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President's Notes

By: Joanie Miller, SR/WA

Greetings Chapter 20 Members and Happy Holidays!

My first order of business as I write this president's message, is to thank our past presidents, committee chairs, committee members and all of our membership for being involved with Chapter 20. Each of you has played an important part in making our chapter one of the best. Thank you!!

Thanks to Randy Fordice with Great River Energy for his CapX2020 Communications and Public Affairs presentation at the November meeting. Peek inside for photos from that day.

Please mark your calendars for Chapter 20's Installation of Officers luncheon to be held on Tuesday, January 8th. This is free to all Chapter 20 members, but please RSVP by Friday, January 4th. Our guest speaker will be Tom Anderson, formerly with the Science Museum, author and past director of the Lee and Rose Warner Nature Center. It should be an enjoyable presentation. Our very own Craig Poorker, SR/WA, and Region 3 Chair will install the new slate of officers.

Jim Anderson, Chapter 20's Awards Chair, will be presenting this year's awards. Congratulations go to Kaye Anderson and the City of Minneapolis for the 2007 Employer of the Year Award. The City of Minneapolis has been a long time supporter of Chapter 20 and the IRWA. As I glance through my directory showing the dates when each member joined, I noticed that Kaye's membership dates back to 1980 and at that time the City of Minneapolis was her employer. We've been graced with numerous members from the City of Minneapolis over the years and are grateful for their support and we appreciate all they have done. We look forward to seeing them for many years to come!

Congratulations also go to Greg Cooley, SR/WA, our 2007 Professional of the Year! Greg has also been a long time member of Chapter 20 and has remained involved with our chapter in various capacities. Greg has attended

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President's Message

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numerous chapter board meetings, membership luncheons and other membership events, as well as coordinating the May membership meetings in 2006 and 2007. He's helped staff the IRWA booth at the MnDOT Conference at Breezy Point, has served as the 2007 Chair of the Chapter 20 Transportation Committee and is currently Chapter 20's Education Chair. Congratulations to all of our award winning recipients!!

Thanks to everyone that participated in our education survey. Chapter 20 Education Chair Greg Cooley, SR/WA, reported that approximately 20% of the membership responded with specific education needs. Remember to check out our 2008 education calendar and also our three year education course outline found inside this month's newsletter. If you have any course recommendations or comments, please contact Greg Cooley at 320-223-6551 or greg.cooley@dot.state.mn.us

Thanks to Jamie McIntyre and John Foster for their efforts and coordination of Course 203 and Course 803. Both were successes!

The SR/WA exam course is being offered on January 21-23 and will be coordinated by John Foster. This is an excellent opportunity to review and take the exam for pursuing your SR/WA designation. You do NOT need your course work complete before taking this class and exam. However, you DO need to submit your SR/WA Candidacy Application to Professional Development Chair John McKay, SR/WA; contact John at 715-394-1421 or john.mckay@enbridge.com. The application can be found on the IRWA website - www.irwaonline.org. For more information on the SR/WA class, contact John Foster at 952-474-9443 or john.foster@uscorp.net.

Dakotas Chapter 72 will be hosting the upcoming spring forum in Deadwood, SD on February 28 and 29. *Course 403 Easement Valuation* and *Course 410 Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain* will be offered before the forum. For course registration information, go to www.irwaonline.org. Chapter 72 is rolling out the "red carpet" for this event as they will be celebrating their 30th anniversary of incorporation. Please join us in Deadwood in February to help Chapter 72 celebrate their 30th Birthday! For more information on the spring forum, look inside this newsletter edition.

Chapter 20 is Fifty Years Old! Happy Anniversary to our chapter! Included in this newsletter is the original Article of Incorporation for Chapter 20 that was signed by Mr. Joseph L. Donovan, Secretary of State, on December 20, 1957. We hope to host a 50th Anniversary party for our membership in the near future. Stay tune for upcoming details.

A list of our incoming committee chairs and members is included in this newsletter. We welcome each of them and thank them for volunteering. On that note, we also thank our outgoing committee chairs and members. We've enjoyed our time with you, thank you for your participation and we wish each of you the best.

Your board of directors and committees continue to be at your service.
Sincerely,

Joanie Miller, SR/WA

Happy Anniversary Chapter 20
Celebrating our 50th Anniversary
Original Article of Incorporation

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

Whereas, Articles of Incorporation, duly signed and acknowledged under oath, have been recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, on the --20th-- day of December , A. D. 19 57 for the incorporation of

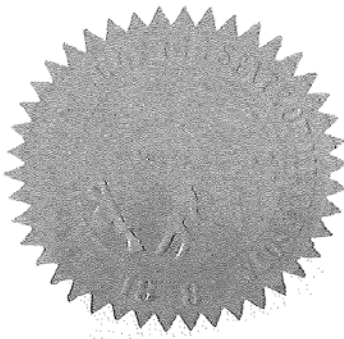
 Tri State Chapter No. 20, American Right of Way Association
under and in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 317;

Now, Therefore, I, Joseph L. Donovan, Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said

 Tri State Chapter No. 20, American Right of Way Association
is a legally organized Corporation under the laws of this State.

Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed and the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota hereunto affixed this --twentieth-- day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven .


Secretary of State.



January Membership Meeting

No charge for members if you RSVP to John Foster by Noon on January 3, 2008. All guests are \$15.00.



Tom Anderson

Tuesday, January 8, 2008
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: Tom Anderson
Topic: Adventure Explorer

A reminder to 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
Wednesday, January 2, 2008

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For 30 years, Tom Anderson was employed by the Science Museum of Minnesota as naturalist and later the Director of the Lee and Rose Warner Nature Center near Marine on St. Croix. Over the years, he helped guide many Science Museum trips. These included remote canoe trips into the Canadian sub-arctic and arctic, following the footsteps of the famed botanist, Carl Linneaus in Sweden, exploring the high forest canopy along the Rio Napo River (tributary to the Amazon River), whitewater rafting in the Grand Canyon, sea kayaking off the coast of the Baja Peninsula, winter camping in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and more.

For nearly 15 years he was a columnist for the Chisago County Press where he wrote an award-winning column entitled *Reading Sign* (Minnesota Newspaper Association, Best Column). He authored two books: *Learning Nature By a Country Road* and *Black Bear. . .Seasons of the Wild*. (Voyageur Press). He is a published poet and has been a columnist for the Midwest Fly Fishing Magazine and SMM periodical. A third book, *Things that Bite: A Realistic Look of Critters that Scare People*, will be released by Adventure Publications in the spring of 2008. He was one of 20 Minnesota artisans chosen to participate in the Millenia Journal Project. He won an award for "Best Commentary" in 2003 and was runner up for "Best Feature" in 2004 for the National Association of Interpretation periodical, *The Legacy*. He also enjoys poetry and traveling, particularly on far north landscapes.

Tom recently returned from St. Louis after performing his one-man show that he wrote and performed on the life of Carl Linneaus. (see website for more info)

His primary inspiration in all of his writing is the natural world and how we are or should be intimately connected to it. He lives on the Anoka Sandplain, southwest of North Branch in Isanti County, with his lovely wife, Nancy Conger. He is immensely proud of his two daughters Britta and Maren. He lives in the farmhouse on the land that his Swedish great-great grandmother and grandfather built in the 19th century.

Announcing the North Star Chapter 20 Committees and Chairpersons for 2008

Awards Chair


Jim Anderson - Stern & Anderson
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James Hurd Anderson is an attorney specializing in real estate matters, including eminent domain. He holds a degree from the University of Notre Dame and a law degree from Seattle University Law School. He is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and is a past Chair and present member of the Hennepin County Bar Association Eminent Domain Section and Secretary of the Title Standards Committee. His address is Stern & Anderson P.A., 247 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 5415 and his telephone number is 612-747-6662.



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Education Chair

Greg Cooley, SR/WA - MnDot

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Mr. Cooley has been a Real Estate Representative with MNDOT since 1999. He has been involved with acquisition of right of way, appraisal, field title, and residential relocation. His last thirteen years of professional experience has been in right of way, but he has a total of thirty-two years that also encompasses instruction, preliminary & final roadway design, construction inspection, plat preparation, automation of right of way engineering and survey data 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).

Membership Co-Chair

Karen Johnson - Enbridge Pipeline

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Karen Johnson is employed with Enbridge Energy, as a Right-of-Way Agent. She has been employed by Enbridge since 1994, she graduated from Northwest Technical College in 1989. Karen started as a Field Clerk in the Bemidji Region Office, over the years working for Enbridge she has held the following positions/titles; a Terminal Maintainer, a Pipeliner, and a Line Crossing Coordinator. She has been in R-O-W for 7 years, and is experienced in acquisition and record maintenance, and title research.

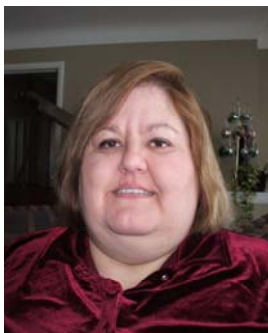
Settling damage claims for mainline pipeline construction and routine pipeline maintenance. Karen is also on stand by for sudden and accidental occurrences along the pipeline system. She is well experienced in working with Governmental Agencies, County and Township officials, Tribal Land Government, Grantors or Lease/permits throughout the Superior Region.

Karen has three children ages 26, 23, and 16 and one grandchild. She loves the outdoors and spending time at their cabin, and enjoys being with her family and her grandchild.

Membership Co-Chair

Liz Van Zomeren - City of Mpls. Parks

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Liz Van Zomeren, AICP, has worked as a Real Estate Investigator for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board the past year. Her previous professional experience includes Telecommunications Site Acquisition for FMHC Corp. and right of way work for Xcel Energy. Ms. Van Zomeren has a B.S. in Community & Regional Planning from ISU (Ames, Iowa) and a M.S. in Management from Cardinal Stritch University. She also holds a paralegal certificate from the Minnesota Paralegal Institute and is licensed Real Estate Broker in Iowa and Minnesota. Prior to working in right of way and real estate, she was a City Planner in Minneapolis and Orono. Her expertise is in lease preparation/auditing, and permitting.

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Newsletter Editor -

Debbie Tyler - Connexus Energy
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Debbie Tyler is currently the Engineering Services/ ROW Representative at Connexus Energy. She is responsible for all ROW permitting, easements, as well as digitizing the land base. Her experience includes 13 years at Connexus Energy and ten years in the advertising industry. She has a degree in Marketing from St. Cloud State University. Debbie has been an IRWA member since 2005. She is working toward her IRWA certification, and has been IRWA Chapter 20's newsletter editor for the last two years.

Debbie resides in Andover with her husband, 16-year old son, and 15-year old daughter. She enjoys perennial gardening, being a volleyball and soccer mom, and downhill skiing with her family.



Nominations and Elections Chair

Bill Rottschaefter - Rottschaefter Con
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Bill Rottschaefter has worked in the right of way community for 39 years. He has been active in Chapter 20 since 1980 and has served in all chapter offices. He has also served at the national level as Chair of the International Ethics Committee and as an instructor of many IRWA classes.



Nominations and Elections

Craig Knudsen, SR/WA - DEA
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Craig Knudsen works for Dakota Electric Association (DEA) as a Land Use Manager. He has been in the right of way field with DEA for 8-years and was previously with the City of Eagan for 14 years in their Engineering Department. Craig became a member of the IRWA in 1999 and received the SR/WA and the Environmental Certification in 2002. In 2004 he received the Negotiation/Acquisition Certification. Over the last 8-years with Chapter 20, Craig has served as Membership Chair, Utilities Chair, PUD Committee, Vice President, President Elect, President/Director, and Director.



Nominations and Elections

Craig Poorker, SR/WA - GRE
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Craig Poorker, SR/WA, is a Senior Field Representative and right of way agent for Great River Energy in Elk River, Minnesota. He is currently the CapX 2020 Routing Lead for the proposed 345kV transmission line running from Brookings, South Dakota to Southeast Twin Cities, Minnesota (www.capx2020.com). Craig has been an active member of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) since 1985. He currently serves as Chair of IRWA Region 3, and is also an instructor of engineering courses for the IRWA. He has served as Chapter 20 Membership Chair, Education Chair and Professional Development Chair, and is past president of Chapter 20. Craig earned his senior designation (SR/WA) in 2000, and his R/W-NAC certification in 2001. He also has an Associate Degree in Civil Technology and Land Surveying from Dunwoody College of Technology in Minneapolis.



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Professional Development Chair
John McKay, SR/WA - Enbridge
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John is currently employed by Enbridge (U.S.) Inc. in Superior, Wisconsin. He started with Enbridge in June 2006 as a Senior Right of Way Agent working in Operations within the Superior Region. In July 2007, he was promoted to Senior Land and Right of Way Specialist working in the Right of Way Department on company expansion projects.

Prior to his work at Enbridge, John worked with the St. Louis County Public Works Department for 14 years acquiring lands for County facilities, highways, and bridge projects. He holds an Associate Degree in Marketing and Management. He has his SR/WA designation and he is a CGRP Appraiser in Minnesota. He has been a member of Chapter 20 since 1992.

Previous to working in the right of way field, John was employed by the St. Louis County Assessor's Office as a staff appraiser for 3 years. He has worked in the real estate field 18 years.

John has been married to his wife Kelly for 20 years. He and his wife have two children, one is a senior in high school and the other is a freshman in college. He is an active soccer coach and is involved with the schools and the community.

Professional Development
Leland Mann, SR/WA - NNG
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Leland Mann is a Kansas born, North Dakota, and Minnesota transplanted Right of Way Agent for Northern Natural Gas Company. Leland has worked in the oil and gas pipeline Right of Way field since 1976, with a brief stint in electrical and communications Right of Way. In a prior life Leland was a professional jockey and rode broncos and bulls on amateur level.

Leland lives in Cottage Grove, Minnesota with his wife Jeanne. Due to Jeanne's exceptionally good disposition, they celebrated 25 years together on the 3rd of September. Spare time if any is spent with grandchildren Logan 4 1/2 and Janie 2 1/2. Hobbies include making and collecting knives, and making leather and braided products.

Professional Development
Matt Storm, SR/WA - Evergreen
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Matthew has over 25 years experience in real estate and right of way acquisition, the past 20 years specifically with complex acquisitions for public and private entities. He has the professional designation "SR/WA" from the International Right of Way Association. He has supervised several projects that included both acquisition and relocation services. Has served as project manager on Mn/DOT projects. Knowledgeable in both field title and court house title work. He has been a presenter at numerous conferences including Mn/DOT's annual Right Of Way Professionals Conference. He also served as President of the Minnesota Chapter of the International Right of Way Association and is currently on the International Board of Directors. He holds a Minnesota Real Estate Brokers license and has a Minnesota Notary License.

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Pipeline Chair -

Marvin DeJear, SR/WA - Koch

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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. He has served as an officer for local IRWA chapters in Minnesota and Oklahoma.

Currently serves as Region 3 Pipeline Committee representative.



Program Chair -

John Foster - Foster Appraisal -

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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.



Environment Chair

Jennifer Wolff - Ryan Companies US, Inc.

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Jennifer Wolff has worked as an Environmental Specialist at Ryan since August 2006. She works with all Ryan Departments and offices to coordinate necessary environmental work such as pre-purchase environmental due diligence and hazardous material surveys.

Jennifer reviews the work completed by outside environmental consultants to determine what additional work is necessary for the project, keep the project moving with minimum delays, and to ensure that Ryan's interests are protected during the project.

Prior to joining Ryan, Jennifer was an environmental consultant for 16 years. She worked at EnPro Assessment Corp., Nova Consulting Group, and DPRA Inc.

She is licensed as a Professional Geologist and as an Asbestos Building Inspector in the State of Minnesota.

Jennifer has been certified to facilitate IRWA Course 603: Understanding Environmental Contamination in Real Estate.

She enjoys fishing and camping and spends most weekends in various parts of Minnesota.



Relocation Chair

Penny Rolf - Yaggy Colby Associates

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Penny Rolf has been an employee of Yaggy Colby Associates since 2005. She has over 16 years of real estate experience with her work over the past 8 years being concentrated on acquisition work for public improvement projects and providing relocation assistance for residential and commercial property owners and tenants. Penny has worked on numerous county, city, and Mn/DOT projects and currently holds her Real Estate Broker's License.



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Transportation Chair

Lorelei Stone - Anoka Cty

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Lorelei Stone has been employed with the Anoka County Right of Way Unit since 1993 as a Right of Way Support Specialist. Knowledgeable in all aspects of Right of Way, her far ranging areas of expertise are from coordinating property demolition to deed and document preparation. She has been a member of IRWA Chapter 20 since 1994. She graduated from Bethel College in 1993 where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree. She has coordinated/attended IRWA courses and is now the Transportation Chair for Chapter 20.

Valuation Chair

Kirk Corson - ProSource Tech

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Mr. Kirk Corson, currently employed by ProSource Technologies, Inc., is a General Certified Real Estate Appraiser, a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and a Real Estate Broker. He has extensive experience with right of way appraisal, acquisitions, condemnation and relocation and has served as a condemnation commissioner, an expert witness, and on the Board of Tax Equalization as well as numerous other State and municipal committees. He has worked for Federal, State, County, and Municipal agencies as well as School Districts, Metropolitan Council, Utility Companies, and private entities.

Kirks education includes:

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Utility Chair

Mark Hawkinson – SRF Consulting
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Senior Right of Way Specialist, Mark Hawkinson has seven years of experience in the right of way field originally with North Star Land Services and now with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. Prior to his right of way career, he retired as General Foreman of the Paving Construction Division after 29 years with the City of Minneapolis Public Works. He has been a member of the IRWA since 2001.



Asset (Property) Management Chair

Kathy Blomquist – Xcel
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Kathy Blomquist is a Sr. Land Rights Agent at Xcel Energy. As a paralegal for more than 20 years, Kathy worked in several law firms, specializing in corporate real estate, before joining Xcel Energy (then Northern States Power Company) in 1998.

At Xcel, she has performed in a variety of roles in the Siting and Land Rights Department, including easement acquisition, definition and release; lease negotiation and maintenance; and review and response to municipal vacations and land registrations.

In recent years, her responsibilities at Xcel have been expanded to include monitoring substation and transmission line properties owned in fee by Xcel; and managing uses thereof and activities thereon.

As Chairperson of the Asset Management Committee of Chapter 20, Kathy intends to encourage and expand interest in that aspect of real estate activities; and to promote local availability of relevant courses within the IRWA curriculum.



Survey Chair

Allen Schlipp – Houston Engineering, Inc.
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Allen Schlipp, R.L.S., P.E., of Houston Engineering's Maple Grove location, is among the first group of sixty-nine professional land surveyors nationwide to receive a new federal certification from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Allen was among the beta test group of selected land surveyors to participate in the new program called CFedS, for Certified Federal Surveyor.

The CFedS program, which has been approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, was designed specifically to enhance the level of knowledge and expertise in the professional land surveying community for survey work performed on federal lands and especially on Indian trust lands. To earn the CFedS designation, professional land surveyors must complete approximately 120 hours of course materials prepared by the BLM's National Training Center, in Phoenix, Arizona, and pass the certification examination. To maintain the certification, a CFedS must complete 10 hours of continuing education annually.

The new certification is intended to be a significant addition to the resume and credentials of the private professional land surveyor and Tribal surveyors. It is expected that in the coming years, the list of CFedS will grow larger as will the demand for their services.

Allen heads the Maple Grove surveying department, and has over 20 years of surveying experience. He earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering with Survey Option from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1982, and is a Registered Land Surveyor in the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin. In addition, he is a Registered Professional Engineer in Minnesota and Wisconsin.



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Appraisal Credit Liaison and Real Estate Credit Liaison

Douglas Johnson, SR/WA - Evergreen Land Services Company
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Doug has 28 years experience in real estate appraisal and 20 years experience in right of way acquisition. He is Vice President and Appraisal Manager with Evergreen Land Services Company, a consulting right of way acquisition company. He was the Property Manager/Acquisition Specialist with the Washington County Public Works Department for over 15 years before joining Evergreen Land Services. Mr. Johnson has attained the "SR/WA" professional designation from the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) and is a past President and past Board Member of the Minnesota Chapter of the IRWA. He teaches several IRWA appraisal courses. His education includes a Bachelor of Science in Forest Science from the University of Minnesota as well as numerous appraisal courses. Doug has a "Certified General Real Property Appraiser License" from the State of Minnesota and holds a Minnesota Real Estate Salesperson license.



Doug is the Real Estate and Appraisal CE liaison between Chapter 20 and the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Legal Credit Liaison Lloyd Moosbrugger

Lloyd Moosbrugger is a past president of Chapter 20 and has been an active member of our chapter for nearly thirty years. He has been a presenter at our chapter meetings and also at the MnDOT Right of Way Conferences. Lloyd worked in the Minnesota Attorney General's Office from 1963-1996. His duties included evidentiary hearings before court-appointed commission panels and civil trials of eminent domain appeals, and general legal advice to the Office of Right of Way and Surveys, Minnesota Department of Transportation. In 1996 Lloyd retired from the Minnesota Attorney General's Office.



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Chapter 20 - Meeting Highlights

November 14, 2007
Meeting and Luncheon
Midland Hills Country Club

Many thanks to Randy Fordice for his presentation on *CapX 2020*. Randy is leads communications and public affairs for the CapX 2020 Brookings-Twin Cities project.



Chapter 20
2008 Meeting Dates

January 8, 2008
March 19, 2008
May 21, 2008
September 10, 2008
October 15, 2008
November 19, 2008

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

Please use the year-end as a time to check your contact information on the IRWA website for accuracy, I double-check this when putting together the membership directory. You can reach this at the following link.

<http://www.irwaonline.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx>

If you have problems with accessing the website or with your password please contact Sergey Yushkevich at yushkevich@irwaonline.org

Greetings to all chapter 20 members, I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season. I am looking forward to a less hectic year this year. My former partners who have left St. Louis County for the private sector at Enbridge Pipeline have been replaced and my new partners are pulling on the oar at the Public Works Ship. I still keep in touch with John McKay, Steven Johnson and Mark Olson. Enbridge was fortunate to be able to recruit these people to their team. They are working on some huge projects and it is fun to watch and hear from the sidelines.

Also changing for 2008 will be a new membership chair for Chapter 20. Karen Johnson will be taking over the Membership Chair in early 2008. Karen works for Enbridge Pipelines L.L.C. out of Bemidji. Karen is going to be assisted by Elizabeth Van Zomeren with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Contact information will be provided after the January Membership meeting. Karen plans to attend this meeting and will be introduced to the membership.

When I spoke with Karen before putting her name down in this article she stated that she has been extremely busy with the tragic accident on the pipeline approximately three miles southeast of Enbridge's Clearbrook, Minnesota terminal. It is a reminder that many of us are involved in construction zones and often don't realize



Mark Hudson

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Mark Hudson for his outstanding commitment, dedication, years of writing the Membership Report, and constructing the chapter's Membership Directory. Mark always added a personal side to his report and we all looked forward to reading it in each issue.

Thank you, Mark!

that accidents do happen. When my first partner John McKay left for Enbridge one of the things that he told me was being impressed with the strong emphasis Enbridge has for Safety. Please use this accident as a reminder to remember that there is good reason to take on the job safety and safety equipment very seriously.

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

CHAPTER 20 - NEW MEMBERS

We have had the following new members join IRWA Chapter 20 in November and December.

Stephen M. Stulz, Prosource Technologies, Minneapolis, stulz@prosource-tech.com

Brian D. Mielke, Xcel Energy, Minneapolis, Brian.D.Mielke@xcelenergy.com

John R. Hraba, John Hraba Appraisal Services, Inc. North Branch, johnhraba8@msn.com

Linda H. Brown, Bonestroo Engineering, Linda.Brown@Bonestroo.com

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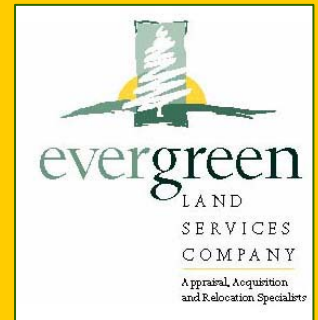
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Chapter 20 Advertising

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

Chapter 20 Directory: Karen Johnson, Membership Chair
218-759-6612

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.

Professional Development Report

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

Congratulations to the following members of Chapter 20: Craig Poorker on his R/W-NAC (Negotiation/Acquisition) Recertification, Joanie Miller on her recent SR/WA and R/W-EC (Environmental) Recertification, and Karen Johnson on her application for Candidacy for her SR/WA.

PDC News from Headquarters:

Be on the look out for changes to the Credentialing Program. Always check for announcements in the Right of Way Magazine and the IRWA website for recent changes in policies and procedures in the credentialing programs.

New Course Requirement for Environmental Certification (R/W-EC). Effective July 1, 2008, Course 604, Environmental Due Diligence and Liability is part of the course requirements for Environmental Certification. Candidates who have not completed all the requirements and submit their completion application on or before June 30, 2008 are required to complete the course.

5-year Sunset Clause for SR/WA Exams effective July 1, 2008.

SR/WA Exams will have a 5-year sunset clause from the date the passed notification was sent from the Headquarters. Candidates must complete all the requirements and submit their completion application on or before June 30, 2008. After this date, candidates will be required to retake the SR/WA exam(s).

Where to get your application forms and other documents: Print your application forms or any documents from the IRWA website to ensure you have the most recent version. <http://www.irwaonline.org/eweb/StartPage.aspx>

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News Briefs

Region 3 - Upcoming Course Offerings

January 2008

- SR/WA Comprehensive Review and Exam - January 21, 2008 - Bloomington, MN
- 104 - Standards of practice for the R/W Professional - January 23, 2008 - Kansas City, MO
- 205 - Bargaining Negotiations - January 24, 2008 - Kansas City, MO
- 103 - Ethics and the Right of Way Profession - January 25, 2008 - MO - (Tentative)

February 2008

- 410 - Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain - February 27, 2008 - Deadwood, SD
- 403 - Easement Valuation - February 28, 2008 - Deadwood, SD

March 2008

- 203 - Alternative Dispute Resolution - March 11, 2008 - Cedar Rapids, IA - (Tentative)
- 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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2008 REGION 3 SPRING FORUM
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Cadillac Jack's Gaming Resort
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Wednesday Feb. 27 – Course 410 – Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain

Thursday Feb. 28 – Course 403 – Easement Valuation

*** Both courses facilitated by IRWA Immediate Past President James Finnegan ***

Thursday evening - Chapter 72 Welcome Reception, 30th Anniversary Celebration of Chapter 72, Live and silent auction (Live auction will be held to benefit IRWA Education Foundation and silent auction to help offset some of the expenses of the 30th anniversary celebration)

Friday Feb 29 – Short Chapter 72 meeting from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
followed by Region 3 Fall Forum from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A block of rooms are being held until **January 26, 2008** at a reduced rate of \$62.90 + tax for Tuesday night (2/26) thru Saturday night (3/1).

Call to make reservations: 1-866-332-3966

(Must mention International Right of Way Association or IRWA to receive discounted rate)

Hunters & Seekers

The *Hunters & Seekers* section is available for all members. If you have a position available or a seeking a position, and would like to have a **FREE** ad posted, please contact the editor at debbiet@connexusenergy.com one month prior to the publish date for details.

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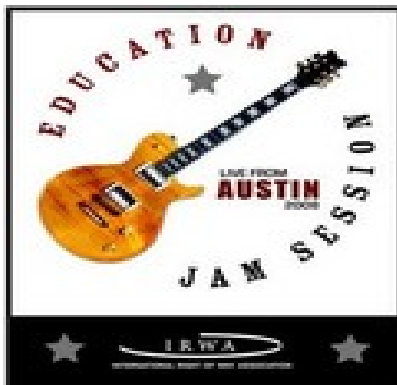
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Chapter 74 - Region 2 will serve as the host chapter, with Larry O'Neal, SR/WA, Randy Williams, SR/WA, and Randall Kopfer, SR/WA, acting as co-chairs for this event.

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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

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

June 2008

Course 800 – Principles of Real Estate Law

Bill Rottschaefer

Coordinator: TBD

Location: TBD

August 2008

2 day Relocation class

Coordinator: TBD

Location: TBD

November 5, 2008

Course 802 – Legal Aspects of Easements

Coordinator: TBD

Location: TBD

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.

For your planning convenience, here is the Chapter 20 – three year tentative course schedule and fees. The schedule was developed in part from the member's participation in the course survey this past fall. More details are to follow as scheduling is completed with exact dates, etc. This information may assist you with planning your future education needs. Keep in mind this is a starting point so that we too can plan their delivery. I want to add that we will remain open to identified needs that are not contained in the schedule when possible. Finally I also suggest that members inform themselves of other opportunities in our other Region 3 chapters. They are listed on the Region 3 web site as well as courses listed on the IRWA web site, their links are:

<http://www.irwaonline.org>
<http://www.irwaregion3.org>

Sincerely,

Greg Cooley

Chapter 20 - 3 Year Course Schedule				
Course Number	Name of Course	Course Length (days)	Month	Course Fee
2008				
-	SR/WA Review Study Session (Includes Test Fee)	2	Jan	\$ 500
409	Integrating Appraisal Standards	1	Mar	\$ 255
410	Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain	1	Mar	\$ 255
800	Principles of Real Estate Law	2	Jun	\$ 400
504	Computing Replacement Housing Payments	2	Aug	\$ 400
802	Legal Aspects of Easements	1	Nov	\$ 255
2009				
104	Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional	1	Feb	\$ 255
200	Principles of R.E. Negotiation	2	Mar	\$ 400
403	Easement Valuation	1	Apr	\$ 255
603	Understanding Environmental Contamination in Real Estate	1	Sep	\$ 255
701	Property/Asset Management: Leasing	2	Oct	\$ 400
900	Principles of Real Estate Engineering	2	Nov	\$ 400
2010				
100	Principles of Land Acquisition	4	Feb	\$ 730
201	Communications in R.E. Acquisition	3	Mar	\$ 545
400	Principles of Real Estate Appraisal	2	Apr	\$ 400
407	Valuation of Contaminated Properties (New - pending)	1	Sep	\$ 255
600	Introduction to Environmental Issues	1	Oct	\$ 255
214 / 804	Skills of Expert Testimony	1	Nov	\$ 255

Course fees are based upon IRWA suggested rates published through July 1, 2008, thus future tuition fees are subject to change. Course brochures will determine actual tuition.

Chapter 20 sponsored Course 203, Alternative Dispute Resolution, on October 18-19, 2007. Craig Call with The Utah Land Use Institute facilitated the class. It was well attended and everyone in the class agreed, it was time well spent.





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