

# Central Iowa NWA Meeting

December 7, 2010

Iowa State University – Ames, IA

The meeting began at 7:02 pm. President Chris Maiers welcomed everyone.

## *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference*

March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny, IA

For conference team sign-ups, email President Chris Maiers ([cmaiers@gmail.com](mailto:cmaiers@gmail.com))

## **Conference Updates**

### *Agenda Team (Dr. Gallus)*

The club gave Dr. Gallus a round of applause for his hard work putting together the agenda this past month. Harold Brooks will be our banquet speaker. A potential invited speaker is Rick Mitchell, a broadcast representative out of Oklahoma City. Gallus talked to the Mayor of Yazoo City, in which he recommended Bernice McCinnis, who was awarded EM of the year for MS. The Graduate Meteorology Club at ISU is still waiting to hear from Chris Weis so that we can have a representative to talk about Vortex II. Kristie Franz is most likely going to speak about the Ames flooding event from this past August.

### *Registration Team (Jeff Duda)*

Jeff Duda requested a list of previous conference attendees in which the registration team will send out emails containing conference advertisements. We will continue sending emails as our primary mode of advertising, and post cards only to NWS offices and other similar locations. Conference registration will open shortly.

Bags, Folders, and other supplies will need to be stocked up on. There are approximately 50 folders, and 140 name badges. He will work with Adam Deppe to purchase these supplies. Jeff mentioned that there are left over NWA bags from a few years ago, so if you would like one, contact him.

### *Travel Team (Aubry Wilkins)*

Aubry is starting to get Harold Brook's travel arrangements set up. Funding from the NWS (\$2000) is pending for the 2011-2012 year. Updates to come soon.

### *Vendor Team (Chris Maiers)*

The various telephone companies such as AT&T, Verizon, and US Cellular are interested in supporting the conference, but are needing to communicate with their cooperate office first. On the contrary, Sprint respectfully declined this

opportunity. Communication with Skywatch, Baron, Midland Radio, and WxCentral are pending. More updates to come soon.

***Electronics Team (Willard Sharp)***

The costs to use the hotel's electronics are quoted at a similar rate as at the Sheraton. There are plenty of outlets at this new location, so the accessibility for our electronics (especially for during the radar workshop) should not be a problem.

Each year it is difficult for the audience to hear post-presentation questions, so the idea of having a microphone passed around was discussed. The group felt it might be more productive to request the session chair to repeat each of the audience's questions into a microphone. Thanks to Dr. Gallus who offered to compose a "Session Chair Best Practices."

***Radar Workshop (Liz Suess)***

No major updates from Liz Suess. The team is working at selecting a specific case. Jeff Duda has offered to assist with this.

***Pam Daale Scholarship (Rod Donavon)***

The scholarship eligibility is currently open to Sophomore/Junior status. They proposed to open it up to meteorology students of all grade levels. Some concern was brought up by the group regarding this idea. After discussion, it was decided to leave the eligibility requirements as is. The committee will be adding a statement to the scholarship outline stating that each individual may only receive this scholarship one time.

***Membership By-Law Amendment Discussion***

Thanks to Melinda Beerends for revising the draft for the Membership Constitution and By-Laws Amendment. She will revise Article III 1.2 again so that it encompasses the requirement of attending two meetings each year, OR be an active member of a conference team and attend one meeting. We will vote on this amendment at the next meeting. Routine attendance will be taken by the Secretary once this amendment passes.

***Johnny Mann Conference Attendance***

A lifetime free admission and membership was proposed to be granted to Johnny Mann. Adam Deppe made a motion that a lifetime membership and admission to the conference be granted to Johnny, as well as to his grandmother and caregivers. We will request that a name list of his caregiver be provided ahead of time. Rod Donavon seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

***Attracting National NWA Conference to Des Moines***

The National NWA conference is annually held in October and is held in the Midwest once every three years; this year it will be held in Alabama. The idea of having the National NWA conference in Des Moines was discussed, and overall received positive feedback from the club. Our chapter would aid in planning that conference.

Approximately 500 people attend this conference each year. Examples of things our chapter would do to aid the planning of this conference would be proposing a site to hold the conference.

***Fundraising Ideas (Melinda Beerends)***

*ISU Men's Game on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011:*

Melinda got a hold of the company that is in charge of running the concessions. Their new contract asks us to purchase their shoes, hats, and pay for cleaning of the T-Shirts, so it was decided to drop this idea for fundraising.

*Pizza Ranch:*

This is something we will look into. Rachel Hatteberg agreed to contact this facility for more information.

***Treasurer Update (Adam Deppe)***

Balance is \$18,583. Member dues are due by the next meeting in January. Dues are \$10.

***Secretary Notes*** – No notes.

***Other Items***

Melinda Beerends contacted Pella Corporation to set up a tour for the club. This company tests windows and structural components. The tour will be tentatively be set for 1:00 pm Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. The address of this company is:

*102 Main St*

*Pella, IA 50219-2198*

Melinda Beerends made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Logan Karsten seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

*The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at KCCI-TV. The address for this location is:*

*888 9<sup>th</sup> St.*

*Des Moines, IA*

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*Any questions regarding meeting minutes from December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 can be directed at the Central Iowa NWA Secretary Rachel Hatteberg ([rah@iastate.edu](mailto:rah@iastate.edu))*

*Previous meeting minutes along with a copy of the agenda for this meeting can be found on the Iowa NWA web page at the following address:*

*<http://www.iowa-nwa.com/minutes.php>*