

Professional Development Committee

1. Committee Roster

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Please also note that I have sent you a request to approve Christine (Chris) McGehee, a Hydrologist with the Southeast River Forecast Center, as a new member of the Professional Development Committee, effective January 2010. Please advise when approved!

2. Goals for 2009

- *Identify and promote professional development opportunities for NWA members, to include those most applicable to broadcasters, forecasters, and students; encourage opportunities for mentoring*

IN PROGRESS: We have made great progress and several initiatives are underway to promote professional development initiatives and opportunities:

- (1) Leveraged the committee’s wide expertise, passion, and our suggestions and ideas on innovative ideas to promote professional development opportunities for NWA members.
 - (2) Participated in opportunities to mentor both students and professionals
 - (3) Sent an e-mail to all NWA committee chairs requesting their feedback on professional development needs, opportunities and suggestions.
 - (4) Developed a press release for the NWA on professional development opportunities occurring at the annual meeting
- *Update and enhance the professional development committee web pages; organize them for maximum usefulness and exposure; consider adding a sentence description to help members better identify the most useful links*

IN PROGRESS: Thanks to the hard work of several members of our committee, we launched our new Professional Development Committee web site (see

<http://www.nwas.org/committees/professionaldevelopment/index.php>). This included a rewrite of the committee's vision and mission. This accomplishment was highlighted in a "Feature" piece on the main NWA home page.

IN PROGRESS: Nearly every committee member has contributed to the creation, update, and/or validation of Training Links section of our web site. We are anticipating a collaborative effort with other NWA committees and the membership. This would be an opportunity to expand the NWA reach and membership.

- *Publish regular articles on professional development in the NWA newsletter, and submit for posting particularly noteworthy highlights on the NWA web site*

IN PROGRESS: We have submitted an article on a unique aspect of professional development for publication in the NWA newsletter every month. Nearly every committee member has contributed to the creation, review and co-authorship of monthly articles submitted for publication in the NWA newsletter. Articles are already being developed for publication later in the year. Our committee seeks collaboration and expertise from other NWA committees and the Council in this endeavor. We also provided the NWA an attractive posting on professional development for the main page.

- *Host short operational training workshops at the 2009 NWA Annual Meeting on high impact topics (e.g., communication, new and evolving technologies), collaborating with other committees, experts and stakeholders (e.g., broadcasters, remote sensing, NWP), wherever appropriate*

IN PROGRESS: We have prepared for and are nearly ready to execute four specific and unique opportunities for professional development for inclusion as part of the 2009 NWA Annual Meeting, and have been coordinating our efforts with the NWA President, Program Chair of the 2009 Annual Meeting Committee, and the Broadcast Workshop Chair.

- *Support the NWA awards process by submitting at least one NWA annual award nomination package that recognizes professional development excellence*

COMPLETE: We submitted two annual award nomination packages to the NWA.

3. Educational Outreach and Partnership

As part of our vision to enhance the professional development of our members, we thought it appropriate for the NWA to help promote top-notch weather education to those who will be the future leaders of our profession. Therefore, in December 2008 we requested that the NWA consider joining other professional organizations as a corporate

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sponsor of the John C. Freeman Weather Museum, the Nation's first-ever museum focused on weather and educating teachers, students and the public. We also proposed that the NWA Education Committee consider joining the Weather Museum in a partnership to increase the education of teachers and students in topics related to operational meteorology. Both of these initiatives would support NWA's mission of "...supporting and promoting excellence in operational meteorology..." Educators and students, some of whom will consider a meteorology career or influence those who do, will contribute to a growing awareness and understanding of important weather-related topics such as climate change, energy use and alternatives, hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes and other severe storms, and greenhouse gas emissions.

The NWA leadership decided, due to the uncertain economic outlook, to postpone consideration of NWA sponsorship of the museum until 2010. In addition, with the museum director (Jill Hasling) currently serving as a Councilor, NWA consideration of a museum application for a teacher grant might be perceived as a conflict of interest. However, the Council did encourage the education committee and the museum to collaborate on the Teacher Workshop to be held in conjunction with the 2009 annual meeting. Our committee helped facilitate museum involvement in the teacher workshop.

4. Anticipated Goals for 2010

- *Identify and promote professional development opportunities for NWA members, to include those most applicable to broadcasters, forecasters, and students; encourage opportunities for mentoring*
- *Update and enhance the professional development committee web pages; organize them for maximum usefulness and exposure*
- *Publish regular articles on professional development in the NWA newsletter, and submit for posting particularly noteworthy highlights on the NWA web site*
- *Host short operational professional development sessions/workshops at the 2010 NWA Annual Meeting on high impact topics*
- *Support the NWA awards process by submitting at least one NWA annual award nomination package that recognizes professional development excellence*

5. Action Items(s) Assigned by the Council

ACTION ITEM 08-17: Each committee needs to come up with at least one nomination. Background: It was thought that this might ensure we get more nominations for NWA Awards.

STATUS: Our committee developed a list of four worthy nominees for recognition, and submitted two award packages before the July 1 award deadline. We are considering a recommendation to create a new award recognizing an individual or organization for excellence in professional development.

6. Issues for the Council:

- Consider our proposal for a new NWA award recognizing exemplary professional development performance/leadership
- Discuss clarification or revisions to the award criteria for group awards, which seem to potentially unduly limit award recipient and discourage recognition of appropriate people