



# The Communiqué

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

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## President's Notes

*By: Joanie Miller, SR/WA*

Greetings All and Happy Spring,

As I begin this message in mid April, I question where our tulips, green grass and tree buds are. Weather forecasters are predicting up to ten inches of snow and blizzard conditions this evening in our area. It's been a long winter and it's not over yet!!

On March 24 and 25, Chapter 20 offered Course 409 to approximately 15 members and Course 410 to a full classroom. We owe the success of these classes to our attendees, their employers and also to all who helped promote these classes. Doug Johnson did a wonderful job as the course coordinator and additionally he is now certified to teach them both.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter 20 will be offering Course 800 Principles of Real Estate Law in Bloomington. More details inside under the education calendar.

Thanks to Margaret Donahoe for her presentation on the 2008 Transportation Funding bill at our March luncheon. We had 60 members and guests in attendance - WOW! It's always enjoyable seeing our members but there's never enough time to visit with everyone; however we do try.

Please join us on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at the new Great River Energy headquarters in Maple Grove, MN for our chapter luncheon and tour beginning at 11:30. Please RSVP to Jason Alt at [jalt@prosource-tech.com](mailto:jalt@prosource-tech.com) by Thursday, May 15th.

A reminder to all: Chapter 20's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party will be held at the **University Club at 420 Summit Avenue in St. Paul on Friday, May 16, 2008**. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner. Please remember that our company sponsors have provided valet parking for this event. The planning committee has been working furiously to provide our members and guests with an enjoyable and memorable evening. We have received overwhelming support from our member companies. Their generous contributions have enabled us to make this a red carpet event. Our immense thanks to the following:

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*Joanie's message is continued on the next page...*

# President's Note's

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Also, it is with great honor that International President Jim Struble, SR/WA, will be attending our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Jim will be recognizing and presenting plaques to four member companies for their 50 years of support and commitment to Chapter 20 and the IRWA. These companies are: Minnesota Department of Transportation, Shenehon Company, Xcel Energy (formerly NSP) and Great River Energy, (formerly UPA).

In March, we requested help from our membership in identifying past presidents and also the faces in many of our black and white photos. We would like to thank Bud Storm, Lloyd Moosbrugger, David T. Johnson, David Erickson, Pat Cairns, Ray Flaherty, Robert Brokopp and George Eckenroth for their trip down memory lane. Because of their help we were able to piece together much of our history along with placing names with faces. It also helped that Gary Ostrom and Craig Poorker needed to clean their offices in preparation for the Great River Energy move and found some very useful items such as "the list of past presidents dating back to 1957." And finally, I would be remiss in not thanking Craig Knudsen for locating one of Chapter 20's missing boxes. This box held twelve years of the original Chapter 20 minutes from 1957 to 1969 and also the original membership applications for approximately 200 of our members from 1957 to 1960. How interesting to glance through these applications and read the telephone numbers from way back when. These items will be on display at our 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. Thank you all!

**Congratulations are in order!** We have received word from Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA and Region 3 Representative of the International Nominations and Elections Committee (INEC) that Great River Energy is the winner of the International Employer of the Year Award for companies with fewer than 20 right of way employees. The Employer of the Year Award recognizes associate companies which actively support their employees as IRWA members. These companies demonstrate strong employee support and commitment at chapter, regional and international levels of the Association in terms of participation, financing, time allowance, facilities, services, etc...

In addition to Great River Energy, Craig Poorker, SR/WA, has been nominated as a finalist for the Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award. This award honors professionals who have demonstrated exemplary support to the Association. The INEC appoints the winner of this award based on their outstanding contributions made through leadership positions in the chapter, region and international levels, fulfillment of educational courses and activities, participation in Association region and international activities and achievement of IRWA professional designations. These recipients will be recognized and awards will be presented at the conference in Austin, TX in June. Congratulations again to Great River Energy and Craig Poorker!

The IRWA 2008 Annual Conference in Austin, TX will soon be here. It looks like it could be one of our largest attendances yet. Headquarters has announced that three hotels are full and they have made arrangements with a fourth. If you are planning on attending, please register online at [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org)

At this time, we would like to thank Leland Mann and Northern Natural Gas Company (NNG) for their ongoing support of our education needs. It is because of them that we are able to hold our classes in a central location and at no cost to our chapter. They have coordinated the dates with Southpoint and have provided the technical equipment needed for these classes. **Thanks again Leland and Northern Natural Gas Company!**

The Region 3 Fall Forum will be held in Minneapolis on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Accommodations are being finalized and will be announced upon completion.

And in closing, as I *finish* my president's message on April 21<sup>st</sup>, I see that spring HAS finally arrived.

As always, your Board of Directors and Committees continue to be at your service.

Sincerely,

*Joanie Miller, SR/WA*

Chapter 20 President

# May Membership Meeting



Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
10:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting  
Everyone is welcome!

11:30 a.m. – Member Luncheon  
Great River Energy Headquarters  
12300 Elm Creek Boulevard  
Maple Grove, MN 55369-4718  
763-445-5000

Cost: \$15.00

**Tour Great River Energy's  
new corporate headquarters.**

**A reminder to all members!**

Please help us plan ahead.

**RSVP to Jason Alt,  
by Noon  
Thursday, May 15, 2008**

If possible, please use email.

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or

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Great River Energy has moved to their new energy-efficient headquarters facility in Maple Grove. The four-story, 166,000 square-foot building is located on a 12.5 acre site in Maple Grove's Arbor Lakes development and was completed in April 2008. This building is projected to be a LEED-Platinum-certified building. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification is a standard developed by the U.S. Green Buildings Council ([www.USGBC.org](http://www.USGBC.org)) to provide benchmarks for energy efficient and sustainable buildings. Platinum is the highest certification the group awards.

Join us on Wednesday, May 21 to learn about the building's features showing a number of the latest advancements in energy efficiency technology that help set the new standard for building design and construction. For more information, go to: [www.greatriverenergy.com](http://www.greatriverenergy.com)

# Chapter 20

## *Celebrating 50 Years*

Thank you to every past President for your time and dedication in making Chapter 20 the success it is today.

<b>Chapter 20 Past Presidents</b>	<b>Year Served</b>	<b>Chapter 20 Past Presidents</b>	<b>Year Served</b>
Curly Mc Daniel	1957	Dick Gunn, SR/WA	1983
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Frank Christlieb	1959	Ed Brunkhorst, SR/WA	1985
Joe Smoke & George Watson	1960	Robert Seitz, SR/WA	1986
Ed Lorens, SR/WA	1961	Pete LaSalle, SR/WA	1987
George Master	1962	Lloyd Moosbrugger	1988
Manley Davenport	1963	David T. Johnson, SR/WA	1989
Ralph Olson, SR/WA	1964	J. Patrick Cairns, SR/WA	1990
Ralph Olson, SR/WA	1965	Dave Swenson	1991
Ray McCloughan	1966	David Lang	1992
Warner Blake	1967	Kaye Anderson	1993
Howard Shenehon, SR/WA	1968	Larry Martin, SR/WA	1994
John Ripsin Jr. SR/WA	1969	Gary Ostrom, SR/WA	1995
James Gordon	1970	Mike Kelly	1996
Donald R. Bundlie	1971	Bill Rottschaefter	1997
Earl Dorn, SR/WA	1972	Doug Johnson, SR/WA	1998
Joseph D. Douthitt, SR/WA	1973	Craig Poorker, SR/WA	1999
Donald J. Loen	1974	Sue Pariseau, SR/WA	2000
Harold Davis, SR/WA	1975	Matt Storm, SR/WA	2001
William Wolfe, SR/WA	1976	Elizabeth Babcock	2002
George Eckenroth, SR/WA	1977	Kaye Anderson	2003
Gene Foote	1978	Paul Gustafson	2004
Jim Anderson	1979	Craig Knudsen, SR/WA	2005
Ray Flaherty	1980	Lisa Beckman, SR/WA	2006
Bud Storm, SR/WA	1981	Marvin DeJear, SR/WA	2007
David Erickson, SR/WA	1982	Joanie Miller, SR/WA	2008

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# Chapter 20's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Friday, May 16, 2008  
University Club  
420 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

This is a reminder for everyone that sent in their R.S.V.P. by April 15. It promises to be a memorable evening. Contact Kathy Blomquist with any questions at [Kathleen.A.Blomquist@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Kathleen.A.Blomquist@xcelenergy.com).

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March 19, 2008  
Meeting and Luncheon  
Midland Hills Country Club

Thank you Margaret Donahoe for your informative presentation on the 2008 Transportation Funding Bill.

*Chapter 20  
2008 Meeting Dates*

*May 21, 2008  
September 10, 2008  
October 9, 2008  
November 19, 2008*



March 19, 2008  
Meeting and Luncheon



Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2008

*Submitted by: Jamie McIntyre*



**NORTH STAR CHAPTER 20  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2008**

Call to order:

Joanie Miller, President

Roll Call:

Jamie McIntyre, Secretary

Craig Poorker  
Marvin DeJear  
Lorelei Stone  
Liz Van Zomeren

John Foster  
Jason Alt  
Allen Schliep

Joanie Miller  
Jamie McIntyre  
Kirk Corson

Craig Knudsen  
Karen Johnson  
Greg Cooley

Approval of Minutes for the January 2008 Meeting:

Motion to accept minutes as drafted pending dollar amount clarification for Ads in the Directory and Communiqué – Greg Cooley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Alt – Motion Carried

Treasurer's Reports:

1. Account Balance Jason Alt, Treasurer
  - Account balance is \$18,773.07 (CD's) \$6,000 for 13 mos. @ 4.90% Exp. 12/02/08 & \$6,500 for 7 mos. @ 4.75% Exp. 06/02/08 Purchased from Highland Bank.
2. John Foster and Jason Alt will be working on the deposits due to taxes.
  - Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Marvin DeJear, 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Cooley – Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

1. Education Report Greg Cooley, SR/WA
  - Course 800: Principles of Real Estate Law – Facilitator still needs to sign agreement. It is almost ready to go and will be held in June.
  - Course 504: Computing Replacement Housing Payments – looking at the 2nd week in August. Lisa Harrison, Facilitator. This course will be held in Bloomington.
  - Course 802: Legal Aspects of Easements – Facilitator, Bill Rottschaefter, still in need of a coordinator. Lisa Harrison is willing to donate her fee and is looking to Chapters to make a donation for rewrites of Relocation Courses to the Education Foundation.
  - Courses 409 & 410 – Had low numbers so \$25 was taken off the fee for each course. Attendance more than doubled after doing that.
2. Membership Report Karen Johnson/Liz Van Zomeren
  - We have 5 new members. Karen Johnson and Liz Van Zomeren are working w/ Mark Hudson on the Directory.
3. PDC Report John McKay, SR/WA
  - All who attended the SR/WA test course passed their test.
4. Newsletter Report Debbie Tyler N/A
5. Pipeline Report Marvin DeJear, SR/WA N/A
6. Asset/Property Management Kathy Bloomquist N/A
7. Program Report John Foster
  - Margaret Donahoe will speak today. Possible future speakers, Kirk Corson/Relocation, David Jan from the MN Attorney Generals Office.
  - The October meeting will be held at GRE's new location.
8. Relocation Chair Penny Rolf
  - Spoke to someone at MNDOT. A new law was passed that reduced the Business Reestablishment payment from \$50,000 to \$10,000. They are trying to get it back to \$50,000.
9. Utilities Chair Mark Hawkinson N/A
10. Awards Chair Jim Anderson
  - Working on awards for the 50th celebration.
11. Environmental Chair Jennifer Wolff
  - Craig Poorker, Region 3 Rep on the International Environment Committee stated that all committees are working hard to get everything ready for the conference in Austin, TX
12. Survey Chair Allen Schlipp
  - Working on an article for the newsletter. MNDOT to expand their VRS network
13. Transportation Chair Lorelei Stone
  - Anoka County article for newsletter on the newly passed Transportation bill.
14. Valuation Chair Kirk Corson
  - Submitted an article to the Newsletter and R/W Magazine.
15. Real Estate/Appraisal Doug Johnson, SR/WA
  - Struggles continue with the Commerce Department. Doug is working on this.
16. Legal Credits Chair Lloyd Moosbrugger N/A
17. Nominations & Elections Bill Rottschaefter, Craig Knudsen, SR/WA and  
Craig Poorker, SR/WA

Old Business:

1. 2007 Audit was completed on January 17, 2008
2. ▪ Everything went well.
3. 2007 Taxes
4. ▪ Everything has been submitted.
5. Region Dues
6. ▪ Dues have been paid.
7. Directory & Communiqué advertising
8. ▪ Mark Hudson and Karen Johnson to work on it. Need to verify costs.
9. 2008 Directory – Nothing yet - still working on it.
10. Chapter 20 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Update.
11. ▪ It is being held on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Starting to receive R.S.V.P.'s. Past presidents all invited. No / So Dakota Chapter had old minutes from when it was TriState.

New Business:

1. Reinstatement of Marvin DeJear, SR/WA as Director.
  - Motion to accept Jason Alt's resignation, Kirk Corson, 2nd Greg Cooley, motion passes.
  - Motion to Reinstatement Marvin DeJear as Director, Greg Cooley, 2nd Kirk Corson, motion passes.
2. 2008 Conference in Austin, TX
  - Auction Item – Motion to spend up to \$200 on auction items/committee to recommend items Greg Cooley, 2nd Marvin DeJear. Motion passes.
  - Committee to consist of Penny Rolf, Craig Knudsen and Jamie McIntyre.
  - Conference Reimbursements - Motion for up to \$1500 reimbursed, based on receipts, for three positions attending, for the year of 2008, Kirk Corson, 2nd Penny Rolf. Motion Passes.
  - Future reimbursements to be reviewed at budget time.
  - Region 3 Golf Tournament Donation – Motion for \$300 to be donated for the golf tournament, Greg Cooley, 2nd Marvin DeJear. Motion Passes.
  - Book Drive – tabled.
  - Early registration reimbursement – Joanie Miller is requesting early reimbursement for \$425 to attend 2008 Conference.
3. 2008 Spring Forum – Deadwood, SD - UPDATE
  - Update Chapter Bylaws – Tabled until May meeting.
  - Set date for Regional Fall Forum in MPLS – October 9 & 10, 2008
  - Motion to pay the three requested \$100 Region Forum reimbursements Kirk Corson, 2nd Marvin DeJear. Motion Passes.
4. Chapter 20 Website
  - Website soon. Wants lots of feedback comments. Please check out other Chapter websites for comparison.
5. Electronic Checking - Tabled
6. Motion for plant reimbursement for Skip Sherstad funeral, Craig Knudsen, 2nd Marvin DeJear. Motion Passes.
7. Chapter 20 Golf Tournament - Tabled
8. Approval of board minutes and treasurer's report prior to newsletter publication.
  - Approval will be done via email before publication.
9. Approval of expenses prior to disbursement.
  - Audit requires the approvals to be in the minutes. Place at end of minutes.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion – Kirk Corson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marvin DeJear - Motion Carried

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# Treasurer's Report January 1-April 21, 2008

*Submitted by: Jason Alt*

Transaction - YTD  
1/1/2008 through 4/21/2008

4/21/2008

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>BALANCE 12/31/2007</b>					<b>0.00</b>
1/15/2008		Opening Balance		[[IRWA Checking 2008]	18,982.74
1/15/2008	3306	Department Of Commerce	Course 409 Appraisal CE	Education	-80.00
1/15/2008	3307	Department Of Commerce	Course 409 Real Estate CE	Education	-80.00
1/15/2008	3308	Department Of Commerce	Course 410 Appraisal CE	Education	-80.00
1/15/2008	3309	Department Of Commerce	Course 410 Real Estate CE	Education	-80.00
1/15/2008	3310	Douglas K. Johnson	Education Provider Renewal Reimbursement	Education	-20.50
1/17/2008	3311	Midland Hills Country Club	Deposit for 03.19.08, 09.10.08, and 11.19.08 Meetings @ Midland	Chapter Meeting Venue & Food_Beverage	-300.00
1/18/2008	3312	Joanie Miller	Replace lost check #3260 dated 06.26.07	Misc	-224.73
1/18/2008	3313	Douglas K. Johnson	Copy Reimbursement for CE - 409/410	Education	-61.92
1/22/2008	3314	Tom Anderson	"UP NORTH" Presentation	Chapter Meeting Speaker	-786.90
2/4/2008	3315	John Foster	SR/WA Course Reimbursements	Education	-197.47
2/4/2008	3316	International Right Of Way Association	Invoice 115669 - Course 409/410 Manuals	Education	-267.00
2/4/2008	3317	Midland Hills Country Club	January Meeting	Chapter Meeting Venue & Food_Beverage	-1,696.76
2/4/2008	DEP	SR/WA Course Income	Cks from City of LaCrosse, (2) Ulteig, Pinnacle, & We Energies.	Course Income	2,500.00
2/14/2008	3318	James Hurd Anderson	Plaques Reimbursement - Installation Meeting	Awards and Plaques	-814.06
2/14/2008	3319	David Layne	SR/WA Study Session Instructor Reimbursements	Course Instructor	-828.74
2/22/2008	3320	**VOID**St Paul College Club	Deposit for 50th Anniversary Celebration Venue	50th Anniversary Celebration	0.00
3/4/2008	DEP	IRWA Course Payments, Ulteig, SRF, and WS...		Other Inc	3,330.00
3/4/2008	3321	Joanie Miller	Invitation Expenses	50th Anniversary Celebration	-321.59
3/10/2008	3322	IRWA Region 3 C/O Randy De George	Region Dues (\$1/member)	Region Dues	-200.00
3/18/2008	DEP	Yaggy, Bonestroo; LD Martin; HDR; Stern&And...	Donation to 50th Anniversary Celebration	Gift Received	1,000.00
3/19/2008	DEP	Chapter Luncheon Income	Represents payment for (59) attendees.	Chapter Luncheon Income	885.00
3/19/2008	3323	Joanie Miller	Austin, TX - Conference Fee Reimbursement	International Conference Reimbursements	-425.00
3/19/2008	DEP	50th Anniversary Attendee Payments		50th Anniversary Attendee Income	180.00
3/19/2008	3324	Joanie Miller	Flower reimbursement for Skip Sherstad's Funeral.	Misc	-51.71
3/19/2008	3325	Kathleen Blomquist	Reimbursement for Spring Forum Attendance	Education	-100.00
3/24/2008	EFT	US BANK	Stop Payment Fee on lost Ck #3320	Bank Charge	-30.00
3/24/2008	3326	**VOID**St Paul College Club	Deposit for 50th Anniversary Celebration Venue	50th Anniversary Celebration	0.00
3/24/2008	3327	ProSource Technologies, Inc.	Forum Reimbursement for Jason Alt & Greg Wheeler.	Education	-200.00
3/28/2008	3328	Joanie Miller	University Club Deposit	50th Anniversary Celebration	-650.00
3/31/2008	DEP	Class 409/410 Income		Education	1,865.00
3/31/2008	DEP	ProSource, Briggs & Morgan, GRE, Evergreen ...	Donations to 50th Anniversary Celebration	Gift Received	1,361.00
3/31/2008	3329	Frank Cirillo	Course 409/410	Course Instructor	-885.90
4/6/2008	3330	We've Got It Covered	Chair covers / sashes	50th Anniversary Celebration	-287.55
4/6/2008	3331	Midland Hills Country Club	March Meeting	Chapter Meeting Venue & Food_Beverage	-1,430.72
4/6/2008	3332	Douglas K. Johnson	Reimbursement for 409/410 class expenses	Education	-126.57
4/7/2008	DEP	50th Anniversary Attendee Payments		50th Anniversary Attendee Income	330.00
4/7/2008	DEP	Xcel Energy; Northern Natural Gas	Donations to 50th Anniversary Celebration	Gift Received	500.00
4/10/2008	3333	IRWA Region 3 C/O Randy De George	Annual Golf Tournament Donation	Charity	-300.00
4/21/2008	DEP	ProSource, Shenehon, and Region 3 Donations	Donations to 50th Anniversary Celebration	Gift Received	900.00
4/21/2008	DEP	50th Anniversary Attendee Payments		50th Anniversary Attendee Income	495.00
4/21/2008	DEP	50th Anniversary Attendee Payments		50th Anniversary Attendee Income	105.00
4/21/2008	3334	ProSource Technologies, Inc.	Reimbursement for FedEx of Deposit / Contract for Venue	50th Anniversary Celebration	-14.13
4/21/2008	3335	Douglas K. Johnson	Reimbursement for Course 800 CE application fee	Education	-160.00
<b>1/1/2008 - 4/21/2008</b>					<b>21,732.49</b>
<b>BALANCE 4/21/2008</b>					<b>21,732.49</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>					<b>32,433.74</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>					<b>-10,701.25</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>					<b>21,732.49</b>

## 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 at 218-759-6612**

**Chapter 20 Communiqué: Debbie Tyler, Newsletter Editor at 763-323-2619**


We offer space for  $\frac{1}{4}$  page ads in our Communiqué at \$50 per year (six issues) and space for  $\frac{1}{2}$  page ads in the directory at \$100 per year.

# 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](mailto:debbiet@connexusenergy.com). Remember to send it by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, preceding the newsletter's distribution. We publish the newsletter about the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following months: January, March, May, September, October, and November.

The following message was provided by The Transportation Alliance of Minnesota.



## HF2800/Chapter 152

10-year estimate of additional resources – not all taxes: \$6.4B of that amount, \$4.7 billion for roads and bridges, \$1.7B for transit

**Revenue Compared to Need – 10 year estimate**

Trunk highway system Need	\$10 billion	Revenue: \$3.3 billion
CSAH Need	\$2.7 billion	Revenue: \$1.4 billion
MSAS Need	\$2 billion	Revenue: \$368 million
Metropolitan Area Transit	\$2.1 billion	Revenue: \$1.2 billion
Greater MN Transit	\$230 million	Revenue: \$56.7 million
<b>Total Unmet Need</b>	<b>\$1.8B per year/</b>	<b>Revenue: \$645 million per year</b>

Funding increases for metropolitan area transit will come from the sales tax imposed by counties in the metropolitan area of ¼ percent. The revenue generated by the sales tax is estimated at about \$68 million in FY09 increasing to \$135.5 million in FY2018 with all 7 counties participating. Initially, the tax will probably only be levied by 5 counties in the metro area.

**Funding elements of the bill:**

- 5 cent increase in gas tax
  - 2 cents April 1, 2008
  - 3 cents on October 1, 2008
- 3.5 cent surcharge on gas tax for trunk highway bond debt

Surcharge rate schedule	
FY2009	.5 cents
FY2010	2.1 cents
FY2011	2.5 cents
FY2012	3.0 cents
FY2013	3.5 cents
- \$1.8B in trunk highway bonds over 10 years FY2009-FY2018
  - \$600M (\$300M in FY09 and \$300M in FY2010) of trunk highway bonds dedicated to new **Bridge Account for repair and improvements of state Bridges**
  - \$100M per year for FY2011-2018
- \$50M in GO bonds for local bridges and \$10M in GO bonds for local roads
- Eliminating caps on license tab fees and changing the depreciation schedule. **For any vehicle previously registered in Minnesota, the fee does not increase.**

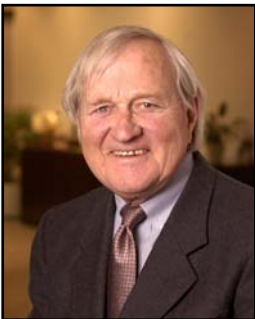
- Dedicating sales tax on leased vehicles to Greater MN transit and local roads starting in FY2010 and fully phased-in by FY2012
  - 50% to Greater MN transit
  - 50% to CSAH fund – to counties in the metropolitan area
- Providing a \$25 tax credit for low-income residents
- Authorizing metropolitan area counties to impose a ¼ percent sales tax for transit
  - Eligible counties include: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington
- Authorizing counties in Greater MN to levy a sales tax of up to ½ percent for transportation purposes
- Prohibits any road authority from charging tolls on existing general purpose lanes. The prohibition does not apply to any toll facility or HOV lane constructed prior to Sept. 1, 2007 or an additional lane including dynamic-priced shoulder lane, or HOT lane added to a highway after Sept. 1, 2007.
- A Transportation Strategic Management and Operations Advisory Task Force is created to advise the governor and legislature on management and operations strategies that will improve efficiency in transportation. The task force shall submit a report by Dec. 15, 2008 to the governor and chairs of the committees with jurisdiction over transportation.

The initial increase of 5.5 cents by October of 2008 will cost the average driver \$55 per year. People will only see an increase in license tab fees if they purchase a new vehicle that has not previously been registered in the State of Minnesota. The sales tax increase authorized in the bill will impact people who live in the 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The sales tax revenue raised through the metro sales tax is how the metro area will fund Hiawatha, Northstar and other transit projects. Average cost of ¼ percent metro sales tax is \$30 per person annually. Total impact of the bill when fully phased-in is about \$130 per family annually.

The transportation funding bill will provide additional state highway dollars to all 87 counties and every city with a population of 5,000 or more. These are dollars that will help reduce the pressure to raise local property taxes to pay for roads and bridges.

The roads and bridges that we drive on today were built and paid for by our parents and grandparents. Increasing transportation user fees to make needed investments means that our children and grandchildren won't inherit crumbling roads and bridges. It takes leadership and the independence to vote for funding for your district and your constituents rather than blindly following a political party. Legislators who voted for this legislation did the right thing for the transportation system that businesses and workers rely on every day.

## Remembering *Blaine Harstad*



On April 19th, Blaine Harstad, a long time chapter 20 member and speaker at our luncheons, passed away. Blaine Harstad was a principal executive at Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty, and Bennett, P.A. in Minneapolis. Over the years, Blaine had been heavily involved in condemnation law and eminent domain.

Chapter 20 sent \$50 in Blaine's memory, to the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa. Blaine's family, friends, and co-workers continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

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April 29, 2008

International Right of Way Association, Chapter 20  
Jason D. Alt, Vice President/Treasurer  
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Dear International Right of Way Association, Chapter 20:

Thank you very much for your gift of \$50.00 in memory of Blaine Harstad. Blaine was a very dear friend and an outstanding trustee of Vesterheim. He cared passionately about keeping Vesterheim a vital and progressive institution, a place that honors Norwegian heritage and inspires people of all backgrounds to celebrate tradition. We will miss Blaine very much.

Again, thank you for honoring Blaine's memory with your gift to Vesterheim.

Sincerely,

Bill Musser  
Director of Development

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King of Norway  
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Chair

Janet Blohm Pultz  
Executive Director

# Membership Report

*By: Karen Johnson & Liz Van Zomeren*

Hello, hopefully we can see spring right around the corner. My message will be short this time as work has seemed to keep me relatively busy. In the spring our company, Enbridge is involved with many Damage Preventions, Public Official, and Log Safe Meeting. These meeting are held to increase the public awareness of safety when digging and working around our facilities. We invite many different audiences to our meetings; we continue to help educate the excavators and operators, and loggers that work around our pipelines with our right-of-way. So, I spend some time on the road going to many different meetings and open houses. At the end, we all are very familiar with Documentation! We look forward to celebrating our 50th Anniversary.

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## CHAPTER 20 - NEW MEMBERS

Here is a list of our new members:

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**Ia P Xiong**, Hennepin County, Medina, MN [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us)  
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# Professional Development Report

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

*No Report*

# Hunters & Seekers

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

## Wanted Right of Way Claims Agent Koch Pipeline Company LP

**Metro Area:** Minneapolis/St. Paul Rosemount, MN US  
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**Job Code:** P2269 (Agent, Right of Way Claims)

### Position Summary

- Coordinate the right-of-way permitting process with entities desiring to encroach upon KPL easements.
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- Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with landowners.
- Ability to obtain permission from property owners and regulatory authorities for access/entry.
- Coordinate and settle damage claims, review title examination and negotiate contract details related to rights of way.
- Prepare forms and paperwork related to partial releases, receipts and releases, easement agreements and other legal documents.
- Acquisition of real property rights.

### Requirements

- 3-5 years pipeline or utility right-of-way experience
- 3-5 years experience in title review and examination
- Microsoft Office literate and the ability to learn proprietary programs and databases
- Ability to comprehend and modify right-of-way documents, determine legal descriptions and pull title documents on various property types.
- General real estate and due diligence knowledge
- Position requires a valid driver's license.
- Some travel will be required.
- High School Diploma or equivalent

### Preferred:

- Experience in real estate and real property land rights
- Experience in claim settlements relating to property damage
- Familiarity with agency permitting
- Basic Courses with the International Right-of-Way Associations' technical training curriculum
- College degree

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# IRWA Region 3

## News Briefs

### *Region 3 - Upcoming Course Offerings*

#### ***May 2008***

400 - Principles of Real Estate Appraisal - May 22, 2008 - Kansas City, MO

#### ***June 2008***

800 - Principles of Real Estate Law - June 09, 2008 - Bloomington, MN

501 - Residential Relocation Assistance - June 26, 2008 - Kansas City, MO - (Tentative)

#### ***August 2008***

504 - Commuting Replacement Housing Payments - August 11, 2008 - Bloomington, MN

201 - Communications in R.E. Acquisition - August 20, 2008 - MO

#### ***September 2008***

802 - Legal Aspects of Easements - September 8, 2008 - Ames, IA

803 - Eminent Domain - September 9, 2008 - Ames, IA

502 - Business Relocation - September 25, 2008 - Lee-s Summit, MO

#### ***October 2008***

213 - Conflict Management - October 22, 2008 - MO - (Tentative)

205 - Bargaining Negotiations - October 23, 2008 - MO - (Tentative)

#### ***November 2008***

600 - Introduction to Environmental Issues - November 07, 2008 - St. Louis, MO - (Tentative)

802 - Legal Aspects of Easements - November 10, 2008 - Bloomington, MN

503 - Mobile Home Relocation - November 20, 2008 - Kansas City, MO - (Tentative)

**For more information, visit: [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org)**

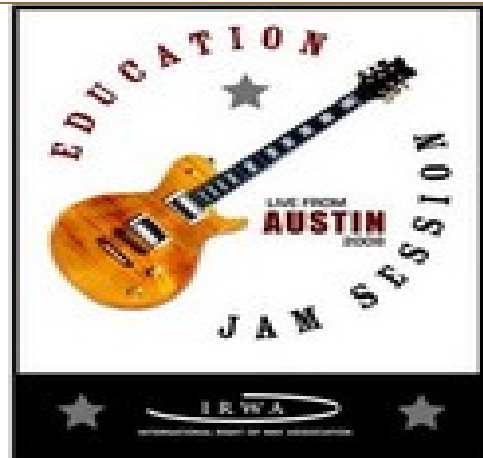
## 2008 IRWA Annual Conference

Each year, IRWA's Annual International Education Conference provides right of way professionals with unparalleled learning and networking opportunities.

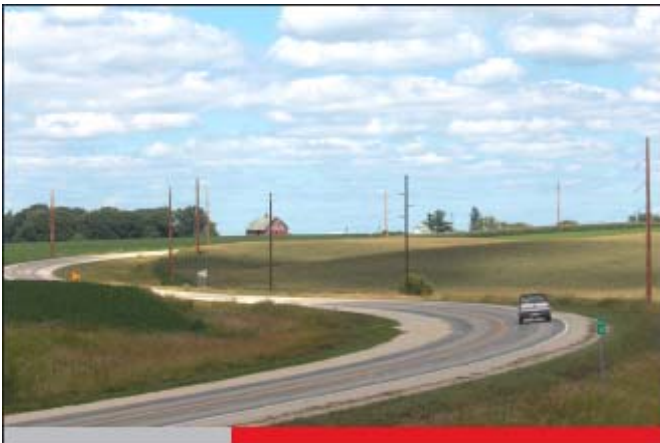
With typically more than 1,000 registrants, attendees have the opportunity to learn about best practices, share project challenges and hear solutions from the industry's leading professionals.

**The 54th Annual Education Conference** will be held in Austin, TX, June 22-25, 2008.

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

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### *Chapter 20 - Upcoming Course Offerings*

#### **June 9 & 10, 2008**

Course 800 – Principles of Real Estate Law  
Facilitator: Larry Martin  
Coordinator: Peg Flaig – 763-323-5524  
Location: South Point Center

#### **August 11-12, 2008**

Course 504 – Computing Replacement Housing Payments  
Facilitator: Lisa Harrison  
Coordinator: Jason Alt  
Location: South Point Center

#### **November 5, 2008**

Course 802 – Legal Aspects of Easements  
Facilitator: William Rottschaefter  
Coordinator: Peg Flaig  
Location: South Point Center

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**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
<b>2008</b>				
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
<b>2009</b>				
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
<b>2010</b>				
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.



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