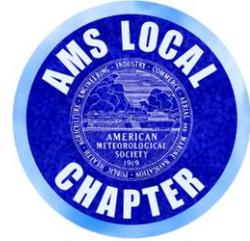




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 Meeting Minutes   
October 27, 2015



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Meeting start – 52

Total in attendance – 7:00pm

**President** – Nick Lesser

- National AMS Conference
  - o New Orleans, LA
    - Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016
    - That's the first week of the winter semester unfortunately.
  - o Great opportunity to network as well as see what the breakthrough research in the field is.
  - o Get your flights purchased now.
    - Seriously, it's either that or you're walking there.
    - You're in charge of getting there on your own.
  - o More opportunities to raise money for your trip will be available, check [Theo's](#) portion of the minutes!
  
- NWA Conference
  - o Ankeny, IA
    - Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> – Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

- More information later!
- Ken Harding from the Des Moines National Weather Service office!
  - He's the meteorologist in charge at that office.
    - Start thinking of questions for him now!

### **Vice President – Lauren Walker**

- Fall T-shirt orders
  - Orders should be ready this week!
    - Expect an email later this week telling you to pick up your order.
- AMS Science Fair
  - Moved to the spring this year to allow for more planning and preparing.
  - Will be on Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - Can't reserve a room yet...
    - Because tests? Yes, all of those Saturday morning tests.
      - So many Saturday morning tests.
  - Interested in joining the Science Fair committee?
    - Email [Lauren](#)!
- MASSIVE sign-up sheet
  - It's the biggest one ever.
  - It has sign-ups for every event available to you at [any time](#).
  - It's great if you miss a meeting.
  - But wait! There's more!
  - It also contains contact information for all of the cabinet members.
    - How much does it cost you ask?
      - It's free. How sweet is that?

### **Treasurer – Theo Hartman**

- Current balance: \$3,473.76
- Pizza Sales
  - Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> for this month.
  - Let me sell people some pizza. I'm, like, über pro at selling pizza.
    - Take the [Food Safety](#) course and obtain your card, then...
      - Email [Theo](#) and let him know.
  - If I work pizza sales, does some of that go to help pay for my trip to the national conference?
    - You bet your anemometer it does!
- Yankee Candles
  - Paper sales may be over, but the online selling period has been extended to Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>!

- You can STILL give people a link and sell stuff online!
  - Send them to [this](#) website and have them enter our group number in.
  - Group number is **990044465**.
- If you're going to the national conference, 40% of the proceeds of your sales go towards that.
  - If you're not going, 40% of your sales go to help our chapter!
- Levy Basketball Concession Stands
  - The men's game is Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm
  - The women's game is Sunday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm
  - Proceeds from this can also help you pay for the national conference trip!
  - Interested in doing this?
    - Email [Theo](#).

### **Secretary – Kris Tuftedal**

- The last time I used a Ouija board, it spelled out “READ THE MINUTES.” It was terrifying.
- Since it's not even Halloween yet, you know what that means...
  - It's obviously time to start thinking about Christmas!
    - Secret Santa will be coming up in December!
      - \$20 max limit on gifts.
      - Names will be randomly paired.
      - If you sign up, you MUST participate, no exceptions.
        - No seriously, don't be a Grinch.

### **Social Chair – Zoë Bardin**

- Science Center Trip
  - Sunday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
  - In Des Moines
    - Meet in North Agronomy Lot at 1:15pm, rides leave at 1:30pm
  - Entry is \$12.00
    - Is that worth it?
    - Absolutely, the [Science Center](#) is awesome!
  - Want to go? Sign up on the [massive sign-up sheet](#) or email [Zoë](#).
- Fall/Winter Birthday Bash
  - Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – 7:00pm
    - In the Agronomy Commons
    - For birthdays during the fall semester (Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>).
      - But my birthday is in the spring/summer!!
        - Don't freak out, we've got your back, homie.

- There will be one for people with spring semester birthdays, as well as one for people with birthdays during the summer semester.
  - There will be cake and ice cream. We're going to have fun!
- Cyclone Cinema
  - Meet at Carver at 6:30pm on the day of your movie of choice.
  - Minions
    - Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm
  - Ant Man
    - Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm
  - Free movies! What could be better?

### **Outreach Chair – Cassie Happel**

- Taking the Road Less Traveled
  - At the MU
  - Last one is Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:25am – 11:00am
  - Talk to middle and high school girls and encourage them to go into a STEM field.

### **Academic Chair – Kelsie Ferin**

- Have an upcoming test in Mteor (227, 311, 341, etc.)?
  - Email [Kelsie](#) at least a week in advance with the date and let her know
  - She'll set up a review session.
  - Speaking of review sessions, there's a review session for 227 for the exam this coming Friday, led by Theo and John.
    - It'll be Wednesday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in Agronomy 3128.
- If you're taking:
  - Math 10/143, 165, or 166
  - [Cassie](#) and [Theo](#) offer FREE tutoring in the Agronomy Commons!
  - When?
    - Mondays at 5pm is Math 10/143
    - Mondays at 6pm is Math 166
    - Thursdays at 5pm is Math 165
  - If you can't make it, please let [Cassie](#) or [Theo](#) know.
- Need help in a class?
  - Check out [SI sessions](#).
    - SI is free!
  - Maybe consider a tutor from the [Academic Success Center](#)
    - Costs \$4 per session.
    - You could also sign up to be a tutor there as well.
- Scholarships currently open

- [Department Scholarships](#)
- [LAS College Scholarships](#)
- [University Wide Scholarships](#)
- [The NWA Arthur C. Pike Scholarship in Meteorology](#)
  - Application open until Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.
  - Only available to juniors and seniors.
  - Scholarship Requirements:
    - Transcripts
    - Two letters of recommendation.
      - Ask for them ASAP.
    - One page explaining why you deserve the scholarship.
  - Scholarship total: \$1,000
- [The NWA Phillips Family Undergraduate Scholarship for Meteorology](#)
  - Application open until Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.
  - Available to ALL undergraduates!
  - Scholarship Requirements:
    - Transcripts
    - Two letters of recommendation.
      - Again, ask for the immediately.
    - One page explaining why you deserve the scholarship.
  - Scholarship total: \$1,000
- [The NWA Bob Glahn Scholarship in Statistical Meteorology](#)
  - Application open until Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm
  - Only available to juniors and seniors.
  - Scholarship Requirements:
    - Transcripts
    - Two letters of recommendation (one from a meteorology professor, and another from a statistics professor preferably.)
    - One page explaining why you deserve the scholarship.
  - Scholarship total: \$2,500
- [The Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship](#)
  - Applications open until Friday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:59pm
  - Only available to sophomores.
  - Scholarship Requirements:
    - Must be a U.S. citizen
    - Enrolled or accepted as a full-time 2<sup>nd</sup> year student in a 4 year program.
    - Earn and maintain a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
    - One essay
    - Transcripts
    - Two letters of recommendation
  - Scholarship total: A lot.
- [AMS Minority Scholarship](#)

- Applications open until Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - Scholarship total: \$6,000
- [AMS Named Scholarships](#)
  - Applications open until Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - Must be starting your final year of undergrad school in Fall of 2016
  - Scholarship total: varies.
- Pam Daale Scholarship
  - Applications open until Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - Must be a sophomore or a junior.
  - Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale
  - Scholarship total: \$1,750
- Research Experience for Undergraduates (REUs) available
  - [Pathways to Science](#)
    - Has a bunch
  - [National Science Foundation](#)
    - Also has a bunch
  - [Arecibo University REU](#)
  - [Colorado State REU](#)
  - [SOARS](#)
  - And tons more. Get out there and look, or ask for help finding them!
- Updating the Alumni List
  - Incomplete or missing data will be filled in for everyone who has ever been in AMS.
  - 2012 is missing! Oh my!
  - It's in progress.

### **Forecasting – Jaret Lansford and Kelsie Ferin**

- Iowa State Daily forecasting
  - Current Spring Standings:
    - 5<sup>th</sup> place is Team Eric
    - 4<sup>th</sup> place is Team Sam
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place is Team Joey
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place is Team Elizabeth
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place is Team Justin
  - Remember to forecast!
    - We know who's not forecasting!
    - Consider this a fair warning.
      - If you continue not to forecast, you will be outed in the next meeting and your names will be in the minutes... foreverrrr.
    - If you don't want to forecast anymore, let [Kelsie](#) know and she'll take you off of the forecasting list.

- Issues under investigation with Iowa State Daily forecasts
  - They've only been using one day of the three days that we forecast for.
    - Lame.
  - They've also had the name of our club wrong for a long time.
    - Super lame.
  - In the process of rectifying this.
- WxChallenge
  - After two cities (Sandberg, CA and Long Island, NY), we're in 44<sup>th</sup> place
    - Please forecast!
    - We would love to keep your extra \$5, but would rather you forecasted.
    - Also, try to improve your forecasts!
      - One of the best resources for WxChallenge forecasting is the...
        - [USL Model!](#)
      - It's been wiping the floor with the other forecast models.
      - Also, winds verify differently for WxChallenge than the models show. Whatever your gut is telling you for a wind forecast, tack on at least 3 more knots to it. (Not a rule, this sometime bites you, but usually not.)
      - If you have any questions to help you forecast better, get in contact with people who've done well in previous cities!
    - Also, **EXTREMELY** important. This weekend Daylight Saving Time ends.
      - However, forecasts will still be due at 00:00Z. This means that, starting next week Monday, your forecasts will be due no later than 6:00pm CST, instead of 7:00pm CDT, like it has been.
      - Remember, forecasts due at 6:00pm as of Monday. Seriously.
      - If you mess this up, you can't blame anyone.
- First Snowfall Contest
  - Sign up for a day on the calendar in the map room.
  - One person per day.
  - "Forecasting" for the first inch of snow accumulation at the Ames Airport.
  - Winner gets a gift card to a place of their choice.
  - Sign up closes Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.
- Mobile Home Project
  - Meeting just before this.
    - We need more people!
  - Meetings will be held every two weeks.
    - Next meeting is tentatively Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.
  - Interested in joining?
    - Email [Jaret](#) or [Kris](#).

**Webmaster** – Zach Perez

- If you haven't been getting AMS emails, let [Zach](#) know right away.
- The [website](#)
  - o The [Event Calendar](#)
  - o Website access information (if prompted)
    - Username: amsstudent
    - Password: isuams
- 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 our brand new public [Facebook](#) page!
  - o And follow us on [Twitter](#)!
    - These pages will be far more active this year.
- Join our [Facebook](#) group for past and present members.

**Historian** – Caitlin Cervac

- Picture of the Month is...



- Weather Photo of the Month is...



- Send [event](#) or [weather](#) photos to Caitlin.
- National AMS Conference Poster Design
  - o Football theme!
  - o Photos needed from Road Less Traveled this Thursday as well as other events!
    - Please take photos! Email [Caitlin](#) to ask for her camera
      - Cell phone photos are discouraged.
- Intramural Captains
  - o Please email [Caitlin](#) with game information
  - o Need to know when games are to get photos!

### **NWA Representative – Justin Covert**

- Last meeting was election meeting
  - o Results are as follows:
    - President: Dave Flory
    - Vice President: Chris Maiers
    - Treasurer: Jim Lee
    - Secretary: Allan Curtis
- Next NWA meeting
  - o Soon, probably second week in November
- Dues are \$10
- Attending two meeting will give you a large discount on registration for the NWA conference in March!
- Have any feedback or questions from the first meeting?
  - o Email them to [Justin](#)

### **Past President – Kenzie Krocak**

- Worried about midterm grades?
  - o Go over what went wrong.
  - o Re-do every problem you did wrong.
  - o Speak to the professor about how to improve. It shows that you care about your learning.
  - o Create new study habits: study guides, equation sheets, notecards, etc.
  - o Some midterm material will show up on the final. She promises.
  
- If you have any other questions for Kenzie
  - o Don't hesitate to email [her](#)!

### **Cy's Eyes on the Skies – Brandon Libby and Jan Ryherd**

- Skype with an Alum
  - o [Rachael Witter](#)
    - She's a chief meteorologist in New York now!
  - o She'll have tips for aspiring broadcasters!
  - o Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in Agronomy 3140
  
- Halloween show
  - o This Thursday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
  
- Nick and Theo on the show.
  - o Next Thursday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
  
- 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](#)
    - Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00pm

### **Sophomore Chair – Jake Smith**

- Verbal Assassins
  - o Going slow, but progress is being made.
  - o Get out there and get your person!
    - Except in class, especially Dave's classes.
  
- Keep ISU Beautiful
  - o We pick up garbage around Agronomy Hall to keep it looking nice.
  - o Once a week, a team of (probably) two will go around Agronomy and pick up garbage.
    - Then report back to Jake and he'll report to the University.
  - o Need at least 10 people to sign up

### **Costume Contest!**

Top two

Jaret Lansford – Charlie Brown as a Ghost  
Joey Krastel – “Cutoff” Low

Winner

Joey Krastel – “Cutoff” Low  
Congratulations!

Meeting end – 07:47pm

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM!**

Last meeting of the fall semester.

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