
Kierstin Blomberg  
Justin Covert  
Megan Salois  
Jennifer McDermed  
Dave Flory  
Rod Donavon  
Bill Gallus

# 2014 – 2015 Conference Committees

## **Registration Team**

Megan Salois  
Lyndee Clark  
Sydney McBride  
Mindy Beerends (Chair)  
Jessi Asberry  
Lauren Merten  
Matt Lewis  
Allan Curtis  
Jennifer McDermed

## **Agenda Team**

Bill Gallus (Chair)  
Rod Donavon  
Aubry Bhattarai  
Mindy Beerends  
Brad Carlberg  
Dave Flory  
Kenzie Krocak  
Kenny Podrazik  
Jeff Zogg

## **Travel Team**

Aubry Bhattarai (Chair)  
Allan Curtis

## **Promotions/Vendor Team**

Chris Maiers (Chair)  
Lauren Walker  
Kelsie Ferin  
Elizabeth Lennartson

## **Electronics Team**

Willard Sharp (Chair)  
Chris Maiers  
Kevin Skow  
Dave Flory  
Tayler Schillerberg  
Matthew Miksch

## **Scholarship and Awards Team**

Rod Donavon (Chair)  
Aubry Bhattarai  
Kenny Podrazik  
Bill Gallus  
Jeff Zogg

## **Radar Workshop Team**

Kevin Skow (Chair)  
Chris Maiers  
Antoinette Serrato  
Cassie Happel

## **Hotel Team**

Rod Donavon (Chair)  
Chris Maiers  
Dave Flory