

ISU AMS

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2015

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Meeting start – 7:00pm
Total in attendance – 78

President – Nick Lesser

- Welcome!
 - o New students (freshman and transfer students), don't be afraid to ask for any assistance, advice, etc. from upperclassmen or cabinet members. That's part of what we're here for!

- Benefits of local and national AMS
 - o Local
 - You meet other meteorology students as well as other people who share an interest in meteorology and get to know them through social events, meetings, etc.
 - You get to participate in outreach events and interact with the community.
 - You get access to a large list of alumni and how to contact them.
 - Local dues are \$15 without proof of a National membership; \$10 with proof of a National membership.
 - Dues are only a once a year fee.
 - Email the membership ID number you receive in your subscription confirmation email to Theo or Nick as proof.

- Dues are DUE by next meeting! (Sept. 29th)
 - National
 - Access to a huge network of meteorologists as well as meteorology students.
 - Sizeable discount for the national conference registration.
 - Subscription to “BAMS” (Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society), as well as “Physics Today.”
 - National AMS dues are \$20 for students.
 - [National AMS website](#)
 - You can sign up for National AMS by clicking [this link](#)!
- National AMS Conference
 - New Orleans, LA
 - Jan. 10th – 14th, 2016
 - During the first week of classes unfortunately.
 - Let Theo or Nick know by Oct. 1st if you’re interested in going!
- Want us to try to get speakers in?
 - Email us suggestions and we’ll try our best to get them!
- AMS Tailgating
 - A good possibility!
 - More information to come!

Vice President – Lauren Walker

- Fall T-shirt orders
 - Orders are due Sept 29th.
 - You can view and print off the order form from [here](#)!
- Clubfest Sign-up
 - Wednesday, Sept. 9th from 11:00am to 4:00pm.
 - Held on Central Campus this year!
 - Interested in signing up?
 - Email [Lauren](#)!
- AMS Science Fair
 - Moved to the spring this year to allow for more planning and preparing.
 - Interested in joining the Science Fair committee?
 - Email [Lauren](#)!

Treasurer – Theo Hartman

- Current balance: \$2,030.86
- Turn in your dues!
 - But I don’t have money right now!

- That's ok! Just make sure to get your dues to us by next meeting.
 - I didn't read the first part of the minutes. How much are dues?!
 - You really should read all of the minutes, but...
 - \$10 with proof of National membership.
 - \$15 without a National membership.
 - Who do I give my dues to???
 - Any cabinet member, but specifically Nick or Theo.
 - Checks are my jam; who do I make my check out to?
 - Sweet, checks are our jam too. Make your checks out to ISU AMS.
- Fundraising
 - For the club as well as for people that want to go to the National conference.
 - Have any fundraising ideas?
 - Email [Theo](#) and let him know!
 - Concession Stand Fundraiser
 - Saturday, Oct. 3rd, time TBA.
 - Interested in helping out?
 - Email [Theo](#).

Secretary – Kris Tuftedal

- Can't make a meeting? Read the Minutes!
- Dropbox account
 - Meeting audio will still be recorded as it was last year, but the dropbox account will function more as file storage for the minutes.
 - Dropbox access is still available to all members.
 - Just email [Kris](#) and ask for access.

Social Chair – Zoe Bardin

- Intramural Sign-ups!
 - Broomball
 - Curling
 - Volleyball
 - Floor Hockey
 - Battleship H₂O
 - If you're interested in signing up for any of these, email [Zoe](#)!
- Departmental Picnic
 - Thursday, Aug. 27th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.
 - [Inis Grove Park](#)
 - Free food and fun for meteorology and geology majors and faculty!
 - Rides leave the north Agronomy parking lot at 4:50pm
 - Need a ride? Email [Zoe](#) and let her know!

- Central Campus Hangout
 - Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 6:30pm.
 - Free fun with AMS!
 - Just show up on Central Campus if you want to go!

- Student Faculty Dinner
 - Thursday, Sept. 17th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.
 - [Hickory Park Restaurant](#)
 - [Here's](#) a copy of their menu!
 - A great way to meet faculty members that you might not otherwise meet until your junior or senior year at ISU.
 - If you want to go, email [Zoe](#) and let her know!

- AMS Bonfire
 - Friday, Sept. 18th at 5:45pm.
 - [MacFarland Lake Park](#)
 - Fun, fire, flour, friends, and s'mores!
 - I know s'mores doesn't start with an f, sorry.
 - A favorite event of many AMS members!
 - Email [Zoe](#) if you haven't signed up to go and want to.

- ISU After Dark Bingo Night
 - Friday, Oct. 2nd, time TBA.
 - Play Bingo and win prizes with AMS late into the night.
 - More information on this next meeting!

- If you have any idea for social events
 - Email [Zoe](#) and let her know!

Outreach Chair – Cassie Happel

- WiSE Kick-Off
 - Happened on Aug. 23rd.
 - Went great!

- The Road Less Traveled
 - Thursdays, Oct. 8th, 22nd, and 29th.
 - More information next meeting!

- Weather-Ready Nation
 - We will be applying the club for this!
 - More information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Academic Chair – Kelsie Ferin

- If you missed this meeting, please download and print off [this](#) class information form and return it to Kelsie as soon as possible.
- Scholarships currently open
 - [The NWA Arthur C. Pike Scholarship in Meteorology](#)
 - Application open until Tuesday, Nov. 17th 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. 17th 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
- Updating the Alumni List
 - Incomplete or missing data will be filled in for everyone who has ever been in AMS.
 - Great resource for students to look for contacts in a multitude of different fields.
- Graduate School Workshop/Panel
 - Working with the Graduate Meteorology Club.
 - This is your chance to talk with grad students and faculty members here at ISU and get any and all questions you might have about grad school answered.
 - Thursday, Oct. 8th, time TBD.
 - More information at the next meeting.
 - Interested?!
 - Email [Kelsie](#).

Forecasting – Jaret Lansford and Kelsie Ferin

- Iowa State Daily forecasting
 - You will be forecasting for the Iowa State Daily newspaper, with your forecast put in the newspaper shown all over campus.
 - Need at least four teams.
 - Team members will forecast the high and low temperature as well as weather conditions for the day for three to four days in a row.

- Team leads will take the forecasts of the team members, average all of the forecasts, then be in charge of turning the forecasts into the Iowa State Daily.
 - If you sign up, PLEASE forecast!
 - Interested in being a team member or team lead?
 - Email [Kelsie!](#)
- **WxChallenge**
- A national forecasting contest between universities.
 - You will be forecasting the high and low temperature, wind speed, and amount of precipitation for a given city in the United States for two weeks.
 - The city changes every two weeks.
 - The first city this year is San Bernadino, CA
 - For the rest of this year's schedule, click [here](#).
 - Sign-ups begin Tuesday, Sept. 1st and the tournament starts Monday, Sept. 28th.
 - You will need to email [Jaret](#) a username and a password.
 - Username must be exactly 6 characters.
 - Password must be exactly 9 characters.
 - If you sign up for this, you MUST forecast! It's imperative.
 - Missed forecasts were a huge issue last year.
 - New this year will be a Commitment Contract.
 - In addition to the \$5 (full year) or \$3 (one semester), there will be a \$5 deposit.
 - You will sign a contract stating that if you miss more than 3 forecasts, during your term, your \$5 deposit will be donated to AMS.
 - However, if you miss 3 or less forecasts, your \$5 will be refunded to you at the end of your forecasting term.
 - You can find the commitment contract [here](#).
- **Mobile Home Project**
- Our project to get legislation passed in Iowa to require tornado shelters for mobile home and manufactured home parks, like the law passed in Minnesota.
 - Made huge progress last year and hope to continue to make more progress this year.
 - Great outreach and leadership opportunities!
 - First meeting is TBA
 - An email will be sent out with more information.
 - Have questions about this?
 - Email [Jaret](#) or [Kris](#)
- **Sean Stelten**
- Sports Forecasting
 - Available to juniors and seniors ONLY.
 - Some forecasting experience is required.
 - What you'll be doing (for the football season.)
 - Preparing 2 day forecasts to submit to the athletics department the Thursday before each home game.

- Hourly forecasts the day of the home game.
- What you'll be doing (soccer and softball season.)
 - Prepare a forecast for the athletics department and email it summarizing game day conditions.
- Only 3 positions available.
- Still in the planning stages.
 - Will know if it's a for sure thing by Friday, Aug. 28th.
- Interested?
 - Email [Sean](#).

Webmaster – Zach Perez

- The [website](#)
 - The [Event Calendar](#)
- AMS website's [scholarships 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.
- Idea for this year.
 - A sort of “AMA” (ask me anything) section for the forums with professionals and professors.
- 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

- First Meeting Group Photo!



- If you have any event photos, send them to [Caitlin](#), upload them at this [link](#), or upload them to our [Facebook](#) group.

Past President – Kenzie Krocak

- Welcome!
 - If you ever have any questions, concerns, or comments, you can always email [Kenzie](#).
- Tips for success in the first few weeks:
 - Get to know your professors!
 - Go to AMS events!
 - It's a great way to meet people.
 - Find tutors and/or SI sessions for the classes you may need RIGHT away.
 - Get some sleep and eat right!

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

- Show Introduction
 - Great if you aren't sure what you want to do in meteorology, if you know you want to do broadcast, or if you have no interest in broadcast whatsoever, but just want to give it a shot!
 - A lot of fun with great people.
 - Opportunity to learn how to use Fusion to create your weather graphics that appear on screen.
- First show
 - Still to be determined.
 - Still need to speak with Dave and the Journalism department.
 - Usually starts in week 3 or 4.
 - An email will be sent out when a date is set.

- If you're interested in giving Cy's Eyes a shot, send [Brandon](#) or [Jan](#) an email to let them know!
- Like the Cy's Eyes [Facebook page](#),
 - Follow the [Twitter page](#),
 - Watch videos on the [YouTube channel](#),
 - And watch LIVE via the [live stream](#).

Sophomore Chair – Jake Smith

- Freshman/Sophomore Cook-out and Fire
 - Sunday, Sept. 20th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm
 - [Brookside Park](#)
 - Want to go?
 - Email [Jake](#)!

Meeting end – 07:38pm

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 PM!

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