ISU AMS
Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2014

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Meeting start – 07:02pm
Total in attendance – 40

We started out the meeting with a presentation from Allan Curtis from NWS. He covered topics from his experience as an undergrad, grad school, searching for a meteorology job, as well as answered questions. If you would like to hear the entire presentation, you can find the audio here, and you can find his written answers to your questions from last month here, as well as answers from other NWS employees to a multitude of questions here. If you have more questions for Allan, you can email him at (allan.curtis@noaa.gov).

President – Kenzie Krocak

- National AMS Conference
    ▪ Last meeting for the national conference directly followed the meeting.
    ▪ If you haven’t paid yet, pay Tayler immediately or you won’t have a hotel room.

- NWA Conference
  o Ankeny, IA – Mar. 26th – 28th, 2015
- Discount for student members of NWA (must have gone to 2 meetings and have paid dues.
- Without membership, conference registration was $80 last year
  - With membership, it was $48

**Vice President – Katie Voitik**

- Senior Symposium
  - Monday, Dec. 8th, in Agron 3140
  - Come see what’s been driving the seniors insane all semester (their thesis research.)
  - Poster session this Thursday, Dec. 4th at 2:00pm in Agron Commons.

- Calendars
  - Need to sell more calendars!
  - They include spectacular photos taken by ISU AMS members!
  - Cost $10 a piece.
    - Market them to friends and family.
    - You can print off a calendar order form here: [Calendar Order Form](#)
  - You can see the photos on the calendar here: [Calendar Photos](#)

- AMS Cabinet in 3128 Cleaning
  - In desperate need of cleaning.
  - Do you like to organize? This is for you.
  - Next semester, probably on one of the first couple weekends of the semester.
  - Email Katie if you want to help.

**Treasurer – Tayler Schillerberg**

- Current balance: $3,834.61

- Pizza Sales
  - Will continue next semester!
  - More than likely the same schedule as this semester
    - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in Science I
  - Interested? Email Tayler!

**Secretary – Kris Tuftedal**

- Out of gift ideas? Print off a copy of the minutes. It’s a great gift for anyone.

- AMS Secret Santa!
  - If you want to participate, please email Kris by Thursday afternoon at the latest.
  - No less than $1 and no more than $10 for gifts.
  - Gifts will be given at the Cookie Decorating Event on Tuesday (more info in Elizabeth’s section)
- Dropbox account
  o Open for submissions for pictures from all of AMS.
  o Segmented audio recording of the meetings now available so you can listen through a meeting like a podcast.
  o If you’re late to the meeting and want to hear what went on before you were there, you can use these audio files to do so!
  o There are two different folders available in the dropbox, which you can access here:
    ▪ AMS Photos
    ▪ Meeting Audio (contains folders for each meeting!)
  o Any ideas for stuff to add to the Dropbox are welcome.

**Social Chair – Elizabeth Lennartson**

- Holiday Cookie Decorating
  o Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 8:00pm
  o Agronomy Commons
  o If you’re interested in going, email Elizabeth

- Holiday Caroling at faculty houses
  o Saturday, Dec. 13th at 6:00pm
    ▪ Rides will leave the North Agron lot around 5:45pm
  o Faculty members’ houses!
  o Come have a blast and sing Christmas Carols with AMS!

- Since these events are during dead week, you aren’t required to attend.

- Any other social suggestions? Email Elizabeth!

**Outreach Chair – Lauren Walker**

- We need more volunteers for next semester’s outreach events!

- Science Bowl
  o Saturdays, Jan. 24th and Feb. 21st
  o Free T-shirt and Free lunch!
  o Want to help? Email Lauren by Dec. 19th

- First Lego League
  o Saturday, Jan. 17th
  o Huge Lego event!
  o You will need to pass a background check to volunteer.
  o Email Lauren if you want to volunteer!

- Poster is DONE!!!
Academic Chair – Sydney McBride

- Test Reviews
  o If anyone wants review sessions for their classes email Sydney!

- Scholarships!
  o Many of the NWA scholarships open in February, and are available [here](#).
  o National AMS scholarships are available [here](#).
  o Hollings Scholarship
    ▪ Amazing opportunity
    ▪ The [application](#) is due Friday, Jan. 30th at 10:59pm CST
    ▪ 2 year scholarship at $8,000 a year, plus a paid internship over the summer on a research project of your choosing, anywhere in the country.
    ▪ Must be a sophomore to apply.
  o S.O.A.R.S
    ▪ 4 summer’s worth of internships plus financial assistance.
    ▪ You can apply [here](#).
      • The deadline is Feb. 1st.

Forecasting – Jaret Lansford

- Iowa State Daily forecasting
  o Standings: (Extremely close)
    ▪ Patrick’s team is in the lead
    ▪ 2nd place is team Katie.
    ▪ 3rd place is team Elizabeth
  o Remember to forecast!
    ▪ Forecasts go through next week.

- Wx Challenge
  o Current team standing is 50th place at the end of the Abilene, TX forecast period.
  o Need to improve this! We should be higher than this.
  o Missed forecasts are a big problem that are easily avoided.
    ▪ We’ve already missed 4 forecasts in the first 2 days of the Sault Ste. Marie forecast period.
    ▪ Despite that, day 1 forecasts for the Sault were very good.
    ▪ Set your preliminary forecasts for the week on Sunday night, then update them before 00:00Z (6:00pm CST)

- First Snowfall Contest
  o Winner is Brandon Libby
    ▪ First inch of snow fell at the Ames Airport on Nov. 15th.

- Mobile Home Project
  o Third meeting just prior to AMS meeting.
Need more people to help out!
Meetings will be an hour before regular meetings every month.
We have some really good research thanks to the people that are participating now and want to expand on this even further.
Interested in helping out?
  ▪ Email Jaret or Kris!

**Webmaster** – Matt Miksch

- Let Matt know if you haven’t been getting emails from AMS!

- The [website]
  - The [Event Calendar]

- AMS website’s [scholarships page],
  - As well as the REU (Research Experiences for Undergraduates) [page].
  - Also a [list] of all of the people from ISU that have gotten those scholarships.

- The [Forums]
  - You **NEED** to use your first and last name for your username (E.g. “John Smith”), as well as your @iastate.edu email to sign up for a forum account, or you won’t be accepted.

- Like us on [Facebook]!
  - Facebook cover photo will now be the picture of the month!
- And follow us on [Twitter]!

**Historian** – Antoinette Serrato

- Alumni of the Month
  - Josh Alland (a past ISU AMS president)
    - For all of Josh’s answers to the questions, click [here]!

- Picture of the Month is…
- Fun photo ideas!
  - Send a selfie of yourself doing something meteorology related!
  - Snowflake picture contest!
    - Take the best photo you can of a snowflake and send it in.
    - Prizes yet to be determined, as well as deadline for photo submission.

- Send any event photos, or other cool photos!

**NWA Representative – Sydney McBride**

- Next NWA Meeting is Thursday, Dec. 11th, at 7:00pm
  - The meeting will be at KCCI in Des Moines
  - Meet in North Agron lot at 6:00pm, rides leave at 6:15pm
    - WEAR YOUR UGLY SWEATERS!

- Attendance at last NWA Meeting
  - If you were at the Perfect Games meeting, email Sydney to let her know, to get credit for going, since there wasn’t a sign up sheet.

- Any feedback for NWA?
  - Email Sydney and she’ll bring it to Dave’s attention.

**Past President – Kevin Smalley**

- If you ever need advice, I’m always available by email at (smalleyk1123@gmail.com).

**Cy’s Eyes on the Skies – Zach Mlchoch and Brandon Libby**

- Want to sign up? Use the Forums!
  - But I don’t know how to use the forums…
- Ask Matt (email at the bottom)
- Like the Cy’s Eyes Facebook page,
  o Follow the Twitter page,
  o Watch videos on the YouTube channel,
  o And watch LIVE via the live stream
  - Monday and Wednesday nights at 7:00pm

**Sophomore Chair** – Nick Lesser

- Assassins
  o AMS wide game coming up next semester.
    ▪ The goal is to “assassinate” your assigned target with your weapon (a spoon).
  o More on this at the next meeting!

- Finals Tips:
  o Stay well rested / eat well
  o Start studying early
  o Go to review sessions
  o Utilize different study areas (Agronomy / Parks Library)
  o Use study groups
  o Take breaks

Meeting end – 07:58pm

Next meetings:
**Tuesday January 27th at 7:00pm!**

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