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Newsletter for North Star Chapter 20, International Right of Way Association

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President's Notes

By: Marvin DeJear, SR/WA

Greetings Chapter 20 members:

Well it looks like summer is already ending and fall officially started, if we are fortunate enough to have delineation.

Thanks to everyone who showed up at the September meeting to hear Mr. Dean Pawlowski make his presentation. We look forward to hearing Mr. Bill Nelson talk about the environmental challenges that 3M has had to deal with at the October 17, 2007 meeting.

The Nominations Committee will be taking nominations at the October meeting for Secretary of chapter 20 which is the starting point for the progression to the Office of President of the chapter. This process includes the voting at a future meeting for the candidate of your choice.

Don't forget, the Region 3 Fall Forum is scheduled for October 12, 2007 hosted by Chapter 41 in Riverside, Iowa. The Ethics Course 103 will be held on October 11, 2007.

Marvin DeJear, SR/WA

October Membership Meeting



Bill Nelson

Wednesday, October 17, 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: Bill Nelson - 3M Public Relations
Topic: Communicating Environmental Challenges

Please RSVP to John Foster,
on or before *Thursday*,
October 11, 2007
at
john.foster@uscorp.net
or 952-474-9443

Former chemistry used by 3M has been detected at low levels in groundwater sources in the East Metro. This development has been the subject of frequent news coverage the last couple of years. The area impacted also includes private and municipal drinking water wells. 3M Public Relations Manager, Bill Nelson, will share 3M's response to these challenges and will also answer questions.

Bill Nelson has been with 3M for 18 years and has worked in a number of public relations and public affairs assignments. Bill has been 3M's primary environmental spokesperson for the last three years. Other assignments have included: working with 3M plants around the country on environmental, health, and safety matters, which has also included communications training for plant staff. He has worked in State Government Affairs at both the corporate and division levels. Bill has worked for 3M in St. Louis, Naperville, Illinois, and St. Paul.

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Prior to joining 3M, Bill was a prosecutor in St. Louis, Missouri. While going to law school, he worked in television news for one of the local network affiliates. His job in the newsroom involved producing the ripped-off consumer segment and working the assignment desk. Bill received his undergraduate degree from American University, Washington, D.C. in 1984, and his law degree from St. Louis University, St. Louis in 1987.

Currently, Bill lives in Woodbury with his wife Jaine, and a bunch of kids - some of whom are in college.

Professional of the Year

Congratulations to Greg Cooley, SR/WA, who was recently nominated by Chapter 20's board of directors as the 2008 Professional of the Year. We would like to recognize and thank Greg for his long-time commitment to North Star Chapter 20. Greg became a member of Chapter 20 in 1994 and soon began taking courses that would lead to his SR/WA designation. In the 13 years that Greg has been involved with our chapter, he's been a course attendee, a SR/WA recipient and a frequent attendee of our board of directors meetings and member luncheons. Greg's been a regular at Chapter 20's membership booth during the MnDOT Conference at Breezy Point and has organized two membership luncheons in St. Cloud in 2006 and 2007. Greg is currently Chapter 20's Transportation Chair and has just recently accepted the position of Education Chair.



Please join us in giving Greg a warm congrats the next time you see him!

- The Chapter 20 Board of Directors

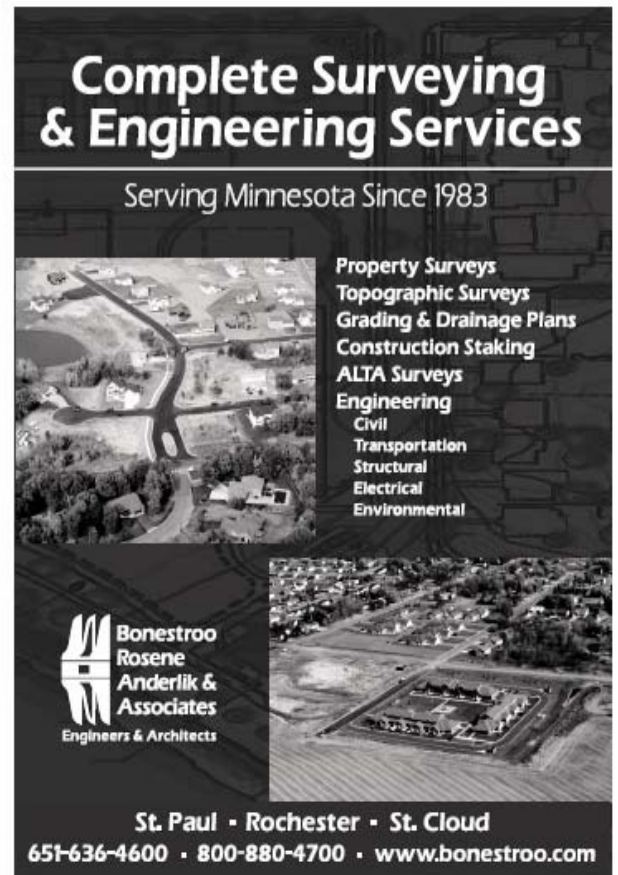
On a personal note - Gregory H. Cooley has been a Real Estate Representative with MNDOT since 1999. In this role he has been involved with acquisition of right of way, appraisal, field title, residential relocation, and assisted with committee work developing MNDOT's REALMS database system. His last thirteen years of professional experience has been focused on right of way, but he has a total of thirty-two years that also encompasses instruction, preliminary & final design, construction inspection, plat preparation, automation of right of way data systems and engineering/surveying systems.

He has been an active member of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) since 1994. In 2004 he achieved the IRWA's designation as a Senior Member (SR/WA).

Mr. Cooley's past employment includes: Right of Way Agent with the Real Estate Division of Hennepin County, MN; Right of Way Agent with the Highway Department of Stearns County, MN; Instructor with the Civil Engineering Technology Program of St. Cloud Technical College, MN; Engineering Technician with the Highway Department of Stearns County, MN.

His education includes a two year Municipal Engineering program with St. Cloud Vocational School, MN; a two FHWA Engineering Technology Grant program through St. Cloud State College; numerous right of way and engineering courses sponsored by the IRWA, FHWA, MNDOT, MILE; appraisal licensure training; and approximately 24 credits of Vocational Instruction Education through the U of M, St. Cloud State and Bemidji State.

Congratulations Greg!



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Chapter 20 - Meeting Highlights

September 19, 2007
Meeting and Luncheon
Midland Hills Country Club

A special thanks to Dean Pawlowski, guest speaker at the September meeting held at Midland Hills County Club. Dean gave an informative presentation detailing the Big Stone Transmission project.



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Chapter 20 2007 Luncheon/ Presentation Calendar

October 17, 2007

Communicating Environmental Challenges

Bill Nelson, 3M Public Relations
Midland Hills Country Club

November 14

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Randy Fordice, Great River Energy
Midland Hills Country Club

Photos continued...
September 19, 2007
Meeting and Luncheon



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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@commexusenergy.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.

Revised Mn/Dot R/W Manual is now available!

The revised and FHWA approved, Mn/Dot R/W manual is now posted on the website.

You will find current guidance on the 2006 legislative changes and subsequent process revisions. There are many more process flow charts than in the past.

Please share this info with your consultants and others that may need this information.

Here is the link. <http://www.olmweb.dot.state.mn.us/manual/home.html>

Membership Report

By: Mark Hudson

CHAPTER 20 2007 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2007 membership directory was finally put together and will be sent out via email. I have tried to make it as accurate as possible and have only listed those that are current paid members. Please review your information and let me know of any changes or corrections needed. If you see changes on the Employer list portion that information is from the IRWA website and you will need to change that yourself. I plan to send out the 2008 roster near the beginning of January and will make any corrections at that time. You can check your contact information on the IRWA website at the following link. www.irwaonline.org, or send me any changes to the directory at HUDSONM@CO.ST-LOUIS.MN.US.

CHAPTER 20 NEW MEMBERS

The following members have been approved in September along with Steven Kniefel one of my new partners at St. Louis County who I had forgotten to introduce as a new member to Chapter 20.

Steven J. Kniefel, St. Louis County Public Works, Virginia Office kniefels@co.st-louis.mn.us

Dean E. Dulinski, Minnesota Power, Duluth (Herbert Service Center) ddulinski@mnpower.com

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Membership Report

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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.

Condolences:

From the Chapter Officers and your friends within IRWA Chapter 20 we extend our condolences to John McKay on the death of his mother Loretta M. McKay who passed away on October 2.

Professional Development

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

No news to report.

Chapter 20 Advertising

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

Chapter 20 Directory:	Mark Hudson, Membership Chair 218-625-3862
Chapter 20 Communiqué:	Debbie Tyler, Newsletter Editor 763-323-2619

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.

IRWA Region 3

News Briefs

Spirit of the Heartland Chapter 41 will host the Region 3 Fall Forum

Riverside Casino and Golf Resort
Riverside, IA

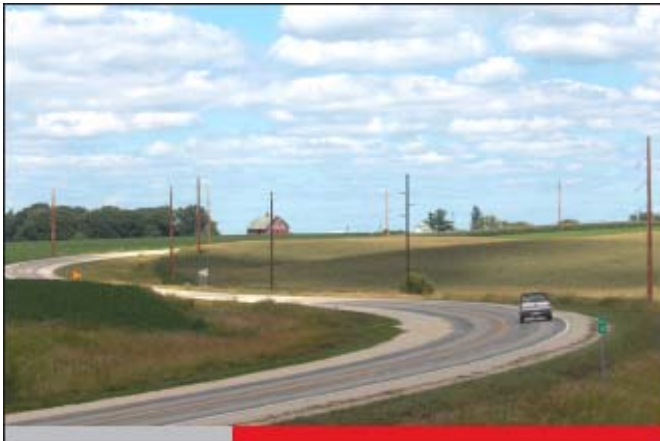
Thursday, October 11
Course 103 – Ethics in ROW

Chapter 41 Welcome Reception
5:30 – 8:30pm

Friday, October 12
Region 3 Fall Forum
8:00 – 4:00pm

For more information visit:

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Region 3 - Upcoming Course Offerings

October 2007

- 103 - Ethics and the Right of Way Profession – October 11, 2007 – Riverside, IA
- 203 - Alternative Dispute Resolution – October 18, 2007 – Minneapolis, MN
- 900 - Principles of Real Estate Engineering - October 25, 2007 – Kansas City, MO

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, 2007 – 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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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

October 18 & 19, 2007

Course 203 – Alternative Dispute Resolution

Craig Call (course developer)

For course information please visit:

https://www.irwaonline.org/EWEB/ProfilePage.aspx?WebCode=CSCEventInfoSC&evt_key=69c58fcd-294e-4900-af35-3c3c254789f9

November 15 and 16, 2007

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

Bob Montgomery

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

January 21, 22 & 23, 2008

SR/WA Exam Course

Ted Williams

March 24 & 25, 2008

Course 409 – Integrating Appraisal Standards

Course 410 – Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain

Gus Cannon

June 19 & 20, 2008

Course 900 – Principles of Real Estate Engineering

Bill Rottschaefter

August 20, 2008

Course 504 – Computing Replacement Housing Payments

November 5, 2008

Course 802 – Legal Aspects of Easements

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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