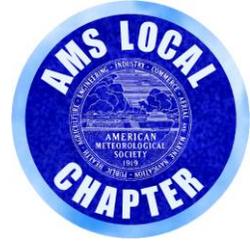




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❄ Meeting Minutes ❄
December 01, 2015



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We started out the meeting with a presentation and Q & A session with Ken Harding, the meteorologist-in-charge at the Des Moines National Weather Service office. If you have any questions you would like to ask him, email him [here](#). A big thank you to him for coming out and talking with us!

Also, if you would like a copy of the audio recording of the presentation and Q & A, email [Kris](#) to request a copy.

Meeting start – 37
Total in attendance – 7:00pm

President – Nick Lesser

- National AMS Conference
 - o New Orleans, LA
 - Jan. 10th – 14th, 2016

- If you still owe money for your hotel room, pay [Theo](#) or [Nick](#) no later than this Friday.
 - Great opportunity to network as well as see what the breakthrough research in the field is.
- NWA Conference
 - Ankeny, IA
 - Mar. 31st – Apr 2nd, 2016
 - If you go to two NWA meetings, you get the reduced rate for student registration!
 - It's like a Christmas present to yourself. Except it's only a discount, not free. And it's in March. Oh, and isn't a present either.

Vice President – Lauren Walker

- Thesis is almost done!
 - Senior Research Symposium
 - Monday, Dec. 7th in Agronomy 3140 from 10:00am – 3:30pm.
 - Poster session
 - Friday, Dec 4th, 3:00pm in the Agronomy Commons.
- AMS Science Fair
 - Moved to the spring this year to allow for more planning and preparing.
 - Will be on Apr. 9th, 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](#)!

Treasurer – Theo Hartman

- Current balance: \$4,369.24
- Pizza Sales
 - Will continue next semester.
 - I really want to sell pizza...
 - Well, you can't until next semester. In the meantime, take the [Food Safety](#) course and obtain your card, then...
 - Email [Theo](#) and let him know.
- Yankee Candles
 - Paper sales may be over, but the online selling period has been extended to Jan. 13th!
 - 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**.
- Levy Basketball Concession Stands
 - Continued interested in doing this?
 - Email [Theo](#).

Secretary – Kris Kringle

- Start a new holiday tradition. Give your family the minutes for Christmas and read them together as a family on Christmas morning.
- Secret Santa!
 - How it works
 - Names will be randomly paired.
 - \$20 max limit on gifts.
 - If you sign up, you **MUST** participate, no exceptions.
 - No seriously, don't be a Grinch.
 - Gifts will be exchanged during [Cookie Decorating](#). However, if you can't attend this, you can still do Secret Santa!
 - Sign up will close Thursday at some point.
 - Sign up [here](#).
 - Lastly, don't do gift cards, no one likes gift cards.
 - What if someone asks for one?
 - Then I guess you can get one, but I mean, eh...

Social Chair – Zoë Bardin

- Holiday Cookie Decorating
 - Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 7:00pm
 - In Agronomy Commons
 - Interested?
 - Email [Zoë](#)
- Holiday Caroling
 - Saturday, Dec. 12th, 6:00pm
 - At multiple faculty members' houses!
 - Seriously fun and festive event.
 - An AMS favorite!
 - Need to get in the holiday spirit?
 - Sing with all of us in AMS
 - Don't worry, no one will be able to hear you if you suck at singing. I'm terrible at singing... because I'm a pdf file of the minutes, and pdfs can't sing.

Outreach Chair – Cassie Happel

- Rock Creek Elementary School Visit
 - o Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 10:00am – 10:30am
 - o In Ankeny

- Possible School Visit to Franklin Elementary in Boone
 - o Either Dec. 8th or Dec. 10th
 - o Sometime in the morning.
 - o Interested in signing up for either school visit?
 - Email [Cassie](#)

- Science Bowl
 - o Saturday, Jan. 23rd and Feb. 20th
 - o Very fun event, and an opportunity to be humbled by how smart these middle and high schoolers are.
 - o You get free lunch and a t-shirt for volunteering!
 - o More information about it [here](#).
 - o If you want to sign up,
 - Email [Cassie](#)

- 4-H Event
 - o Saturday, Feb. 6th, probably around 1:00pm
 - o Will be in Agronomy 3140, so you don't have to go anywhere!

- Sawyer Elementary Science Night
 - o Monday, Feb. 1st, 5:30pm-ish
 - o More information later

- Edwards Elementary Science Night
 - o Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
 - o More information later
 - o Interested in signing up for either?
 - Email [Cassie](#)

Academic Chair – Kelsie Ferin

- Have an upcoming test in Mteor (227, 311, 341, etc.)?
 - o Email [Kelsie](#) at least a week in advance with the date and let her know
 - o She'll set up a review session.
 - o Also, with finals coming up, Kelsie needs to know your finals schedules!
 - Email them to her [here](#).

- Scholarships and opportunities currently open
 - o [Department Scholarships](#)
 - o [LAS College Scholarships](#)
 - o [University Wide Scholarships](#)
 - o NWS Student Volunteer Position

- Applications are due Wednesday, Dec. 9th
 - For more information, go [here](#), then click on the “Students” tab.
- [The Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship](#)
 - Applications open until Friday, Jan. 29th, 2016 at 10:59pm
 - Only available to sophomores.
 - Scholarship Requirements:
 - Must be a U.S. citizen
 - Enrolled or accepted as a full-time 2nd 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.
 - If you have questions about Hollings
 - Email people in AMS that have gotten it in the past like, ...
 - [Theo](#), [Kenzie](#), and [Elizabeth](#)!
- [AMS Minority Scholarship](#)
 - Applications open until Friday, Feb. 5th, 2016
 - Scholarship total: \$6,000
- [AMS Named Scholarships](#)
 - Applications open until Friday, Feb. 5th, 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. 25th, 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](#) (Significant Opportunities in Atmospheric Research and Science)
 - Applications are due Monday, Feb. 1st
 - Needed:
 - Fill out the [application](#).
 - Transcripts
 - 2 letters of recommendation

- 2 essays
- Qualifications
 - Going into Junior year, or higher, with a 3.0 or higher GPA
 - Must be a US Citizen
 - Must be in an atmospheric science related major
- And tons more. Get out there and look, or ask for help finding them!

Forecasting – Jaret Lansford and Kelsie Ferin

- Iowa State Daily forecasting
 - Current Spring Standings:
 - 5th place is Team Eric
 - 4th place is Team Sam
 - 3rd place is Team Joey
 - 2nd place is Team Elizabeth
 - 1st place is Team Justin
 - We won't be forecasting on finals week or over winter break.
 - 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 three cities, we're in 31st place!
 - Best position we've been in, in two years.
 - 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!
- First Snowfall Contest
 - We have a winner!
 - Nick Lesser (rigged)
- Mobile Home Project
 - Meeting just before this.

- We seriously need more people!
- Meetings will be held every two weeks.
 - Next meeting in January.
- We also need more help from freshmen and sophomores so that we have a new co-chair once Jaret graduates.
- We've also found out that the Minnesota law essentially forces mobile home park owners to build shelters.
 - This probably won't fly in Iowa, so we need to think of other ways to fund this. Research this!
- 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](#)
 - The [Event Calendar](#)
 - Website access information (if prompted)
 - Username: amsstudent
 - Password: isuams
- 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 our brand new public [Facebook](#) page!
 - 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.
- Board outside 3128
 - o Current plans:
 - Calendar including all known events and times (possibly a whiteboard, would include tutoring schedules), photos/weather photos of the month, scholarship opportunities, AMS brochures, and Zoë's posters!
 - Have some ideas for the board?
 - Email [Caitlin](#)

NWA Representative – Justin Covert

- Next NWA meeting
 - o Tuesday, Dec, 8th, 7:00pm
 - At ABC 5 Studios in West Des Moines
 - o Second annual ugly sweater contest!
 - Wear the ugliest holiday sweater you own!

- Rides will leave the North Agronomy parking lot at 6:00pm
- Fill out the doodle poll!
 - Zombie Burger?
- Come to at least 2 meetings to get the student discount for the conference in March.
 - Here's a couple tentative speakers for this year:
 - Howie Bluestein, Louis Uccellini, Walker Ashley, and possibly Jim Cantore
- Dues for NWA are \$10
- Have any feedback or questions from the first meeting?
 - Email them to [Justin](#)

Past President – Kenzie Krocak

- Have a fantastic break! :)
- If you need any advice or have any other questions for Kenzie
 - Don't hesitate to email [her](#)!

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

- Tape Making
 - Attempt was made, but system crashed, so none of the tapes saved. Ohhh noooo.
 - Hopefully Thursday will go better.
- Like the Cy's Eyes [Facebook page](#),
 - Follow the [Twitter page](#),
 - Watch videos on the [YouTube channel](#),
 - And watch LIVE via the [live stream](#)
 - Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00pm

Sophomore Chair – Jake Smith

- Verbal Assassins
 - According to Jake, it kinda failed.
 - Caleb did really well, as did Jaret and Theo.
- Assassins (the one with spoons)
 - Starts this spring!
 - More details next meeting.
 - Want to sign up?
 - Email [Jake](#)!
- Finals Tips:

- Stay well rested/eat well
- Start studying early
- Go to review sessions
- Utilize different study areas (Little nooks around Agronomy, the tiers in Parks Library, etc.)
- Use study groups
- Take breaks or you'll burn yourself out.

Meeting end – 08:08pm

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 PM!

Last meeting of the fall semester.

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