

ISU AMS

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2015

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Meeting start – 7:04pm
Total in attendance – 37

Dr. Leigh Orf from Central Michigan University will be giving a presentation on his small scale high-resolution [tornado models](#) for ISU on Mar. 25th at 4:00pm in 3140. Also, if you want to have lunch with him, bring your own lunch to the Agronomy commons at 12:30pm.

This WON'T be the same presentation that Dr. Orf's is doing at the NWA conference, so go to it. If you're interested at all in storms, research, or tornadoes, you need to go.

President – Kenzie Krocak

- No calc 1 tutoring on Thursday, Mar. 26th, so don't show up.
- Map of Summer plans
 - o If you have any internship, scholarship, or job plans, send them to Kenzie so she can make a map of where everyone's going!

- This will be shown at the End of the Year Banquet and the last meeting to recognize all of student achievements.
- Nominations happened this meeting!
 - Current nominees (at the time these minutes are written) will be at the bottom of the minutes.
 - Nominations will be open until the week before the next meeting.
 - Requirements for nomination
 - Meteorology major
 - ≥ 2.5 cumulative GPA
 - ≥ 2.5 semester GPA for the entire time you're in office
- New Secretary requirements
 - We've decided that, from now on, the Secretary will be in charge of marketing and advertising.
 - On top of the current duties, the new Secretary will be required to:
 - Advertise all major AMS events to the university and the community
 - Events such as the science fair, weather radio programming, etc.
 - Join the science fair committee to advertise it.
 - Post often on the AMS Facebook and Twitter pages about events.
- NWA Conference
 - Ankeny, IA – Mar. 26th – 28th
 - That's this week!
 - You can find the agenda for the conference [here](#).
 - Bring some kind of notebook, folder, portfolio, etc., as well as a pen or pencil, and snacks.
 - What to wear
 - Can I wear my favorite pair of jeans and a Slayer t-shirt to the conference?
 - **NO!** This is a professional event so you should dress in business casual.
 - I need a ride!
 - It's best to find someone who is going to and leaving from the conference at the same time you want to.
 - If you really need help finding a ride, email Kenzie.

Vice President – Katie Voitik

- Spring T-shirt orders
 - Orders and money were due at the meeting.
 - Late order? No shirt for you!
- Next Year's AMS Science Fair
 - Start planning early!
 - Interested in being on next year's science fair committee?

- Talk to Lauren, Jake, or Leyton or email Katie to help out!
- Calendars
 - They include spectacular photos taken by ISU AMS members!
 - Cost \$3 a piece now!
 - VERY few left...
 - Ever. (No more AMS calendars after this)
 - You can see the photos on the calendar here: [Calendar Photos](#)
- Severe Weather Flyers
 - Meant for the public
 - Fully designed
 - Will be handed out during the weather radio programming event.

Treasurer – Tayler Schillerberg

- Current balance: \$2,638.01
- Pizza Sales
 - Next day is Wednesday, Apr. 1st!
 - No, not an April fool's day joke.
 - Come buy some pizza!

Secretary – Kris Tuftedal

- 9 out of 10 chasers agree that reading the minutes is the best way to forecast a tornado outbreak.
- Dropbox account
 - Open for submissions for pictures from all of AMS.
 - Segmented audio recording of the meetings is 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.
- Tornado Simulator
 - Painting has begun!
 - Installing the guts, and wiring remain.
 - Hopefully it will be done in mid-April for you all to ooh and ahh at.

- Storm Chasing
 - We WON'T be taking a huge caravan of cars out to chase.
 - At the absolute maximum, we'll take 3 cars, but more than likely, just 2.
 - Who gets chosen to go chase is essentially random.
 - Some people, such as seniors who've never been chasing, or never seen a tornado, have higher priority.
 - Despite this, everyone will, at some point in their time at ISU get a chance to go chasing.
 - Finally, chasing is NOT affiliated in any way with ISU or AMS. Any damages or injuries that may happen while chasing are on you.
 - Basically, this means you chase at your own risk and that you accept the inherent dangers that come with chasing.

Social Chair – Elizabeth Lennartson

- Perfect Games Trip
 - Tuesday, Apr. 7th at 9:00pm
 - Rides leave N. Agron parking lot at 8:45pm
 - Prices
 - \$2 bowling
 - \$2 shoe rental
 - 2 for \$1 wells (obviously need to be 21 with an ID for this)
 - 2 for \$1 slices of pizza
 - Free games of pool!
- Spring Picnic
 - Thursday, Apr. 16th at 6:00pm
 - Brookside Park
 - Rides leave N. Agron parking lot at 5:45pm
 - Email Elizabeth to sign up and let her know what, if any, food you can bring, as well as if you can drive.
- End of the Year Banquet
 - Monday, Apr. 27th at 5:00pm
 - Scheman Building
 - Buffet for dinner
 - \$15 per student for the first 40 students who sign up.
 - A huge thanks to a donation from the department that allows us to do that discount.
 - If you're the 41st person or beyond, you'll have to pay \$20.
 - Pay bar for anyone 21 years old or older.
 - Semi-formal
 - Money is due by Wednesday, Apr. 8th at 4:00pm

- Any other social suggestions? Email Elizabeth!

Outreach Chair – Lauren Walker

- Meeker Science Night
 - o Thursday, Mar. 26th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
 - Rides leave N. Agron parking lot at 5:25pm
 - o Arts, crafts, and science!
 - o Not planning on going to NWA conference?
 - Volunteer for this one!
 - Email Lauren if you can do this!
- Northwood Pre-School
 - o Monday, Mar. 30th
 - o Two shifts
 - 9:00am to 9:30am
 - 2:30pm to 3:00pm
 - o Also Monday, Apr 13th
 - 9:00am to 9:30am
- Hy-Vee Weather Radio Programming/Severe Weather Flyer handout
 - o Email with more info to come!
- Ar-We-Va Severe Weather Presentation
 - o Sometime in April
 - o Email to come
- Science Olympiad Coaching
 - o Coaching middle schoolers in meteorology for the Science Olympiad.
 - o Goes until April, every Thursday.
 - o Interested in helping out by writing quizzes, making powerpoints, or coaching?
 - Email Lauren!
- Preparedness Day
 - o No more, it died.
 - o Pulled out of the event
 - Lauren made all of the friends with this one

Academic Chair – Sydney McBride

- Severe Weather Awareness week posters
 - o Voting will be Monday, Mar. 30th at 4:00pm in 3128!
 - Come out and vote on the best posters!
- Scholarships!
 - o Many of the NWA scholarships open in February, and are available [here](#).

- National AMS scholarships are available [here](#).

Forecasting – Jaret Lansford

- Iowa State Daily forecasting
 - Current Spring Standings:
 - 4th place is Team Tayler
 - 3rd place is Team Katie
 - 2nd place is Team Elizabeth
 - 1st place is Team Patrick
- Remember to forecast!

WxChallenge

- Current team standing isn't know because of a glitch in the system during Montgomery, AL forecasting.
 - Missed forecasts are a big problem that are easily avoided.
 - Set your preliminary forecasts for the week on Sunday night, then update them before 00:00Z (7:00pm CDT)
 - This is the last city of the regular season.
 - Year-end tournaments
 - Two tournaments
 - One through WxChallenge
 - Currently 4 people are qualified for this for wildcard positions
 - One through our team
 - If you've missed 5 forecasts for full year forecasters or 3 forecasts for half year forecasters, you're ineligible.
 - You should've just forecasted, but nope.
 - Forecasting will be for different days!
 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
 - Email to come with more information on this.
- Mobile Home Project
 - Eight meeting just prior to AMS meeting.
 - Better turn out, but we still need more people!
 - More research topics have been added, so more help is needed!
 - Revised year-end goal
 - Have a rough draft presentation done by the end of the semester.
 - Outline started!
 - Next meeting is Tuesday, Apr. 7th at 6:00pm.
 - This is before the Perfect Games social event, so come to the Mobile Home Project meeting and then go to that afterwards.
 - Research for next meeting is based on finding information about mobile home parks in and around the Des Moines area.
 - Want to help out?
 - Come to a meeting!

- Do your own research!
- Email Jaret or Kris with your questions!

Webmaster – Matt Miksch

- Have any questions for alumni from the ISU meteorology program?
 - o Email them to Matt!
- Possible website redesign and/or making it more mobile friendly
 - o Watch for an email sometime in the next few weeks about this.
- The [website](#)
 - o The [Event Calendar](#)
- AMS website's [scholarships page](#).
 - o As well as the REU (Research Experiences for Undergraduates) [page](#).
 - o Also a [list](#) of all of the people from ISU that have gotten those scholarships.
- The [Forums](#)
 - o 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](#)!
 - o Facebook cover photo will now be the picture of the month!
- And follow us on [Twitter](#)!

Historian – Antoinette Serrato

- Alumni Question of the Month
 - o You can read the full answers to this month's question [here](#)!
- Picture of the Month is...



- Meteorology Meme
 - o Find or create your own meteorology meme and send them to Antoinette.
- The Board by 3128
 - o **Event partner needed!**
 - Anyone creative and wants to help, email Antoinette.
- Send any event photos, or other cool photos!

NWA Representative – Sydney McBride

- NWA Conference
 - o March 26th – 28th as mentioned previously.
- 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

- Making tapes for the "Tape Swap" instead of a show this Wednesday.
- NWA Conference "Tape Swap"
 - o Friday, Mar. 27th from 7:30pm to 9:30pm
 - o Lead by Brett McIntyre (WHO), Zach Mlcoch (KCCI), and Sam Schreier (WOI)
 - o Advice and critique from professional broadcasters
- Want to be a Cy's Eyes producer?
 - o Elections coming up within a month!
 - o If you want to be elected, come to as many shows as possible!
- 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](#),
 - 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

- Student Faculty Dinner
 - Tuesday, Mar 31st at 5:00pm
 - Rides leave N. Agron Parking lot at 4:45pm
 - At Mongolian Grill

- Faculty Appreciation Day
 - Tuesday, Apr. 21st
 - Say thank you to your professor!
 - A lunch event from 11:00am to 12:30pm
 - Room next to the map room.

- Wild vs. Red Wings game at Dave's house
 - Saturday, Apr. 4th, game starts at 6:00pm
 - Still questionable considering that it's the day before Easter.
 - Look for an email from Nick about it.

Nominations

- President
 - Lauren Walker
 - Kris Tuftedal
 - Nick Lesser

- Vice President
 - Theo Hartman
 - Antoinette Serrato

- Treasurer
 - Justin Covert

- Secretary
 - Mitch Morehead
 - Jaret Lansford

- Social Chair
 - Lindsay Matthews
 - Jake Smith
 - Zoe Bardin

- Outreach Chair
 - Cassie Happel
 - Zane Satre
 - Sam Gabrielle

- Academic Chair

- Kelsie Ferin
- Kierstin Blomberg

- Historian
 - Cameron Miller
 - Caitlin Cervac

- Webmaster
 - Zach Perez (?)

- Sophomore Chair
 - Nate Smith

Meeting end – 07:48pm

***** REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CLICKER TO THE NEXT MEETING! *****

**FINAL meeting:
Tuesday, April 21th at 7:00pm!**

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