



## Central Iowa NWA

January 19, 2016

Perfect Games

Ames, IA

## Agenda

### 1) Old Business

- a. **Website relocation update (Maiers/Flory)** - Signed up with GoDaddy, seemed like the most streamlined and scalable setup. Also appears to provide a lot more flexibility. Website has been moved to their servers, and is much faster than before. There is an understanding that the existing website administrator for our NWA page to maintain the domain, but know that the NWA chapter owns it.
  - i. Mindy noted a previous issue with double registrations (or more!), and is curious if this move will resolve that issue. It will be explored.
- b. **Hotel contract update (Flory)** - Hotel has been contacted, but need a chair to head the committee still. (No volunteer at the meeting, but a couple of interested parties.)

### 2) New Business

- a. **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference**
  - i. March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 – Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny, IA
  - ii. Registration fees (2016): Regular - \$150, Student - \$80, Members - \$95, Student Members - \$48, Vendor -\$200, Additional Vendor - \$75, Banquet Admit - \$25.
  - iii. Team updates
    1. **Radar Workshop** - Have chosen a special case and are planning a test run in the coming weeks with other committee members.
    2. **Promotions** - Promotions has announced all the speakers on Facebook and Twitter along with pointing everyone to our web site. Have also (thanks to Ken) announced the Pam Daale Scholarship.
    3. **Agenda** - Extended invitation to speak to Mollie Rivas, EM for Garland, TX, since they had the Dec 26 tornado event happen there, and it was likely the biggest tornado event (or one of the top 2), and she has accepted. Have emailed Jim Cantore twice in the last month or so and have not heard back. His status is thus a mystery. May try to call in the next few weeks. Have already had 3 volunteered abstracts submitted, with another person inquiring.
    4. **Electronics** - Not much to report yet from the electronic group as the busy time starts up in February. Here's what they will be working on starting in late January and beyond.
      - a. Will ask the hotel for an updated price sheet on all AV gear. This helps with planning and budget needs.
      - b. Will be reaching out to the team in the next week or so to help with finding a software solution that is capable of recording the

presentation from the laptop while at the same time capturing the audio from the speaker. Software solutions are available to do this. It will simplify the need to connect to the hotel AV system when doing audio recordings of the presentation. Goal is to have at least 3 solutions looked at by the February meeting so next steps can be determined.

- c. Testing of the wireless gear for the radar workshop will take place in February. Don't expect any issues.
- d. Gathering of presentations will start in March as usual.

**5. Travel** - Will begin contacting speakers and arranging travel this week or next week. Have booked Dr. Bluestein's airline tickets as he had special travel requests. The tickets he wanted were \$1000 but he was willing to work with us and we got the ticket price down to \$700.

**6. Scholarship** - Pam Daale Scholarship (\$1500 - 1st, \$500 - 2nd) and Tim Samaras Award (\$200 student oral, \$150 student poster) officially announced.

**7. Registration** - Still spinning up a lot of the details. Have started the process of obtaining and pricing out needed supplies (folders, badge holders, flyers, etc...), including nicer lanyards for the 20th Anniversary conference. Will send out photos of the lanyard so membership can view and decide. Likely digital/electronic vote prior to next meeting.

iv. Photography and video session outline

- 1. Planned to be an open forum/large discussion about how to properly take photos and videos during a storm chase. Think of it as an educational/training session for novices.
  - a. Topics include, equipment to have, how to be safe, how to properly focus photos, dramatic effects, video settings, watermarks, distribution, etc...
  - b. More details will be emailed out to the membership

v. Potential conference attendance and presentation discussion

- 1. Discussion on what to do with possible exorbitant amount of abstract submissions and/or attendance given the lineup of speakers!
- 2. In the past, when an excessive amount of abstracts were submitted, have typically asked some to present a poster instead. What are some other options? Especially since room is an issue...
  - a. Possible solution may be to extend the final day since we have the room the whole day. Have typically wrapped up early afternoon Saturday. May be tough logistically breaking everything down and getting packed up in time.
  - b. Another solution may be to do the radar workshop in the morning Thursday and starting the remainder of the conference after lunch.
  - c. Possibly rank abstracts and take X number in case too many are submitted and rejections are necessary.

- d. A survey may be sent out with various proposals on how to expand/accommodate the likelihood of additional abstracts.
  - 3. Attendance ... room is limited to about 275. What to do if attendance approaches or exceeds that number?
  - 4. Will look into increasing the room block at the hotel. Something like 10, 60, 60 or something of that nature. Will need to be cognisant to release rooms if it does not look like they will all fill.
- 3) Treasurer's Report** - \$25,084.39 current balance, highest balance in years (maybe ever?)!
- a. Last evening to pay dues to remain in good standing with the chapter! Jim has a list of those who have paid.
- 4) Adjourn**

**Future Meetings: Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Restaurant or location in Des Moines/Brenton Ice Skating Plaza; Tuesday, March 8, Agronomy Hall, Ames: Willard Sharp presentation on Lake City tornado; April Meeting yet to be arranged.**

**Attendance:**

Antoinette Serrato	Jaret Lansford	Leyton Briol
Sean Stelten	Henry Gronlund	Jan Ryherd
Joey Krastel	Garrett Starr	Theo Hartman
Kyle Knight	Justin Covert	Cameron Miller
Emily Baalman	Brian Squitieri	Caleb Wood
Kelly Haberichter	Rod Donavon	Ricky McFarland
Caitlin Cervac	Jim Lee	Nick Lesser
Matthew Miksch	Mike Fowle	Kris Tuftedal
Brady Newkirk	Kelsey Angle	Mindy Beerends
Zane Satre	Allan Curtis	Chris Maiers
Lindsay Matthews	Hannah Johnson	Sean Spratley

## 2015 – 2016 Conference Committees

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**Travel Team**

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**Electronics Team**

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**Scholarship and Awards Team**

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Bill Gallus  
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**Radar Workshop Team**

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Joey Krastel  
Chris Maiers  
Ricky McFarland  
Jake Smith

**Hotel Team**

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