

NWA Meeting  
September 20, 2010  
Old Chicago - Ames, IA

1. Treasurer Karsten's Review
  - a. Income was greater than 2009 since we were able to minimize costs
    - i. Total overall cost only went up roughly \$800
    - ii. More non members attended the conference
  - b. Interest from checking account was reduced
  - c. Current Balance is roughly \$18,500
    - i. Looking forward, expensed should be less next year which leaves room for increased income.
  - d. Conference feedback seemed to be fairly favorable, especially concerning the radar workshop...Mindy can provide more details if necessary.
2. Future Severe Weather Workshop
  - a. 2011 March 31-April 2<sup>nd</sup>....and 2012 March 29-31<sup>st</sup>
  - b. Sheraton costs have increased, so site will change to Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny
    - i. Nice conference set-up and were able to offer us a much lower contract (approx. 30% less)
  - c. Update on Conference Teams....
    - i. Teams will vote on a chair
    - ii. Re-align the Poster Team as a Sub-team, and form a new Radar Workshop Team responsible for the radar exercise implemented last year
    - iii. Have the sub team be under Agenda or Registration
  - d. **Karl moves to move the Poster Session under Agenda Team, and create the Radar Workshop Team.....Seconded by Dave...voted on...passed unanimously.**
  - e. GR and Dual-Pol could pose a problem for radar workshop due to the limited trial version used on many computers last year
  - f. Conference Teams sign up sheet, and those interested in becoming chair should email Mindy [melinda.beerends@noaa.gov](mailto:melinda.beerends@noaa.gov)
  - g. **Rod moves to keep conference fees the same....Logan Seconds...voted.... and passed unanimously**
  - h. Mindy gave accurate description of the different conference committees and their roles.
  - i. Karl comments that since our bank account is full, we should estimate our conference expenses and then start spending money; perhaps realign scholarship for Best Undergrad Poster.
3. Officer Nominations and Upcoming Elections...
  - a. DON'T Send an email to Mindy with your nominations (see following)

- b. **Dave suggests having a third party to send cabinet nominations to in order to keep things running smoothly and eliminate potential for hurt feelings.**
  - c. Send nominations to **rodney.donavon@noaa.gov**
- 4. AMS to Print Weather Safety Tips on grocery bags...
  - a. Talk to Jeff Johnson to get list of higher up if not already done so
    - i. Contact JoBeth...AMS President at Iowa State
  - b. Wind Farm Tours are still in the works, possibly next spring
  - c. Test lab tour at Pella Windows possibly on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday)
  - d. Member-by-Law discussion
    - i. Membership incentive toward reduced conference rate.
    - ii. Someone wanted to put her experience on a resume...complicated issue...see Mindy for further details
- 5. Membership Dues are \$10...new members pay at next meeting
  - a. **Rod moves to keep membership fees the same....Logan Seconds...voted.... and passed unanimously.**
- 6. Other items...
  - a. Next meeting is Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Sites include God Fathers in Ankeny, but not the NWS office due to conflict of interest...
  - c. Absentee ballots are currently not accepted...but this could change if we wanted to amend the by-laws for this change