



INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

Chapter President Report Form:

To be completed by the Chapter President and submitted to the Region Chair prior to the Region Forum:

Chapter President Name: Cynthia Gan, SR/WA **Chapter No:** 37.

Date: 4 October 2007

Strengths of Chapter: What are the major strengths and positives of your Chapter?

Quarterly meetings are well attended, with usually half of members there and members bring guests who soon become members. We have speakers at most meetings.

Our membership continues to remain stable, with some members retiring; however, new members at each meeting helps to keep our membership at around 90-92.

Our Chapter is very supportive of the RWIEF and other benefit/charity efforts. They have good ideas and our meetings are interactive with positive feedback.

I think our members achieving the SR/WA designation is also a strength because it shows people are achieving their goals and working toward this prestigious designation.

Weaknesses of Chapter: What are the major weaknesses of your Chapter?

Getting members involved is a challenge!

We have our Board and Education Chair, Membership Chair, PDC Chair who are active as well as course coordinators; however, many members are not involved.

We've discussed trying to increase interaction between members and committees; however, it's difficult to make this happen.

Opportunities of Chapter: Are there unique opportunities in the Chapter for advancing IRWA's and the Chapter's mission?

While this may not be unique, our members are employees of federal, state and local government agencies, consulting firms, individual businesses, and many others who have

an area of influence in their working environment each day. If we could provide our members some type of tool or encourage them to recruit more new members, we might be able to increase our membership even more than we have which has been awesome.

Problems in Chapter: Are there any emerging threats to IRWA's or the Chapter's mission in the region?

I see no threats or problems in our Chapter at this time.

Specific actions for Region 3 or IRWA headquarters to take:

If there are any power point presentations that might be of interest to our group, I would be interested in providing these to our members or have someone present at the meetings. Anything that can help new members benefit and learn more about the IRWA would be a step in the right direction to getting members excited; thus, bringing in other members.

Specific actions for Region 3 or International Executive Committee (IEC) to take:

Any suggestions for marketing the IRWA to companies would help. Most agencies have right-of-way people and others who may know how to market, however, if there are tools out there we could use, please advise. There may be something that has worked for other Chapters that would help us – try to share ideas whenever possible (The forum is a great venue for this)

Other comments or suggestions:

I think our Chapter provides quality courses and the survey will help to find out what interests our members have with courses in the future.

We have an active Board, enthusiastic and motivating; however, we could use some help with ways to get our members involved. I know some only come for the luncheon and that's all the involvement they may want. The networking is very beneficial; however, I know that others would like to take on new roles and we need to find ways for them to become involved.

I continue to encourage members to attend the forums so the more participation we get there can motivate.

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