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Location: Georgia Tech

Our first meeting of the 2007-2008 Academic Year was held on Georgia Tech's campus in our usual room, L1175 on Thursday the 13th of September. Our recorded attendance for the meeting was 30 people.

The meeting was opened with a greeting and report from our President, Stephanie Klipfel. In the report Stephanie discussed having a logo contest to design a new logo for our chapter- by the end of the year we want a logo that includes the NWA and AMS in the logo. We are working on the details of the contest but start putting your thinking caps on now!

Members were asked if they would be willing to volunteer for career days, science fairs, etc. They were then asked to fill out a sheet indicating which part of town they are willing to travel to. There should soon be a link on the website for teachers, scout leaders, etc can ask for someone to speak to them, and we can arrange for someone to speak.

A Career day with UGA and with GT are also in the works.

Our first order of business was brought to us by our President-Elect Trisha Palmer. It concerned the possibility of the chapter hosting a regional conference:

The conference would be on "Inland Effects of Tropical Cyclones"

The target date as of now is ~May 2009, possibly near Memorial Day, chosen to kick-off Hurricane Awareness week

3-day conference (Wed-Fri or Thu-Sat)...1st Day=Tropical Cyclone Tornadoes/2nd Day=Inland Flooding/3rd Day=Public Day

Several pro's to doing conference including: 1) enhance knowledge of topic 2) bring notoriety to Chapter etc...

If we do this conference we will need to fill several committees tasked with individual responsibilities related to the committee, such as:

Location and Accommodations / Speakers / Budget / Market / Food & Beverage / Technical / ETC...

First, we must decide if this is something we want to pursue! Do we want to do this???

In order to help answer this question we need to form an exploratory committee. If we vote to form an exploratory committee it will be charged with gathering more data so the chapter can make an informed decision at our November meeting whether or not we will go forward with the meeting. Some things the exploratory committee will look at include:

Sponsorships...can we afford this?

Narrow the focus

Find Possible Venues

Discover some of the Red Tape...

Trisha then opened the floor up to questions...A possible venue mentioned was Dobbins Air Force Base, since we could get the Hurricane Hunters plane there...The question as to how many people could we expect was raised, possibly a couple hundred max??...should we keep it professionals only, so we don't get overwhelmed?

A vote was then taken to see if an exploratory committee should be formed, results: unanimous to form the committee...A form was then passed around where people could sign up for the committee.

Stephanie then presented the Student of the Year award for Georgia Tech to Steven DiNapoli. This award and scholarship was rewarded to Steven in The Spring, but was presented formally at this meeting due to absence.

Finally, our speaker, Mike Gibson of Gibson Ridge Radar Software, was introduced. Mr. Gibson gave a fantastic presentation on his amazing GRLevel2, GRLevel3, and especially GRLevel2Analyst software. Mr Gibson included in the presentation images from the Moore, OK F5 tornado from 3 May 1999, a storm from GA from Spring 2007 which produced 4+ inch hail, and also the EF5 tornado from Greensburg, KS during May of this year. For more information on Gibson Ridge Radar Software, go to www.grlevelx.com

After the presentation, the next meeting was announced, which will be Tuesday, October 9th at CNN in Atlanta, where we will tour the Weather Studio and Newsroom.

The meeting was adjourned after the announcement. The meeting lasted approximately 1.5 hours