

American Meteorological Society
North Florida Chapter
www.northflams.org
Meeting minutes – General meeting, September 12, 2011

Meeting called to order at: 7:31pm

Welcome this year's new officers:

- President, Jonathan Belles
- Vice President, Kevin Niewood
- Treasurer, Rochelle Worsnop
- Secretary, Alex Yoder
- Past-President, Liz Vickery
- Science Outreach Coordinator, Max Tsaparis
- Webmaster, Ernesto Serrano

Officer's were introduced, members were given time to introduce themselves to one another.

President, Jonathan Belles:

- Possible Partnerships
 - Signup sheet: What organizations are you in?
- Chapter RSO and NWA Status (RSO Status would allow for more funding/market Wednesday participation)
 - Steps left to complete
 - Approve constitution with NWA and FSU Statutes
 - Upgrade all officers to NWA officers
 - Thanks to Jeff Evans for help with NWA
- NWS Key West & RSMAS Visit
 - November 12, 2011 – University of Miami football game
 - Fundraising ideas:
 - Casino night
 - Fun Station
 - Guinness world record attempt
 - Ideas will be taken through email
- This Year's Goals
 - To provide one workshop per month (For example: GRE, Computer Software used in Meteorology, NCAR Leadership, Public Speaking)
 - To provide one service and/or one child outreach activity and one fellowship and/or fundraising activity per month
 - To develop a strong mentorship program
 - To attend one or more national conferences with at least five (5) members
 - To maintain open officer meetings
 - To organize finances more efficiently and to obtain tax exempt status for 2012
 - To expand publicity beyond the Love Building and to increase our relationship with local media
 - To become a recognized National Weather Association Chapter AND a Registered Student Organization, and to connect with five (5) NWA/AMS chapters and five (5) FSU RSO
 - To promote a graduate and freshman friendly chapter

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- To WIN local chapter of the year!
- Possible disaster relief events in the future
- CERT program
- Skywarn certification program in the future
- Upcoming national meetings
 - National Weather Association
 - Birmingham, Alabama
 - October 15-20, 2011
 - Theme: The End Game – From Research and Technology to Best Forecast and Response
 - American Meteorological Society
 - New Orleans, Louisiana
 - January 22-26, 2011
 - Deadline: Student Travel Grant Applications and Student Assistant Program Application -- October 14th
- National Membership
 - National Weather Association
 - Dues: \$18 for students, \$45 for members
 - Benefits: Free National Weather Digest, discounted meeting fees, networking
 - American Meteorological Society
 - Dues: \$20 for students, \$90 for members
 - Benefits: Free BAMS magazine, access to journals, access to AMS career center, discounts on conferences and books
- Everyone that pays the \$15 dues for the chapter will be members of both the local AMS & NWA.

Vice President, Kevin Niewood:

- Workshops
 - Once a month
 - GRE, Resumes, Grad School, Public Speaking, Computer Programs
 - Ideas?
- Guest speakers
 - Amy Godsey, State Meteorologist, FL DEM
 - Melissa Griffin, Assistant State Climatologist, COAPS
 - Ideas? Email kan07c@fsu.edu
 - NHC Meteorologists
 - Penn State chapter was able to get Bill Read, possibility in the hurricane off season
 - Dr. Rick Nabb, hoping for sometime in the Spring
- T-shirts still available for sale
 - \$15 each

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- New shirts will be made this year, including a polo. Hope to incorporate AMS & NWA logos into designs.

Treasurer, Rochelle Worsnop:

- Become a member!
 - Dues: \$15 for full school year
 - Cash or check payable to “North Florida AMS”
- Member of the year
 - Earn points for attending meetings & events
 - Name on plaque, free banquet ticket
- Social Committee
 - Game night, trivia night & bake sales
 - Complete committee information in an upcoming email and at the next meeting

Secretary, Alex Yoder:

- 10 “A Guy Walks into an Isobar” glasses
 - \$5 a piece
- Yankee Candle Sale
 - Later this Fall

Past President, Liz Vickery

- Displayed the North FLAMS website at www.northflams.org
- Photos from last year can be sent to Liz
 - Oklahoma tailgate Saturday, September 17, 2011 – 3pm. Location TBD

Science Outreach Coordinator, Max Tsaparis:

- Mentor/Mentee Program
 - Assist first and second year undergrads and transfer students to succeed in core courses
 - Keep retention rate up
- “Flying Circus of Physics” Open House
 - October 1st, 2011 – Presentation at Noon
 - Subject: Hurricane development, 2011 season?

Review of upcoming events:

- Oklahoma Football Game Tailgate
 - September 17th, 2011 – 3pm
- Bake Sale
 - September 29th, 2011
- “Flying Circus of Physics”
 - Saturday October 1st, 2011 – 10am to 4pm
- Glasses Still for Sale
- Yankee Candle Sale – This Fall

Jeff Evans, National Weather Service Tallahassee

National Weather Association: Oriented more towards broadcasting and operational meteorology.

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National Weather Service: Tallahassee Weather Forecast Office (WFO) is located in the Love building on campus. Recommend students interested in working at the NWS visit the office, and meet with meteorologists.

Seven WFO's service the state of Florida. Contact info available at the office.

North Florida Fair is November 4th through November 14th, 2011. Man a table, in association with the FL DEM. Need volunteers to help man the table.

Weather fest will be in Tallahassee this year. Office is looking to get NOAA's hurricane hunter aircraft in association with the event. May be at the end of April, but scheduling is still be worked out.

Dr. Eric Barron, President of the Florida State University

Scheduled speaker for the evening, but wasn't able to attend for personal reasons. Hope to reschedule to another meeting later this year.

President presented constitution with updates to include RSO status and NWA information.

A vote was taken of those present:

NWA update: 59

RSO update: 54

Meeting adjourned at: 8:47