



NOAA Employees Association (NEA) at the National Weather Center (NWC)

**NEA Meeting
Tuesday, 8 February 2011
NWC Room 1313**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 am by President Steve Kruckenberg.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Linda Skaggs gave a financial report. The balance in the treasury is \$8,945. Additionally, Linda presented a graph showing the last twelve months of expenditures by the NEA.

OLD BUSINESS:

David Imy gave an update on the Holiday Party. The party went very well; approximately 270 people attended. Santa, played by Forrest Mitchell was a big hit. There were too many desserts, will address this issue at this year's planning meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Severe Weather Workshop is 3 – 5 March 2011. Chris Grant reported that she needs volunteers to work at the NEA Booth. She will need to have 3 volunteers in the booth, especially during peak times. Hours of the booth will be 9 am – 3 pm on Thursday and Friday and 8 am – 12 pm on Saturday. Additionally, Chris reported that the collegiate shirts/sweatshirts were a big hit at the Weather Festival. The “rather be storm chasing” shirts have been a phenomenal hit and the NWS hat has been a good seller.

There was discussion on a spring picnic, either late spring or early summer. The discussion on the picnic will be delayed until the next meeting.

Elections of Officers. Term expires at the end of February. Need a Nominating Committee of 2-4 persons; Mark Benner and Dan Berkowitz have agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee. Jami Boettcher is interested in becoming Vice President, Linda Curtis is willing to run for Secretary, Steve Kruckenberg and Linda Skaggs have indicated that they would be willing to run again for their current offices. Mark and Dan will send out emails regarding the elections.

Office POCs need to collect dues for next year.

Kristen Kuhlman made a motion requesting from the NEA for a donation of \$175 for the Benefit Bash which benefits the Central Oklahoma Red Cross. David Imy seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the expenditure.

Linda Skaggs made a motion requesting from the NEA a donation to the Norman Red Cross in the amount of \$1000. Chris Grant seconded the motion. The request will be voted on at the next meeting.

There was discussion that was initiated by Dan Berkowitz on publicity for the NEA. We should get national exposure for the events/organizations that we sponsor. Mark Benner has asked Kelly to write an article on the NEA. Rich Murnan suggested that the NEA participate in more student activities and the NEA is already starting to do more student participation such as the Benefit Bash and the Weather Week sponsored by the OU Student Committee (where NEA provided money for food). Additionally, the NEA needs to be more visible at Student Award Ceremonies.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 after a motion was made by Daphne Thompson and seconded by Jeff Kimpel.

The next general meeting is TBD.