



Central Iowa NWA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 | 7PM

Virtual Google Meeting

- I. **Welcome Back!** Our last meeting together was in April.
 - **New Member Dues:** \$10 due by next meeting. Can pay via PayPal. If you use shared PayPal account, leave your name with the dues so you get credit.
 - **Current Members:** Pay dues (\$10) by January.
- II. **Officer Nominations**
 - **Multiple positions are open!**
 - President, VP, Treasurer, and Secretary
 - **Send nominations to Rod Donovan at rodney.donavan@noaa.gov**
 - **Nomination meeting in October**
- III. **Last Year's Conference Team Chairs and Brief Information on Team Roles**
 - **Registration** | Clair Womack – Responsible for the registration of attendees for the Annual Conference. Members of the registration team sign up to work shifts at the registration table during the conference.
 - **Agenda** | Bill Gallus – Great way to interact with invited speakers. Start brainstorming ideas on the type of presentations and speakers to invite.
 - **Travel** | Kristy Carter – responsible for transportation of speakers to and from the conference.
 - **Promotions** | Mike Cox – Hit social media hard for this year's conference
 - **Electronics** | Jon Thielen – Make sure everything is ready for presenters at the conference. This includes A/V equipment and PowerPoint presentations of speakers.
 - **Scholarship** | Mike Fowle – Evaluation of scholarship applicants. Members encouraged to come up with new questions ask applicants.
 - **Radar Workshop** | Rod Donovan – Select a significant severe weather event, configure it to Gibson Ridge Radar Software, and allow participants to be in the NWS 'hot seat' issuing warnings for a few hours.
 - **Sessions** | Kyle Hugeback – Looking to expand tape swap, have more presentations.
 - **Hotel** | One more year left on contract with Marriot in Ankeny.

LINK TO TEAM SIGNUP SHEET:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ehODFhe9n6g32_Tm6xpD-Ikb7XuuiSMUjtVrP3mdAOM/edit#gid=2094312203
- IV. **25th Anniversary Conference Open Forum**
 - **Ideas and Options Proposed in the September Meeting**
 - 3-day online conference
 - Hybrid in-person/online

- Make 2021 a symposium and postpone the official 25th anniversary conference to the following year
 - In-person conference fall of 2021.
 - Look to the National NWA Meeting for additional ideas.
- A decision on in-person or virtual could be made by the end of the year/early January to see how current situation evolves.
 - Speakers may have more flexibility early next year with little demands, more time.
 - Caveat of missing in-person conference would be losing funds as big anniversary events bring in more funding.
 - Business travel conflicts with NOAA (NWS, SPC, etc) speakers.
 - Look at reduced pricing even if conference is virtual.
 - Look for sponsorships.
 - If conference is virtual, look into honoring current seniors with a student price in 2021.
 - Two recipients from this past year are still obligated attendance.
 - Ideas will continue to be discussed in the October meeting.

V. Miscellaneous and Old Items

- Chapter of the Year Award: OU won chapter of the year; Iowa came in second place.
- Joint-Chapter Petition to be discussed, but currently on the backburner.

VI. AMS Liaison | Aaryn Graeve

- Next AMS meeting on September 29.
- Nominations needed for AMS Liaison.
- Seeking alumni to return and present on their careers. Contact Natalie Trout if there are an interested alumnus willing to speak.

VII. Treasurer's Report

- Bank Account \$17,610.38
- Credit remains with American Airlines. This is likely to expire in December.
- Start the search for a new banking system.

VIII. Next Meeting

- Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7PM.
- Looking at online options such as Jackbox Game Night, or a park where proper physical distancing can occur.

IX. Adjourn

