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President's Notes

By: Marvin DeJear, SR/WA

It is difficult to believe that this is my last message. Already, there is talk of shopping for the Holidays and that the spending forecast is somewhat dubious for the year ahead. Thanks to everyone who showed up at the October meeting to hear Mr. Bill Nelson make his presentation. We look forward to Randy Fordice's presentation on CapX 2020 at the November 14, 2007 meeting.

We plan to conduct the voting for the Chapter 20 Board of Directors at the November meeting and look forward to seeing everyone. The board will be nominated. You will find information about each of the candidates in this issue of the Communiqué. And it goes without saying I suppose, that the National Election will be the week before our election.

I know that I have not seen some of you at the last two meetings since I have missed them both, and I apologize for that. Work commitments or last minute issues have precluded my attending the meetings, but certainly hope to see everyone at the November meeting. It seems that I am not the only one that has had these issues since I have talked to others that have seen things pick up considerably in their work.

Thanks to everyone for your support over the last five years, as I have completed my move up the chain to become President of the Chapter. I will look forward to your continued support of the chapter.

If you are going for your SR/WA designation, the SR/WA Exam Course is scheduled for January, 2008. I encourage everyone who is pursuing their certification to consider taking this course. After you complete this course, you have five years to complete your designation.

Marvin DeJear, SR/WA

November Membership Meeting



Randy Fordice

Wednesday, November 14, 2007
10:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
Everyone is welcome!

Noon - Member Luncheon
Midland Hills Country Club
2001 Fulham Street
Roseville, MN 55113

Cost: \$15.00

Guest Speaker: Randy Fordice
Topic: CapX 2020

Attention all members!

Midland Hills has changed their policy for accepting reservations for the buffet luncheon. In the future, the buffet will be in our conference room and we must have an exact head count to them the week before. We will not have the convenience of having members arriving without an RSVP for lunch. Please help us plan ahead!

RSVP to John Foster,
by Noon
Thursday, November 8, 2007

If possible, please use email.
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or 952-474-9443

Randy Fordice leads communications and public affairs for the CapX 2020 Brookings-Twin Cities project. He has more than ten years of communications and public relations experience, including representing Johnson Controls, Alliant Energy and other electric and telecommunications companies. He has been with Great River Energy since 2006.

CapX 2020 is a joint initiative of 11 transmission-owning utilities in Minnesota and the surrounding region to expand the electric transmission grid to ensure continued reliable service. Planning studies show that customer demand for electricity will increase by 4,000 to 6,000 megawatts (MW) by 2020 - more than today's system has the capacity to deliver.

These new transmission lines will be built in phases designed to meet this growth, as well as to support renewable energy expansion. CapX 2020 proposed Group 1 projects include three 345-kV lines and a 230-kV line, totaling more than 600 miles and acquisition of more than 4000 easements, permits and licenses.

The CapX 2020 projects represent the first major upgrade to the region's high voltage grid system in more than 25 years. This presentation will include the extraordinary public outreach efforts the CapX 2020 utilities have undertaken to discuss the need for the projects and explain how the public process works with local governments, stakeholders and the general public.

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Board of Director Nominees for 2008

Secretary - James A. McIntyre

Jamie McIntyre came to Ulteig as a Right of Way Agent in November 2004 from Qwest Corp., where he worked since 2001. He graduated from Dakota County Technical College, where he studied Telecommunications. Jamie, his wife Joanie, and their daughter Claudia live in Cottage Grove. Jamie has been an active member of the IRWA since October of 2005. He has coordinated two courses and is the Chair of the Survey Committee. He holds a Minnesota Real Estate Sales license and is a Notary Public in MN and IA.



Treasurer - Jason D. Alt

Mr. Alt is employed with ProSource Technologies, Inc. (ProSource) as a Senior Project Manager, Acquisition / Relocation Specialist. Mr. Alt is experienced in providing professional consulting services related to property management, property disposal, and land acquisition and relocation. His primary areas of expertise consist of training right of way (ROW) staff for agencies, establishing policies and procedures for agencies to oversee ROW consultant firms, acting as an ombudsman to mediate relocation appeals, as a representative for public agencies in relocation appeals, and taking on complex or politically sensitive acquisition or relocation projects, and assembling teams to implement ROW projects.



President Elect - John Foster

John Foster is actively engaged in real estate valuation and consulting. Mr. Foster's expertise involves preparation of professional real estate valuations and market analyses for all types of commercial, industrial, residential, and special use properties. The purposes of these assignments include right of way, financing, condemnation hearings, and investment counseling. Mr. Foster has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Minnesota and Masters of Business Administration Degree from the University of Wisconsin. He holds State of Minnesota licenses as a Real Property Appraiser, Assessor and Real Estate Sales.



President - Joanie Miller, SR/WA



Joanie Miller, SR/WA, R/W-EC, is employed by ProSource Technologies, Inc., and is currently a contract field agent for Great River Energy in Elk River, Minnesota. She has been an active member of North Star Chapter 20 since 1998. Her right of way experience includes acquisition and negotiations, appraisal, pipelines, transmission lines, property management and title research. As an active member of Chapter 20 and Region 3, Joanie has held numerous positions, beginning with three years as Education Chair, Course Coordinator for numerous classes, Professional Development Chair, Vice Chair to the International Membership Committee and is currently Chapter 20's President Elect. She authored the "Fighting City Hall to Uphold Land Use" article in the January/February 2006 *Right of Way* magazine and is a successful recruiter for Chapter 20. In 2006, she was the winning recipient of the MAP Award, recruiting 17 new members and was also nominated as a Balfour Finalist.

Director - Marvin DeJear, SR/WA



Marvin L. DeJear, SR/WA employed by Koch Pipeline Company, L P for last nine years and has 14 years of Right of Way field experience in Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma. Has served as an officer of local IRWA chapters in Minnesota and Oklahoma. Currently serves as Region 3 Pipeline Committee representative.

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ProSource is pleased to announce the addition of 35 staff members to its right of way team in 2007, including acquisition, relocation, title specialists, real estate attorneys, drafting/GIS, and appraisers. Thank you to our clients for the opportunity to help you with your right of way needs.

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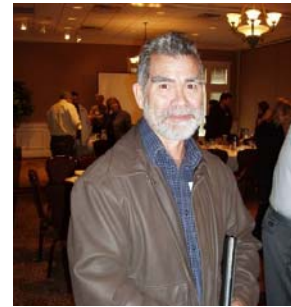


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Chapter 20 - Meeting Highlights

October 17, 2007
Meeting and Luncheon
Midland Hills Country Club

We would like to extend our thanks to Bill Nelson, 3M's Public Relations Manager, for his presentation on *Communicating Environmental Challenges*. Bill shared 3M's response to their recent environmental challenges.



Hot Topics

Here's what the industry is talking about...

Attention Chapter 20 members! This section of the newsletter is dedicated to industry news. Do you have information or have you read a recent article that will interest our members? Please share it with the rest of the chapter. Just write a short summary or email the original article and the source (where you found it), to Debbie Tyler, Chapter 20 Newsletter Editor, at debbiet@connexusenergy.com. Remember to send it by the 20th of the month, preceding the newsletter's distribution. We publish the newsletter about the 5th of the following months: January, March, May, September, October, and November.

Membership Report


By: Mark Hudson

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Greetings to all chapter 20 members, it continues to be a busy construction season in Northern Minnesota. I am sure that all our membership is affected by the over abundance of rain that we have had this fall. This summer in the St. Louis County it was so dry that it was a good season for construction but bad for dust control on our projects. One of my larger grading projects had 300,000 gallons of water for dust control (Engineers Estimate) and we put on over 1.6 million gallons with little results. When it came time for paving we had lots of natural dust control which doesn't make for good paving. All that rain was a good test for our drainage design and thankfully no big problems were found. I would assume that most of our membership has weather delays on the various

types of projects that we are involved with and not just in the road building business. Best of luck to all of you in getting things wrapped up before winter sets in both at work and at home.

As membership chair, I try to phone up (Canadian Term) all new members when I receive their application for membership. This often takes a while to actually connect with someone and I often end up with email messages serving as a welcome. Our most recent new member is Sue Lorette with Precision Appraisals in St. Cloud. I did not reach Sue but instead talked to Gordy Doucette as Sue was testifying at a hearing. As I was writing this it made me think of all the reasons why my mentor in the Right of Way field David T. Johnson joined the IRWA many many years ago. That purpose was to have a set of contacts that might help him out when he encountered some type of task and needed some ideas or contacts to help him accomplish a project, or at least some reassurance that nobody else had done this so he then became the expert. We also know that he enjoyed eating at IRWA functions in many of the 50 states and occasionally in Canada. Even though he is retired I often am still able to get some advice from him. I want to remind you all that the membership directory can give you some



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contacts that may be able to help you with a situation that you encounter. We are all used to calling up people and we should not forget that our own members are a resource also. In fact some of our members have even indicated to me that they could complete my whole task for a modest fee plus mileage, and meals. My boss tells me to stay focused and it will all work out without contracting out. We do contract out often for engineering services though.

Hope to see you at the November Meeting!
Mark J. Hudson Right of Way Agent St. Louis
County Public Works

CHAPTER 20 NEW MEMBERS

Suzanne (Sue) Lorette, Precision Appraisals of
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ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

International Headquarters has requested that ALL members update their membership information on- line. If you have changed your employment, telephone number, address or email address, it is imperative that you do this immediately. If you have problems with accessing the website or with your password please contact Sergey Yushkevich at yushkevich@irwaonline.org.

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If you are interested in advertising in our Chapter Communiqué or Chapter Directory, please contact the following people:

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Debbie Tyler, Newsletter Editor
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We offer space for $\frac{1}{4}$ page ads in our Communiqué at \$25 per year (six issues) and space for $\frac{1}{2}$ page ads in the directory at \$50 per year.

Professional Development

By: John J. McKay, SR/WA, PDC Chair

Mary Tkalec's Candidacy Application for the Negotiations Certification (RW-NAC) was approved on October 18, 2007. Congratulations Mary!

IRWA Region 3 News Briefs

In October, Spirit of the Heartland, Chapter 41 hosted the Region 3 Fall Forum. It was held at the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, in Riverside, IA



Chapter 20 presented a donation to Bruce Reed (left), officer for the Education Foundation. Bill Rottschaefter, Greg Cooley, Joanie Miller, and Craig Poorker represented Chapter 20 at the Fall Forum.



Fall Forum attendees, Daryl Knoebbe, Jack Holt, Kelly Suko and Mike Murray.



The Thursday evening event during the Fall Forum.



Craig Poorker, Bill Rottschaefter, and Daryl Knoebbe

Region 3 - Upcoming Course Offerings

November 2007

- 901 - Engineering Plan Development & Applications –November 13, 2007 – Council Bluffs, Iowa
902 – Property Descriptions –November 14, 2007 – Council Bluffs, Iowa
803 – Eminent Domain – November 15, 2007 – Bloomington, MN

January 2008

- 104 - Standards of practice for the R/W Professional - January 24, 2008 - MO - (Tentative)
103 - Ethics and the Right of Way Profession – January 25, 2008 – MO- (Tentative)

March 2008

- 803 - Eminent Domain – March 20, 2008 - MO - (Tentative)

May 2008

- 400 - Principles of Real Estate Appraisal – May 22, 2008 - MO - (Tentative)

August 2008

- 201 - Communications in R.E. Acquisition – August 20, 2008 - MO - (Tentative)

October 2008

- 205 - Bargaining Negotiations - October 22, 2008 - MO - (Tentative)
213 - Conflict Management - October 24, 2008 - MO - (Tentative)

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To apply, please send, fax, or e-mail your resume by November 9, 2007 to **Human Resources, Job #582, Great River Energy, 17845 E Hwy 10, Elk River, MN 55330.** Careers@GREnergy.com Fax: 763-241-6000. An EEO/AA Employer.

IRWA Education

Chapter 20 2007 Education Calendar

For your education needs, please contact Greg Cooley, SR/WA @ greg.cooley@dot.state.mn.us or call 320-223-6551.

Chapter 20 - Upcoming Course Offerings

November 15 and 16, 2007

Course 803 – Eminent Domain Law Basics for Right of Way Professionals

Bob Montgomery

Coordinator: John Foster - 952-474-9443 – john.foster@uscorp.net

Location: South Point Center

For course information please visit:

https://www.irwaonline.org/eweb/ProfilePage.aspx?WebCode=CSCEventInfoSC&evt_key=b31d2ea1-e649-46f9-a599-76893be2ff01

Please note: The Real Estate and Appraisal Continuing Education credits have been applied for and we should have them by the time the course starts.

January 21, 22 & 23, 2008

SR/WA Exam Course

David Layne

Coordinator: John Foster - 952-474-9443 – john.foster@uscorp.net

Location: South Point Center

*******This course is good for 5 years! Even if you still have other courses to take.*******

March 24 & 25, 2008

Course 409 – Integrating Appraisal Standards

Course 410 – Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain

Gus Cannon

Coordinator: Douglas Johnson – 651-882-0200 – douglasj@elsco.net

Location: South Point Center

July, 2008

Course 900 – Principles of Real Estate Engineering

Bill Rottschafer

Coordinator: TBD

Location: TBD

September 2008

2 day Relocation class

Coordinator: TBD

Location: TBD

November 5, 2008

Course 802 – Legal Aspects of Easements

Coordinator: TBD

Location: TBD

Thank you to all members who took time to complete the on-line Course Interest Survey. This is an essential tool in determining Educational needs!

IRWA cancellation policy on classes: Written notification of cancellation must be received by the class coordinator 15 days prior to start of class. A 75% refund will be made if written notification is received less than 15 days prior to start of class. No refund will be made after the start of class.

Attention course attendees: Please contact the Course Coordinator prior to attending a course for information on Real Estate, Appraisal or Legal continuing education credits. PLEASE, DO NOT assume that all classes offer continuing education credits.



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