

Metro Atlanta AMS Meeting – 11/9/2006
GA Tech

Business:

- AMS/NWA
 - Chip sent the letter off as well as the e-mail – no response yet
 - Hopefully we'll have a joint chapter by the beginning of the year
 - Will need to vote on bylaws next meeting
 - Need quorum (50% of paid members) to vote
- Next meeting
 - No meeting in December
 - Next meeting – 2nd Thursday in January
 - Will meet at ATL control tower
 - Can take up to 10 people into the tower at a time
 - 60-80 planes land/take off every 30 minutes
 - Will be able to see delays
 - Have gotten initial thumbs-up for tour
- Award presentation:
 - Chip presented Dr. Curry with the 2005-2006 Best Presentation award, for the presentation she and Dr. Webster gave on their hurricane research.
- Treasurer's report: \$2,202.48

Presentation: Dr. Judith Curry, Chair, EAS (since 2002)

- GA Tech programs:
 - GA Tech one of top 10 public universities – one of top 5 engineering schools
 - Approximately 18000 students, almost 6000 graduate students
 - All new construction meets LEED criteria for green buildings
 - EAS research
 - Significant amount of research focused on third world countries and partnerships, air quality research
 - Dr. Curry designed a program that correlates with GA Tech's mission
 - Three main areas of focus:
 - Climate variability and global change
 - Environmental quality
 - Natural hazards
 - These three overlap and are related in the different fields of research and study in the EAS department
 - 71 undergrad majors
 - No plan to add synoptic professors – EAS plan is not to duplicate programs already in place at other institutions, but rather to prepare GA Tech students for emerging fields and careers
 - Half of undergrad students go to grad school (half of those go to EAS-type research)
- Latest on Dr. Curry's research on hurricanes and climate change

- Contact Dr. Curry for information on this topic