



**Central Iowa NWA**  
October 14, 2015  
National Weather Service Office  
Johnston, IA



## **Minutes**

**1) Demonstration: NWS storm survey drone**

- Thank you to Kevin Skow for giving a demonstration of his personal hobby drone

**2) 2015-2016 Officer Elections (Donovan)**

- Thank you to Rod Donavon for facilitating the elections
- Each candidate was given about 5 minutes to speak about their plans/goals for the chapter this year if elected.
- Results:
  - o President: Dave Flory
  - o Vice President: Chris Maiers
  - o Treasurer: Jim Lee
  - o Secretary: Allan Curtis
- Thank you to past year's officers, the chapter appreciates your service

**3) Presentation: Drone and Satellite Image Use on Storm Surveys**

- Thank you to Kevin Skow for giving this presentation

**4) Old Business**

**a. Dues for 2015-2016**

- i. Dues (\$10) are due tonight for new members, by 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in January 2016 for existing members.

- Can pay online or by check

**b. Need to send out the link to pay dues online**

**c. Website relocation**

- Dave has gotten a lot of great suggestions of how to move the site. It doesn't look like it will be overly expensive and may be able to get additional services for our conference and the chapter and increased reliability
- New cabinet will need to deal with this
- Dave has backed up the site so far in case it goes away without us knowing. The database stuff has not all necessarily been backed-up

**d. Hotel contract**

- Need to find a new location or stick with our current location, the Courtyard has been very good to us
- Hotel team will be looking into this

- Members have suggested we try to get this done this fall and not wait until the spring
- Will be looking around hotels in Ames, though some conference attendees like the conference to be close to downtown Des Moines
- Team can contact Des Moines chamber of commerce to help get bids for hotels

## 5) New Business

### a. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference

- March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 – Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny, IA
- Team updates

#### *Agenda Team*

- Dr. Uccellini has changed his schedule so that he will be the banquet speaker for our conference, but he will need to leave first thing Friday morning
- Team has a selection of events to choose from this year and will begin voting and narrowing down events very soon
  - o Anniversary of the Andover outbreak, SC flooding
- Do we want to bring big name people in this year, not just weather events since it's our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference?
  - o Tom Skilling
  - o The Weather Channel
    - Chris now has an "in" with a friend at TWC which may help our odds of getting a speaker. We have not had luck in the past when trying
- If we had a "blank check" what would the students like to see? Nice that a large number of the team members are students to help provide input in this regard since a large number of our attendees are students
- Do we want to set a budget for the agenda team to spend on bringing in speakers this year?
  - o It's harder to spend a lot of money this year because a lot of the events this year are close to us in Iowa, so we may be able to have more speakers at about the same cost
  - o Dave encourages us to go big this year as it's the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - o Last year we spent \$3109.8 in travel but actual costs may have been closer to \$3300 due one of our speakers not being paid for by us
  - o In the past we got \$2000 from the NWS central region, but have not gotten this money for several years due to budget issues with the NWS
  - o *Future action needed to decide on a budget (or not) for the agenda/travel teams*
- If we have more abstracts submitted would we expand the conference time?
  - o We have not had this problem in the past
  - o Expanding the conference time or running two rooms would increase costs to the chapter

#### *Electronics Team*

- Have talked about recording the presentations differently, at UnityPoint Willard has been using GoTo Meeting or another streaming source to the registration table (so they don't miss the speakers) and this could also double as a recording source
  - o TeamView may also be possible to share screens with the registration desk
  - o This would also eliminate needing to hook into the hotel sound system

- Team will be looking into this for this conference year

#### *Scholarship Team*

- Proposal to increase scholarship amounts for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, see discussion further on in notes (section c)

#### **b. Chapter of the Year application**

- Elise Schultz is a possible person to nominate us and Bill feels she would be willing to do so
- We will need to contact her

#### **c. Pam Daale Scholarship increase request (Donavon)**

- Team proposes to stay the same on the Pam Daale scholarship (\$1500 from the chapter plus any additional from WeatherCall) plus conference registration and travel funds
- Proposal to add \$500 to the scholarship budget to be spent either in addition to the Pam Daale scholarship OR as a second place scholarship, which would NOT require attendance to the conference for this second place winner
- Tim Samaras awards were \$200 and \$150 last year and could be boosted as part of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but can wait on this a bit to decide
- Motion to increase the budget to \$2250 from \$1750 for this year
  - Motioned by Rod, Second by Kevin.
    - **Voted and approved**

#### **d. 2015-2016 Chapter Election Results**

- President: Dave Flory
- Vice President: Chris Maiers
- Treasurer: Jim Lee
- Secretary: Allan Curtis

#### **6) Treasurers report**

- Jim did not have the exact number at the meeting, but will email before notes are sent out. Is near \$24000
  - Account balance is: \$24,685.10
- Went up over \$1000 last year
- As a nonprofit we need to keep our revenue under \$50000
- We have been over \$20000 since Jim has been treasurer and so Jim assures us we can spend extra money this year

#### **7) Additional Items**

- Dave would like to set meeting times through the conference year ahead of time and will be working to get that scheduled. He is limited in that he can only do Wednesday meetings, but Chris can do Thursday meetings to try to mix up the days.

- Dave thanked Aubry for being the best secretary the chapter could have asked for over the past year. Her outstanding, timely and immensely detailed notes will be missed and Allan will have impossibly large shoes to fill.

## **8) Adjourn**

**Next Meeting: Determined by new cabinet (Ideally sometime in November)**

### **Attendance**

Aubry Bhattarai  
Joey Krastel  
Matt Coker  
Jake Smith  
Caitlin Cervac  
Kelly Haberichter  
Leyton Briol  
Justin Covrt  
Garrett Starr  
Kyle Knight  
Bobbi Bankston  
Alondra Matos  
Max Rush  
David Newbern  
Emily Baalman  
Jan Ryherd  
Caleb Wood  
Brady Newkirk  
Henry Gronlund  
Chris Maiers

Jeff Zogg  
Kenny Podrazik  
Mike Fowle  
Allan Curtis  
Lyndee Clark  
Theo Hartman  
Lindsay Matthews  
Sean Spratley  
Jon Thielen  
Mike Cox  
Willard Sharp  
Rod Donavon  
Kelsie Ferin  
Elizabeth Lennartson  
Bill Gallus  
Dave Flory  
Brian Squitieri  
Jim Lee  
Kevin Skow  
Ricky McFarland

## 2015 – 2016 Conference Committees

### **Registration Team**

Caitlin Cervac  
Kelsie Ferin  
Kelly Haberichter  
Emily Marrs  
Alondra Matos  
Ricky McFarland  
Zane Satre  
Tristan Wade

### **Agenda Team**

Bill Gallus (Chair)  
Aubry Bhattarai  
Leyton Briol  
Justin Covert  
Rod Donavon  
Dave Flory  
Mike Fowle  
Ken Harding  
Chris Maiers  
Antoinette Serrato  
Brian Squitieri  
Kris Tuftedal

### **Travel Team**

Aubry Bhattarai (Chair)  
Mike Fowle  
Brian Squitieri

### **Promotions/Vendor Team**

Chris Maiers (Chair)

### **Electronics Team**

Willard Sharp (Chair)  
Leyton Briol  
Dave Flory  
Kevin Skow  
Sean Stelton

### **Scholarship and Awards Team**

Rod Donavon (Chair)  
Aubry Bhattarai  
Mike Fowle  
Bill Gallus  
Brian Squitieri

### **Radar Workshop Team**

Kevin Skow (Chair)  
Joey Krastel  
Chris Maiers  
Ricky McFarland  
Jake Smith

### **Hotel Team**

Aubry Bhattarai  
Rod Donavon  
Dave Flory  
Chris Maiers