

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dave Knapp

At the start of a new year, the NWA sits in what I view as quite an enviable position. As an organization, we are poised to expand our influence and contributions to the operational meteorology community. This is due to the excellent leadership and activities of past Presidents, and members of past Councils and Committees. **I want to express my appreciation to all these past leaders and other very active members for bringing the organization to where we are today.** I am honored and humbled to serve as your NWA President for 2006 as we continue to move forward and build on the many accomplishments and advancements the NWA has made in the past thirty years. I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve in this outstanding organization. It is with great pleasure, and enthusiasm, that I anticipate serving each of you individually, and the NWA as an organization this year. As the year progresses, if you feel the leadership needs to be made aware of topics or issues which should be addressed, please don't hesitate to let me know your thoughts and perspectives as you feel inspired. E-mail is usually the best way to contact me, and the address is: **President@nwas.org**.

As I polled the NWA Council members regarding their thoughts on a theme for 2006, the term "partnerships" seemed to be reflected in each response I received. If you look over the diversity of our membership, and the various roles and responsibilities each of us has, we all must rely on others to help get the job done and deliver our products to the users. The breadth of our membership crosses virtually all segments of the weather world, and we provide a wide variety of products and services to an even broader user audience. "Partnerships" must play a vital role in the way all of us do business. Our partnerships with our co-workers and collaborators help us get the job done in whatever endeavor we take on. Partnerships with our customers, those who depend on what we produce (and usually those who help us stay gainfully employed), are among the most important professional relationships we have. Thus, **our focus in 2006 will be the theme: "Working Together to Support Our Customers."** Throughout the year, you will find Newsletter items and articles in our other publications focusing on the many ways our members work together and with customers to provide the best

possible support. Just take a look at the hot topics of the day and you can imagine how we play vital roles in informing, educating, advising, warning and guiding the general population and more specifically, those in the public, private, military and academic sectors of society.

This organization cannot run smoothly without the outstanding contributions of all the volunteers who serve as elected officers and councilors and appointed committee members. On behalf of all members, I thank our outgoing Council members: President Steve Weiss, Vice President Gail Hartfield, Secretary Ruth Aiken, and Councilors: John Lasley, Liz Page, Cecilia Sinclair, and Nick Walker for their excellent support and dedication to the NWA. **I also welcome the following new officers and councilors elected by the membership for 2006:** President-Elect Alan Gerard, Vice President Mike Vescio, Secretary Liz Page, and new Councilors: Ruth Aiken, Ralph Ferraro, Bryan Karrick, Pat Market and Sandy Thomson. If you look at the makeup of the entire NWA Council in 2006 as listed in this issue of the Newsletter (page 5), once again you'll see a wide variety of backgrounds and professional affiliations. I applaud the membership for electing such a diverse group, and I am looking forward to membership and Council support as we move through the issues which we will address in 2006.

In addition to the annual changes in Council members, we also have some changes to announce among our Committee chairs. Having spent many years serving on various committees and working with all the committee chairs, I have come to realize **the committees are where NWA members can, and do, make their voices heard and contribute the most to advancing the NWA's influence and strength in the world of operational meteorology.** On behalf of the NWA Council, I want to thank all the outgoing committee chairs for your vital and noteworthy leadership support, and also thank the incoming chairs for your willingness to accept added responsibilities and build on the work of your predecessors. The outgoing chairs are Tim Oram (Aviation Meteorology), Jim Moore and Chuck Graves (Annual Meeting Program), Mary Cairns (Awards), Rich Apuzzo (Broadcast Meteorology) and Gary Ellrod (Remote Sensing). New committee chairs are Capt. Brad Schrumph (Aviation Meteorology), Theresa Rossi (Annual Meeting Program), Dan McCarthy (Awards), Mike Goldberg (Broadcast Meteorology), Tim Oram (Information

Technology) and Ken Carey (Remote Sensing). A list of all NWA committee chairpersons is located on page 4.

As I wrap up my first President's Message, I look forward to an exciting year. You'll be seeing more detail in the coming months on the new 2006 NWA Annual Plan, a product of our renewed focus on the NWA Strategic Plan which will help guide our path in the coming years. I have also been asked to provide a brief summary of important and applicable items the Council is addressing each month. This is an excellent idea and you'll see this information as part of my messages in coming Newsletter issues. During the year, you'll also see timely improvements to the *National Weather Digest*, monthly Newsletter, and of course, the online Electronic Journal of Operational Meteorology (www.nwas.org/ej/index.html).

I ask each of you to consider ways you can contribute to the NWA in 2006. You have many opportunities to influence the organization and help us move forward. We want to become a more vocal and influential organization in the scientific community. To do this, we need to let others know we are here and are ready to take on the roles and associated tasks to make this happen. Please consider co-workers, scientific and professional "partners," students, and those in the community around you as potential NWA members. Introduce them to our Web page (www.nwas.org) and tell them about the benefits of NWA membership. Consider taking a little time to find a committee which may interest you and encourage fellow NWA members to do likewise. Contact the committee chairs and see if you'd like to become a committee member. Submit articles for publication to the Digest, Electronic Journal, and/or Newsletter. If nothing else, please don't hesitate to contact me or a member of the Council with ideas, suggestions and thoughts which will help us focus our efforts during the year. I look forward to hearing from you and to seeing membership activity in the NWA grow as never before.

– Sincerely, Dave Knapp

ANNOUNCING: The Arthur C. Pike Scholarship in Meteorology

Thanks to a generous donation from the estate of the late Dr. Arthur C. Pike, the National Weather Association Council members established a college scholarship fund in the year 2000. This is the sixth year it is being offered.

Offering: One scholarship per year of \$1000.

Administration: The NWA Education Committee will administer the scholarship selection. Applications will close 15 April 2006 and the scholarship designee will be notified by mid-May.

Eligibility: Undergraduate and/or Graduate students. Undergraduates must be classified at least as a junior for the semester beginning in September 2006. This will allow second semester sophomores to apply for the scholarship. If the student is classified as a senior they must either have one more fall (Sep-Dec) semester to complete after the scholarship is awarded or document that they have been accepted into graduate school.

Award Criteria: The scholarship will be based on:

- official college transcripts (academic achievement),
- two letters of recommendation (at least one from a current or former meteorology professor), and
- a letter (not longer than one page) from the applicant describing their involvement/interest in meteorology.

Logistics: Scholarship money will be transferred following the financial guidelines of the college or university involved.

Applications for the NWA Arthur C. Pike Scholarship in Meteorology to be awarded in 2006 must be submitted to the NWA office by 15 April 2006. The office address is on the application form. The application form is available to copy from Web site: www.nwas.org/scholarship_app.html or it can be obtained from the NWA office by calling (434) 296-9966.

ANNOUNCING: The David Sankey Minority Scholarship in Meteorology

To increase diversity and the numbers of students from underrepresented ethnic groups pursuing studies in meteorology, the National Weather Association Council established a college scholarship fund in 2002 that began in 2003. This is the fourth year this scholarship is being offered. Funds are generated from golf outings and a raffle at the NWA Annual Meetings. Prizes in support of those activities are donated by many of the NWA Corporate members.

Offering: One scholarship per year in the amount of \$1000.

Administration: The NWA Education Committee will administer the scholarship selection. Applications will close 15 April 2006 and the scholarship designee will be notified by mid-May.

Eligibility: Any minority undergraduate or graduate student going into their sophomore year or higher grade and majoring in meteorology may apply. If the undergraduate student is classified as a senior they must either have one more fall (Sep-Dec) semester to complete after the scholarship is awarded, or they must document that they have been accepted to graduate school. Ethnic minorities are defined on the application form.

Award Criteria:

The scholarship will be awarded based on:

- official college transcripts (academic achievement),
- two letters of recommendation (at least one from a current or former meteorology professor), and
- a letter (not longer than one page) from the applicant describing their involvement/interest in meteorology.

Logistics: Scholarship money will be transferred following the financial guidelines of the college or university involved. If there aren't any financial guidelines from the school, NWA will make the \$1,000 check payable to both the student and the education institution at the beginning of the September - December school term.

Applications for the NWA David Sankey Minority Scholarship in Meteorology to be awarded in 2006 must be submitted to the NWA office by 15 April 2006. The office address is on the application form. The application form is available to copy from the NWA Web site at: www.nwas.org/dsscholarshipform.html or it can be obtained from the NWA office by calling (434) 296-9966.

See NWA Web page www.nwas.org/award.html
for all NWA award, grant and scholarship opportunities.

NWA 31st ANNUAL MEETING

Call for Abstracts

The National Weather Association's 31st Annual Meeting will be held at the InterContinental Hotel, 9801 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, from 14-19 October 2006.

The Annual Meeting will include:

14 October, Saturday: Training may be offered by corporate members, exhibits will set up, and the fifth annual golf outing in support of scholarships will occur.

15 October, Sunday: WEATHER BROADCASTER WORKSHOPS -- will include special presentations, exhibits and hands-on workshops appropriate to continuing education for weathercasters, but **open to all interested**. The annual TAPE SWAP will be on Sunday evening.

16 - 19 October, Monday - Thursday: ANNUAL MEETING GENERAL SESSIONS will include a mix of formal presentations, poster sessions, training workshops, and exhibits on a wide variety of topics relating to OPERATIONAL meteorology, hydrology, weather broadcasting, new research applications, and related activities.

In keeping with the President's theme for this year, "Working Together to Support Our Customers," related presentations will be most welcome. Abstracts will also be most welcome for special sessions on:

- Remote Sensing Applications and Technologies,
- Better use of Uncertainty and Probabilistic Forecasting for winter weather, heavy rain, aviation, severe weather, tropical weather, long range forecasting and climate change related products,
- The Hurricane Seasons of 2005 and 2006, and
- Great Lakes Meteorology.

Student presentations will be reviewed by the NWA Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee members and monetary awards will be presented to the best in undergraduate and graduate student categories.

The Annual Meeting Program Committee Chairperson is: **Theresa Rossi**, NWA past-president (1994) and NOAA/NWS Forecast Office MIC, 192 Shafer Road, Moon Township, PA 15108; Theresa.Rossi@noaa.gov. The Broadcaster Workshop Program Chair is **Bryan C. Karrick**, NWA Councilor and KCCI-TV meteorologist, 888 Ninth Street, Des Moines, IA 50309-1288; bkarrick@hearst.com.. Contact them with your suggestions and to volunteer to help with the program.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: The deadline for submission of abstracts is **1 June 2006**. Abstracts should be sent via the online form on the NWA Web site at: www.nwas.org/2006abstracts.html. Simply fill out the form in its entirety (you may cut-and-paste your abstract from your word processing program into the form), and click on the Submit Query button at the bottom of the form. Abstracts will be published in the Meeting Agenda as submitted, so please make sure that they have been carefully reviewed and edited before they are submitted.

If you are unable to submit your abstract via the online form, please contact the NWA office at Tel/Fax: (434) 296-9966 or NatWeaAsoc@aol.com.

Presenters will be notified regarding the disposition of their abstracts by 15 August 2006. Prior to the meeting an FTP site will be established for authors to upload their presentations so that they can be run on NWA computers. This will facilitate a smooth transition from one speaker to the next during the Annual Meeting sessions.

ANNUAL MEETING HOTEL INFORMATION: The InterContinental Hotel is at 9801 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. It is a full-service hotel and information can be viewed at Web site: www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/ic/1/en/hd/clehajust. NWA discount room rates are \$99 plus tax for a single, double, triple or quad room. The discount rate will be honored three days before Group arrival through three days after Group departure.

To reserve a room, please call the InterContinental Hotel at 216-707-4000 or 1-877-707-8999 and request the group rate for the National Weather Association Annual Meeting.

Please reserve your hotel room NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM EST 13 September 2006 to be able to obtain the NWA discount rate.

ADDITIONAL PLANS: Thanks to Betsy Kling, the Fifth Annual Golf Outing is being scheduled for Saturday, 14 October to benefit the NWA Scholarship Fund.

The NWA Annual Awards Luncheon will be at the InterContinental Hotel on Wednesday, 18 October 2006.

The preliminary agenda is expected to be published in early August in the Newsletter and on the NWA Web site (www.nwas.org). Registration information and forms will be available on the Web site and Newsletter by June.

Broadcasters that may be interested in sending live or taped shows from Cleveland to their home station, please e-mail Betsy Kling at: betsykling@wkyc.com.

For more information on exhibits, special accommodations, registration and the overall meeting program, please contact the NWA office at Tel/FAX: (434) 296-9966 or e-mail: NatWeaAsoc@aol.com.

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WEATHER TIDBITS

NOAA reported that very dry conditions in the mountains of southern Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona left many locations with at-or-near record low snowpack at the start of 2006. More than 90 percent of reporting stations in Arizona, the most in at least 40 years, were snow-free on 1 January. The western U.S. is heavily dependent on seasonal snowpack to fill reservoirs during the spring and summer melt season. The heavy snowfall in this region during the 2004-05 season left many reservoirs at relatively high levels, which will help diminish impacts if this season's snowfall remains below average.

A powerful storm system, and associated cold front, moved across the eastern U.S. on 18 January 2006 resulting in high winds. The NWS reported that a wind gust of 85 mph was clocked at the Blue Hill Observatory in Milton, MA. This broke the old record for the date which was 65 mph set in 1952. Many observing stations from Maine to Virginia recorded wind gusts over 50 mph. Prior to the cold front passage, Bridgeport, CT broke their record high for the day with 60F. The old record was 55F. Concord, NH, tied the record high for the date with 57F. To see a surface map for 18 January, go to Web page: www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/dailywxmap/index_20060118.html.

On Sunday 22 January, 0.66 inches of rain fell at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW). The NWS reported that in the thirty-one days prior to this rain event, no measurable rainfall fell at the station. Only 16.29 inches of rain fell at DFW from 20 January 2005 to 19 January 2006 which was 18.44 inches below normal. During the same time period, 12.98 inches of rain fell at Denton, TX, which is 24.81 inches below normal. This area is experiencing drought conditions and the late January 2006 Drought Monitor U.S. map showed exceptional drought conditions from north central Texas, through southeast Oklahoma, to far west Arkansas. The latest drought conditions can be viewed at The Drought Monitor Web page: drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html.

Another area that has experienced warm and dry conditions is Wisconsin. The NWS in Green Bay reported that through 22 January, the average temperature for the month had been 30.2F which was 2.6F higher than the warmest January (1933) on record. They also noted that there has been a deficit of snow in January. Only 0.7" of snow fell in Green Bay from 1-22 January which is 9.6 inches below normal. The average for the entire month is 13.9 inches. Eau Claire, WI, recorded 0.8 inches of snow during the same time period which was 9.6 inches below normal and Milwaukee received 5.8 inches which is 5.2 inches below normal. Since 1 July 2005, Green Bay had received 17.5 inches of snow, Eau Claire 13.4 inches and Milwaukee 22.9 inches, which are 11 inches, 14 inches and 3.9 inches below normal respectively. Current snowpack maps for the U.S. can be found at Web page: www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/nsa/.
- Editor

CHANGES AHEAD FOR THE EJOM

After a six-year stint as editor (and co-founder) of **The Electronic Journal of Operational Meteorology (EJOM)**, Jeffrey Craven will be stepping down after 2006. Jon Zeitler [Science and Operations Officer (SOO), NWS Austin/San Antonio, TX] will serve as assistant editor for 2006 and move up to editor in 2007. Matthew Bunkers (SOO, NWS Rapid City, SD) will serve as assistant editor in 2007 and editor in 2008. This two-year progression for successive editors will continue for the foreseeable future, ensuring continuity with the EJOM, while allowing for the adoption of fresh ideas and input. In concert with the editorial changes, enhancements to the EJOM Web pages will be completed in 2006 that will improve the layout and accessibility of the articles.

A measure of success with the EJOM was a record number of articles received in 2005, more than double the number in any previous year. However, there is ample room for many more operationally related articles. **Members are strongly encouraged to submit articles to the EJOM**, especially those that can benefit from the EJOM strengths of: being electronic, highlighting color images and animation, having a short review and publishing cycle and being operationally relevant. The EJOM is a great place for articles that are limited in scope (e.g., an individual supercell event), preliminary (e.g., the radar analysis portion of a larger mixed precipitation study) or demonstrate how to use new tools or concepts for operational forecasting (e.g., a case study using profiler data to adjust a forecast).

The NWA's Electronic Journal of Operational Meteorology is located on the NWA Web site at page: www.nwas.org/ej/index.html.

- Jon Zeitler, EJOM Assistant Editor

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY

World Meteorological Day will be celebrated on 23 March 2006. The theme this year is "Preventing and Mitigating Natural Disasters." The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), along with its 187 members, celebrates World Meteorological Day each year on 23 March. This commemorates that day in 1950 when the WMO was created.

According to a message from WMO Secretary General Mr. Michel Jarraud, the theme was chosen because 90 percent of all natural hazards are related to weather, climate and water, and also in recognition of the vital role played by WMO, its members and all National Meteorological and Hydrological Services that contribute to the preparedness and mitigation of natural disasters.

More information on World Meteorological Day, and brochures related to the event, can be found at Web site: www.wmo.ch/index-en.html.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

• **The National Severe Weather Workshop 2006 will be held 2-4 March 2006 in Norman, Oklahoma.** The Central Oklahoma Chapter of the NWA and AMS sponsors it. More information about this workshop can be found on page 8, or at www.norman.noaa.gov/nsww2006/.

• **The Fifth Annual Southeast Severe Storms Symposium will be held 3-5 March 2006 in Mississippi State, Mississippi.** The Symposium is designed to share forecasting and technical expertise primarily related to weather phenomena in the Southeast U.S. It is sponsored by the East Mississippi Chapter of the NWA and AMS. For more complete information, see Web site: www.msstate.edu/org/nwa/symposium.htm.

• **The Pacific Northwest Weather Workshop will be held 3-4 March 2006, at the NOAA Western Regional Center campus at Sand Point in Seattle, Washington.** This annual conference, sponsored by NOAA's National Weather Service, the University of Washington, and the Puget Sound Chapter of the AMS, covers recent developments in weather forecasting and observational technologies, major weather events of the past year and topics dealing with Western U.S. meteorology. The 2006 theme is *Climate, Climate Change, and Weather of the Pacific Northwest*. Pre-registration is requested for all attendees. For the latest information, and to register online, visit Web site: www.atmos.washington.edu/maciver/pnw.2006/. For more information contact: Brad Colman/Chris Hill, NWS Forecast Office, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 (206.526.6095 x 224/222, brad.colman@noaa.gov or chris.hill@noaa.gov), or Clifford Mass, Dept of Atmospheric Sciences, Box 351640, University of Washington, Seattle WA 98195 (206.685.0190, cliff@atmos.washington.edu).

• **The 31st Annual Northeastern Storm Conference will be held from 10-12 March 2006 in Saratoga Springs, New York.** The Lyndon State College AMS & NWA Chapter sponsors it. **Please register by 11 February 2006.** More information may be found at the following Web site: apollo.lsc.vsc.edu/ams/NESC.html.

• **The Third Texas Severe Storms Association (TESSA) Texas Storm Conference will be held 11 March 2006 at the Colleyville Center in Colleyville, Texas.** It is sponsored by TESSA and the National Weather Service. Speakers and their topics are: Gary Woodall, Second Annual Super Storm Spotter Training Session; Tim Marshall, Hurricane Katrina; Scott Rae, a Dallas/Fort Worth Tornado Scenario using GIS data and Dr. Charles A. Doswell III on Storm Chasing Ethics. Events include a tribute to veteran storm chaser David Hoadley who will give a presentation on his 50 years of storm chasing. A special dinner honoring Mr. Hoadley will take place at the conference. This conference is free and open to the public. Registration is not required, but there is only seating for 500 so arrive early. For more information see Web site: www.tessa.org/meeting.html.

• **The 2006 NOAA Climate Prediction Applications Science Workshop will be held 21-24 March 2006 in Tucson, Arizona.** The NWS Climate Services Division, the University of Arizona Climate Assessment for the Southwest and the Arizona Cooperative Extension are hosts for this workshop. Details about the Workshop can be found at: Web site: cals.arizona.edu/climate/CPASW2006/index.htm.

• **The Tenth Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference will be held 23-25 March 2006 at the West Des Moines Marriott in West Des Moines, Iowa.** It is sponsored by the Central Iowa Chapter of the NWA. Registration is now being accepted for this Conference. Invited speakers and their topics are: Tim Samaras, video show; Jeff Trapp, bow echoes; Paul Trotter, hurricane Katrina; Matt Bunkers, supercell behavior; Ted Funk, flash flood forecasting and elevated convection and Walt Lyons, lightning. There will also be talks on the deadly Midwest tornado outbreak of November 2005. More information can be found at Web page: www.iowa-nwa.com/#conferencelinks.

• **The Tenth Annual Ohio Severe Weather Symposium will be held 7 April 2006 at the Fawcett Center at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.** It is sponsored by The Ohio State University Meteorology Club. For more information, go to geog-www.sbs.ohio-state.edu/metclub/.

• **28th Annual National Hurricane Conference will be held 10-14 April 2006 in Orlando, Florida.** Details on this conference are at Web site: www.hurricanemeeting.com/.

• **The Fourth GOES-R Users Conference is planned for 1-3 May 2006 at the Omni Interlochen Hotel in Bloomfield, Colorado.** For more information, go to www.osd.noaa.gov/announcement/index.htm.

• **The Air Weather Association Reunion 2006 will be held 10-14 May 2006 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska.** See the Air Weather Association Web site www.airweaassn.org for more information.

• **The Tenth Annual Great Divide Weather Workshop will be held 3-5 October 2006 at the Sheraton Hotel in Billings, Montana.** NOAA's National Weather Service Offices in Billings and Glasgow are sponsoring this workshop that focuses on the exchange of weather and hydrologic forecasting information unique to the Northern Rockies and High Plains. A call for papers as well as registration information will be made available during spring 2006. More information can be obtained on the Internet at www.weather.gov/Billings, or by contacting NOAA's National Weather Service Forecast Office in Billings, Montana, at (406) 652-0851.

• **The Tenth Annual High Plains Conference will be held 4-6 October 2005 in Dodge City, Kansas.** The High Plains Chapter NWA-AMS sponsors this conference, a perennial favorite for the High Plains region and beyond. Watch the chapter Web page www.highplains-amsnwa.org for upcoming details and a call for papers.

• **The NWA's 31st Annual Meeting will be held at the InterContinental Hotel, 9801 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 14-19 October 2006.** Go to page 3 of this Newsletter, or the NWA Web site: www.nwas.org for details.

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Several job announcements are posted on the NWA Web site weekly.

View them at:

www.nwas.org/jobs.html

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SEVERE WEATHER WORKSHOP

The Central Oklahoma Chapter of the NWA/AMS is co-sponsoring the annual National Severe Weather Workshop at the Reed Center in Midwest City, Oklahoma, 2-4 March.

The workshop is designed to enhance partnerships between severe weather forecasters and researchers, emergency managers, broadcast meteorologists, businesses, storm spotters and other weather enthusiasts. The event is sponsored by NOAA's National Weather Service including NWS Southern and Central Regions, NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction (Storm Prediction Center), NWS Norman Forecast Office, and the Warning Decision Training Branch, along with NOAA's National Severe Storms Laboratory, Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association and the Central Oklahoma Chapters of the AMS and NWA.

Of particular interest this year will be a multi-faceted immersion simulation with participants assuming roles of the SPC, WFO, Broadcast Meteorologist, or Emergency Manager. The simulation will support opportunities for displaced real-time decision making between each of the groups in a warning environment. To help foster improved teamwork and increase empathy for others' jobs, participants will be asked to play a role that is different from their regular job. The scenario will also showcase a number of best practices related to warning decision making and response. Ideas for improving effective communication with severe weather warning partners will be a main outcome of the workshop, which will ultimately lead to better service for the public. **The workshop will also count towards credit in both AMS and NWA broadcast recertification processes.**

The theme for this year's workshop is "Learning and Growing Together: Expanding Severe Weather Horizons". Dr. Eve Grunfest, nationally recognized expert on the natural hazard and warning process will be the guest speaker at the banquet Thursday evening.

To register or to get more information, please go to Web site: www.norman.noaa.gov/nsww2006/. - Liz Quetone

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