

August 30th, 2011

Start Time: 7:01 pm

Attendance: 70

EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- Intramural, Cy's Eyes, and club dues to be turned in ASAP to cabinet members or the ISU AMS mailbox in Agronomy 2101.
- Clubfest: Wednesday, September 7th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Details under Vice President material.
- Cy's Eyes Practice Show: Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 pm in the Communications Building. Details under Cy's Eyes material.
- Freshman/Sophomore Social: Saturday, September 17th. Details under Sophomore material.
- Bonfire: Friday, September 23rd at 6:00pm at McFarland Park. Details under Social material.

President

- Welcome!: President Rob Nelson welcomed the group to a new year of the ISU AMS chapter.
- Benefits of local and national AMS membership: Being part of a group that also loves meteorology, gaining connections which lead to future jobs, becoming aware of opportunities such as scholarships within the major, etc.
- Interest in tours?: We've had successful broadcast and NWS office tours in the past, but could do an Air Force base tour this year in Omaha.
- AMS member information and survey!: Allows us to find the most suitable time for club meetings and preferred days for social events. Also to form study groups for classes where there's a concentration of meteorology students.

Vice President

- Constitution changes: Poor grammar and inconsistent wording was fixed via an approved blanket vote. The minimum GPA required to run for a cabinet position was raised from 2.0 to 2.5. Only meteorology members will now be allowed to run for positions, except if approved by the majority of the quorum. In addition, since the "trickle down" election method took over 3 hours last year, only one "trickle down" after being denied a position will be allowed. Finally, the chapter will now pay the full \$10.00 dues for the president after changing the wording from "calendar" to "academic" year.
- Learning community update: The learning community is running smoothly thus far with great attendance from new year students.
- Apparel orders – Due September 30th: Options include polo, fleece, jackets, t-shirts, hoodies and long-sleeve shirts. You can view and obtain a clothing order online; submit to any cabinet member or drop off in 2101 AMS mailbox.
- Clubfest Sign-up – Wednesday, September 7th from 11:00am-4:00pm: We'd like to have 2 to 3 people per time slot if possible. Tornado machine and candy will be there – contact Sam at vp.isuams@iastate.edu.

Treasurer

- Current balance: Kristy doesn't have the green card from the previous treasurer but will get one by Thursday. The last statement showed over \$4000.00.
- Vote on dues (\$10/semester?): The club voted that \$10.00 was acceptable.
- Storm the Dorms: Safety is an issue this year especially due to the huge amount of students accepted into the dorms. This event will take place once people settle in a bit more.
- If you want to be a member of AMS, dues are \$10.00 and should be turned in to a cabinet member or in an envelope with your name turned in to the ISU AMS mailbox in Agronomy 2101.

Secretary

- To help make meetings more lively, music will be played beforehand. Enjoy!
- Calendars available now!: The 2012 calendars are \$12.00 if picked up, \$14.00 if shipped. A contest to see who can sell the most will end mid-December. Order forms and calendar photos can be found at www.meteor.iastate.edu/ams/.

Social Chair

- Intramural sign-ups!: These are fun, mostly free team sports put on by ISU. Once signed up and paid, Sam will send an email regarding times. Example sports coming up are Broomball, bowling, dodgeball, and more. If interested, contact Sam at social.isuams@iastate.edu. Remember: If you sign up, you need to show up!
- Bonfire - September 23rd, 24th?: We'll go out to McFarland Lake Park and roast marshmallows. Due to a vote, the event will be held on Friday, September 23rd at 6:00pm.
- Student-Faculty Dinner update: A Doodle Poll has been sent out for the professors and the results will decide which date (September 19th-22nd) the event will occur.

Outreach Chair

- Summer outreach update (Alabama relief, Hy-Vee Weather Radio): We had a busy summer with events including the Alabama tornado relief trip and Hy-Vee weather radio programming.
- The Road Less Traveled: This is a conference for middle and high school girls to visit ISU and learn about different science majors offered. Volunteers are needed to help out (and you don't have to be a girl) on Thursdays from 1 to 2 pm. Contact Brittany if interested at outreach.isuams@iastate.edu.
- Food Shelters? Boys and Girls club?: If we were to do these events, we'd all go together as a group on a Saturday.
- AMS 5k for a good cause? (Disaster relief?) Race for the Cure?: We have many runners in this club, so we could run a 5k on our own or combine clubs from around LAS to gain more people. Alternatively, we could participate in "Race for the Cure" in Des Moines. We'd need to form a group and raise money for this option, and those not interested in running can volunteer at the event.

Academic Chair

- Des Moines NWS volunteer opportunity, deadline September 2nd!: If interested, send materials to Melinda Beerends at Melinda.Beerends@noaa.gov. For more information, go to their website

(<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/?n=students>) or talk to Josh. Pete volunteered in Des Moines and described it as a type of job shadowing dealing with forecasting and severe weather episodes. Volunteering gives you a good idea of what a job with the NWS would be like. Still a great resume builder if you don't want to work there in the future.

- Updated alumni contact list!: Many people were hired as broadcasters this past year. Email anyone on this the list (found on the club's website) so they can describe what they did to get their job, etc.
- Review leaders are needed for Calculus one and two. Also if anyone took a very easy or fun elective course, please send Josh the class name at academic.isuams@iastate.edu.
- AMS Forums: This is a place where all meteorology majors and professors can discuss assignments, storm chasing, Cy's Eyes, etc. Note: when you sign up, use your first name space last name for your user name such as Ryan Lueck. It MUST be this way.

Forecasting

- WxChallenge sign-ups and information: You'll participate as a team with other ISU AMS students. Username has to be 6 characters and password 9. It does cost \$5 for a full year or \$3 for one semester. Last year, problems occurred when people failed to forecast since this hurts the entire ISU team. You'll forecast Monday through Thursday starting September 26th with Miami... this is a national contest. Questions? Contact Kristy at treasurer.isuams@iastate.edu.
- Forecast Discussions: Target cities in forecast contests will be discussed. Preliminary time is 5 pm in Agronomy one day each week. Details will be sent in a later email.
- Iowa Forecasting Contest: You'll forecast for areas within the state of Iowa. This contest runs year-round and is free.
- ISD forecast sign-ups: ISU AMS creates the forecasts seen on the back of the front page of the ISU Daily newspaper. Groups for each day of the week will give a three day forecast and a fun weather fact.

Webmaster

- New website design!: There's a link to the events calendar as well as a list of upcoming events on the far right column of the website.
- Sign up for the forums! <http://www.meteor.iastate.edu/ams/forums/>
- Interesting Website Tidbit – Facebook Page
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=140071149001>: Join us on Facebook! You'll be reminded of events here.
- Alabama Tornado Relief Trip gas reimbursement request?: A group provided tornado relief to help for 3 days after the worst tornado outbreak in US history occurred this past year. \$370 was spent on gas; a vote to reimburse this cost was passed.

Historian

- Alumni of the Month / Picture of the Month: Alumni and picture of month will take place at the next meeting. The winning picture will be featured in several locations.
- Send event photos to Emily at historian.isuams@iastate.edu or upload at <http://www.meteor.iastate.edu/ams/Photos> or on our Facebook Page.

Past President

- Hy-Vee bag program: Severe weather awareness facts will be posted on Hy-Vee bags. We're working to expand this to the whole Midwest.

Cy's Eyes

- Dues - \$10 per participant: Most of the cost is covered by AMS.
- First show? Sign-ups?: An opportunity for those interested in broadcast (or not). You'd meet two times a week – Monday and Wednesday starting at 6:30 pm -- for 20 minutes and the show is aired on channel 18 for Ames. You'll make graphics with the graphics machine. Half of the crew is on air, the other half is back stage. Wednesday September 7th is the practice show. If you're at all interested, you need to be there. All alumni who have gotten a job in broadcasting did Cy's Eyes. You'll also meet great people and experience a team atmosphere. Normally arrive at the Communications building at quarter to 6pm. Info will be sent out in email with the possibility of carpooling the first time there.
- YouTube page: <http://www.youtube.com/user/CysEyesISU?feature=mhum>

Sophomore Chair

- Bring a Freshman/transfer student to lunch day: Good way to have new students getting familiar with upperclassmen. If interested in hosting (sophomore through senior), contact Sean at sophomore.isuams@iastate.edu. Also, if you're new and interested, sign up!
- Freshman/Sophomore social: Last year we went up to a park, grilled and had a great. AMS will buy meat while attendees will bring chips, pop, etc.

End Time: 7:58 pm

Next Meeting: TBD from surveys!

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