

The High Plains NWA/AMS Chapter Minutes

3 October 2023

The NWA/AMS High Plains Chapter convened a virtual meeting via Google Meet on Tuesday, October 3rd, commencing at 11:00 AM. The attendance comprised a total of nine dedicated chapter members. Originally slated as an in-person gathering, unforeseen staffing shortages and impending severe weather prompted the prudent decision to transition to a virtual format. Consequently, no formal presentation was featured during this session, with the intent to reserve such presentations for potential in-person gatherings. William Taylor is anticipated to deliver his presentation should the next meeting take place face-to-face.

The central focus of the meeting revolved around meticulous planning for the upcoming High Plains Conference in North Platte. The scheduled dates for the event are February 29th to March 1st, with attendees arriving on the 28th, a full day of activities on the 29th, and a half-day program on the 1st, followed by participants' return journeys. The conference is slated to convene at the University of Nebraska Extension office, with an accommodation capacity of approximately 40 individuals. In the event of exceeding this capacity, an alternate, larger conference room is available. The banquet is scheduled to be hosted at the Best Western in North Platte, known for its well-appointed conference facilities. To facilitate event planning and logistics, a crucial deadline of mid-November has been established for determining the interest of prospective presenters. Offices intending to send representatives must formally request funds from the central region by this date. Those interested in presenting at the conference are encouraged to liaise with their SOO.

Additionally, deliberations took place regarding the potential reinstatement of the student competition component within the conference. In light of insufficient members present for voting, Jeremy Wesely has distributed a Google Form to solicit input from all chapter members. For registration, attendees can anticipate a fee of \$75, while university students seeking attendance will benefit from a reduced rate of \$35. The cost associated with the banquet will be communicated at a later date.

Furthermore, considerations arose regarding the scheduling of the next meeting. Originally scheduled for December 12th, logistical challenges may necessitate a shift to either the 3rd or 13th of December.

No other new business items were introduced, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 AM.

Jeremy Wesely
President

Wesley Hovorka
Secretary