

Central Iowa NWA 1/20/05

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2005 Conference Update

Agenda Update-Not much has changed since the last meeting. 5 abstracts have been turned in already. We have a some great, headline speakers coming.

Travel-Everything is pretty much all set.

Hotel-At the moment, we have 20 government rooms blocked, but there is an option to add more government rooms. There will be no penalty if we block more government rooms and don't use them. At the meeting, we decided to block 20 more government rooms just to make sure that we have enough space. Prices for rooms are confirmed and listed online. Free Wireless Internet is available at the Marriot, but the availability of internet at other hotels is not guaranteed.

Meal-The menu needs to be submitted 4 weeks in advance (end of February). We'll look over the menu from last year and then talk about changes that we want to make at the February meeting.

Vendors-There are no confirmed vendors as of yet, but there are a few that are interested. Look for more information to come at a later date.

Electronics-The cost for internet access in the lobby and conference rooms is \$300. There was a discussion of setting up an email station, but there is still research that needs to be done before we actually decide if this is something we would like to provide this service. The projector search is on going. Willard is comparing models and prices at the moment and the rough price range is \$1400-\$3000. Willard hopes to have list of the top choices at, or before the February meeting. The vote deciding which model to buy will happen then.

Promotions-A sample of the umbrellas is in the mail, but has not arrived yet. If the sample good, we'll order 250 umbrellas.

Registration-13 people have registered so far. Emails will be going out soon to Universities and vendors. Before the conference begins, we would like to make a schedule for the registration desk. We also took a vote to waive Dan Millers registration and the vote was passed.

Other-We talked about not advertising the Storm Chase Night because it has turned into a promotional nightmare in past years. But, if conference attendees know of someone they think would like to attend, they are welcome. There was a motion to waive the registration fee for officers and team leaders of the Central Iowa NWA as well as lower registration fees for members of the Central Iowa NWA to be \$50. The motion was passed.

Pam Daale Memorial Scholarship Update

No scholarship applications have been submitted yet. Remember, it is okay for Iowa State students to apply.

February and March Meeting Dates and Locations

February 24th, 6 p.m. at Legends??? (look for an email later) and March 23rd, 6 p.m. at WHO