

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
 - o Phoenix, AZ – Jan. 4th – 8th, 2015
 - 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
 - Open for submissions for pictures from all of AMS.
 - Segmented audio recording of the meetings now available so you can listen through a meeting like a podcast.
 - 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!
 - There are two different folders available in the dropbox, which you can access here:
 - [AMS Photos](#)
 - [Meeting Audio](#) (contains folders for each meeting!)
 - Any ideas for stuff to add to the Dropbox are welcome.

Social Chair – Elizabeth Lennartson

- Holiday Cookie Decorating
 - Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 8:00pm
 - Agronomy Commons
 - If you're interested in going, email Elizabeth
- Holiday Caroling at faculty houses
 - Saturday, Dec. 13th at 6:00pm
 - Rides will leave the North Agron lot around 5:45pm
 - Faculty members' houses!
 - Come have a blast and sing Christmas Carols with AMS!
- Since these events are during dead week, you aren't required at all to attend.
- Any other social suggestions? Email Elizabeth!

Outreach Chair – Lauren Walker

- We need more volunteers for next semester's outreach events!
- Science Bowl
 - Saturdays, Jan. 24th and Feb. 21st
 - Free T-shirt and Free lunch!
 - Want to help? Email Lauren by Dec. 19th
- First Lego League
 - Saturday, Jan. 17th
 - Huge Lego event!
 - You will need to pass a background check to volunteer.
 - Email Lauren if you want to volunteer!
- Poster is DONE!!!

Academic Chair – Sydney McBride

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

- Scholarships!
 - Many of the NWA scholarships open in February, and are available [here](#).
 - National AMS scholarships are available [here](#).
 - 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.
 - 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
 - Standings: (Extremely close)
 - Patrick's team is in the lead
 - 2nd place is team Katie.
 - 3rd place is team Elizabeth
 - Remember to forecast!
 - Forecasts go through next week.

- Wx Challenge
 - Current team standing is 50th place at the end of the Abilene, TX forecast period.
 - Need to improve this! We should be higher than this.
 - 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
 - Winner is Brandon Libby
 - First inch of snow fell at the Ames Airport on Nov. 15th.

- Mobile Home Project
 - 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!
 - o Send a selfie of yourself doing something meteorology related!
 - o 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
 - o The meeting will be at KCCI in Des Moines
 - o Meet in North Agron lot at 6:00pm, rides leave at 6:15pm
 - **WEAR YOUR UGLY SWEATERS!**

- Attendance at last NWA Meeting
 - o 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?
 - o 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 Mlcoch and Brandon Libby

- Want to sign up? Use the [Forums](#)!
 - o But I don't know how to use the forums...

- Ask [Matt](#) (email at the bottom)
- Like the Cy's Eyes [Facebook page](#),
 - Follow the [Twitter page](#),
 - Watch videos on the [YouTube channel](#),
 - And watch LIVE via the [live stream](#)
 - Monday and Wednesday nights at 7:00pm

Sophomore Chair – Nick Lesser

- Assassins
 - AMS wide game coming up next semester.
 - The goal is to “assassinate” your assigned target with your weapon (a spoon).
 - More on this at the next meeting!
- Finals Tips:
 - Stay well rested / eat well
 - Start studying early
 - Go to review sessions
 - Utilize different study areas (Agronomy / Parks Library)
 - Use study groups
 - Take breaks

Meeting end – 07:58pm

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

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