

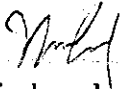
1. Meeting began at 11:30 am; adjourned 1:30 pm.
2. Members present: Boyson, Chambers, Cherington, D Clark, S Clark, Collier, Langford, Larson, Lopez, Vellman, Wright.
3. Raul Lopez discussed recent media reports regarding lightning victims being struck at the beginning and end of a storm rather than the middle of the storm. This information is discussed in preprint on Cloud-to-Ground Lightning Related Deaths, Injuries, and Property Damage in Central Florida by Lopez, Holle, Ortiz et. al.
4. Cherington mentioned his meeting earlier this week with Mr. Joe Zalkin who is the hospital fund raiser and can help with the preparation of grants. Zalkin met with Deb Clark and Ken Langford last week. Zalkin will meet with the committee next month.
5. Most of the meeting was devoted to data analysis done by Lopez since our last meeting. He provided copies of the data to all present for discussion. It is almost ready for publication. Boyson will provide a short segment on CHA; Cherington will provide a short segment on the Lightning Data Center for the abstract. Members felt that at least two papers could be submitted because of the wide appeal and importance of the information. Lopez will prepare the manuscript for Monthly Weather Rev. Cherington will write to medical editors to see if they would be receptive to a paper, even if the data were also presented in the Weather literature.
6. Peter Vellman reported that he will receive outpatient data from three major private metro area hospitals (St. Anthony, Lutheran, Swedish). Unfortunately, because of the filing system, it may be impossible to retrieve data from Denver General or University Hospital. Peter will report back at the next meeting.
7. Michael Boyson suggested we plan to establish a "registry" for patients or anyone who has had experience with lightning strikes. The other members agreed this would be a useful project at some future date when we are equipped to receive such information. At that time we should be able to announce to the community how and where they could contact the registry.
8. Ron Larson suggested that he and Rich Collier could visit the sites of future lightning strikes and examine the physical evidence on the ground. Should any of the members learn of future events, they might contact Ron and Rich so that they can begin to collect this information which could be innovative and informative.
9. Plans for the next meeting (Friday, Sept. 11, 1992):
 - a. Joe Zalkin will discuss "grants, funds, etc". Charles Wright mentioned that IEEE may be a source of grants.
 - b. Rich Collier will bring video of "triggered lightning".

c. Charles Wright will bring copies of the movie, "Tesla".

10. The meeting ended after much was accomplished and everyone seemed to enjoy it. There was only one negative item: Ron Holle and Raul Lopez will have moved to Oklahoma by the end of the month. The "up" side: both will remain active within our group. We all wish them the best in their new home, AND we hope to still see them frequently.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, everyone.

Respectfully submitted,



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