

Central Iowa NWA Meeting -- December 5, 2007
KCCI-TV Studios, Des Moines, IA

Featured Speaker: Rich Kinney (DMX NWS)

- ~ Using BUFKIT to Diagnose Winter Weather

Conference Committee Updates:

Agenda/Hotel Update (Bill Gallus & Dave Flory)

- ~ All invitations to speakers have been sent out with the exception of Jeff Hutton, his invitation will be sent out within the next week. Possible invitation for a Greensburg resident to supplement Hutton upon his approval is possible. Invitees include Pam Heitzelman, Rob Hatchell, Paul Markowski & Greg Carbin; as well as two speakers for the Charles City, IA tornado event.
- ~ A conflict still exists with the timing of the banquet; a round table setup will have to be used for the radar workshops on Thursday in order to not incur any additional charges for setup/switch from the classroom setup to the round tables. This was decided to not be a large issue and was worth saving the extra cost of setup from the hotel.

Vendor Update (Chris Maiers)

- ~ WxCentral has expressed interest in a workshop for Thursday morning to display some of their products to broadcasters. This will be looked into to make sure the hotel is available for Thursday morning, if so then this was thought to be a very nice draw.
- ~ Baron, WSI, Weather Metrics, Midland Radio, Gibson Ridge & other vendors possible.
- ~ Goal is to have 6-8 vendors at the conference: Vendors Cost is \$200, w/ \$75 for extra attendee
- ~ Also plan to sell advertisements within agenda to help supplement costs for the agenda, a sub-committee will likely attempt to gain these advertisements as the conference nears.

Travel Update (Brenda Brock)

- ~ Travel arrangements can begin to be made with invitees.
- ~ NWS Central Region has already allotted money to aid in travel expenses.

Registration Update (Chris Schaffer & Ben Schwedler)

- ~ Work is being completed on a pdf document that will be sent out to previous attendees as a first reminder on the conference. A postcard will be sent out later for a supplemental reminder.
- ~ Registration pages are all operational, including the members registration page.

Electronics Update was unavailable due to the absence of chair member.

Poster Session Update (Chris Conoan)

- ~ Poster committee has designed a prototype to allow an easier setup/teardown of the posters. This was displayed at the meeting and was greeted with approval from members.

Scholarship Update (Karl Jungbluth)

- ~ Scholarship information should go out shortly, suggestions from previous entrants on any changes that could be made will be appreciated.

Treasury Update (Chris Karstens)

- ~ Current Balance: \$13,024.39
- ~ NOVA account from previous discussions was brought up as a cancellation charge will be incurred. This cancellation charge was much less than the cost of keeping NOVA for the next 2 years. **Motion by Jeff Duda, Seconded by Bill Gallus to close NOVA account and incur cancellation charge -- Motion Passed**
- ~ Paypal has been tested and is properly working. Discussion on possibilities of using Google Checkout in future conference registrations; this will be looked into further.
- ~ Online banking has been setup and is now operational for the NWA Account
- ~ Discussion on a new laptop for the chapter was held, previous laptop is now nearly nonoperational. Research has been done on the estimated cost for a new laptop, a \$500-\$600 range for an XP operating system while ~\$100 more for a laptop with Vista. **Motion by Scott Lincoln, Seconded by Ben McNeil to allow the executive committee to spend up to \$700 on new laptop -- Motion Passed**
- ~ Chapter dues must be payed at the next NWA Meeting for new and old members alike

Secretary Notes (Jayson Prentice)

- ~ Mindy Albrecht had previously mentioned a fundraiser idea for chapter members to work the concession stands at Wells Fargo during concerts and other events. No new information has come forth, thus will be tabled for future meetings again.

Other Items

- ~ If you are not on the new mailing list, please contact Ben Schwedler (bschwedl@iastate.edu).
- ~ A possible gift for conference attendees was brought up, UCAR has DVDs' available of their MetEd tutorials. Chris Maiers will continue to look into this option and will be discussed later.

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM; Location To Be Announced

Motion by Jeff Duda, Seconded by Chris Maiers to adjourn meeting.

Any questions regarding meetings minutes from December 5, 2007 can be directed at the Central Iowa NWA Secretary Jayson Prentice (jaysonprentice@gmail.com)

Previous meeting minutes along with a copy of the agenda for this meeting can be found on the Iowa NWA webpage at the following address: <http://www.iowa-nwa.com/minutes.php>