

PLATTE RIVER CURRENTS



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Greetings Chapter 78 Members,

It's finally spring and it has been a beautiful one. We have a busy year planned and I hope you'll be able to join us often. With many upcoming educational opportunities, informative speakers and great social networking, I'd hate for you to miss out!

Brent Lundgren successfully coordinated Course 201, Communications in Real Estate Acquisition in May and recently Relocation courses 501 & 502 the first of June.

This is the time to start planning on attending the Region 3 Fall Forum hosted by Chapter 78 at Riverside Grille, Council Bluffs, Iowa on Oct. 1st & 2, 2009. For more information go to the Region 3 web page, <http://www.irwaregion3.org/>. Chapter 78 is sponsoring this event and I'm sure you will enjoy attending. Our Fall Forum Committee has invested considerable time and effort in planning this event and we encourage all chapter members to attend. Donations for our Fall Forum Auction are still being accepted (all proceeds go to the Right of Way International Education Foundation, RWIEF. For more information about this worthy cause check it out on the IRWA web page), please email leslie.muehlich@nebraska.gov or joey.kramer@nebraska.gov.)

Next Quarterly
Meeting
June 17, 2009
Mahoney State Park

Interesting Web Sites

Chapter 78

<http://irwa78.org>

Region 3

<http://irwaregion3.org>

IRWA Headquarters

<http://www.irwaonline.org>

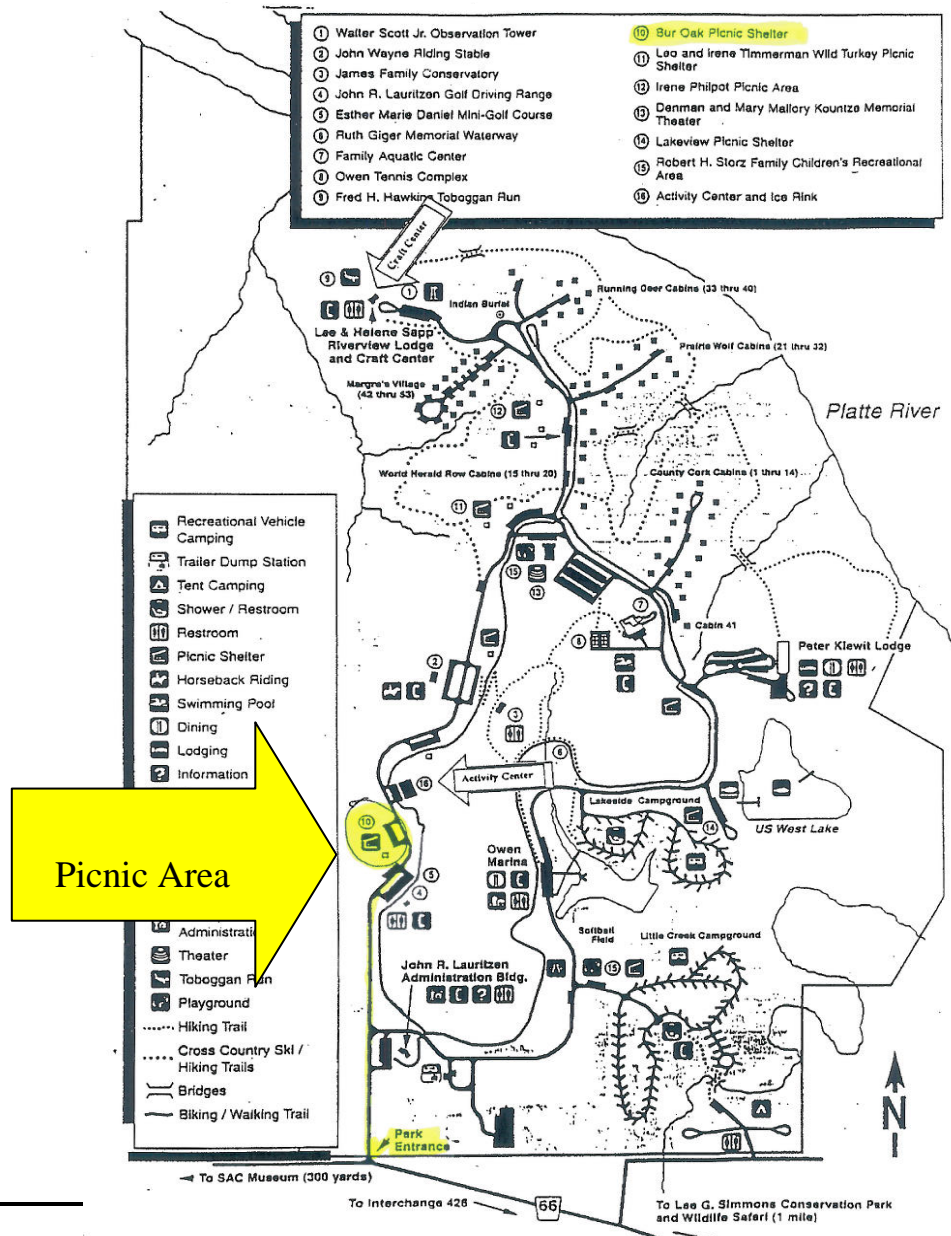
Our next Chapter Quarterly Meeting will be a picnic at Burr Oak Shelter on June 17th, 2009 at Eugene Mahoney State Park. Adam Offener or Brian Schmidt, from Mahoney State Park will be our speaker. A map of the Park is provided below. This will be great fun so mark your calendars!

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The Region 3 Spring Forum

The Region 3 Spring Forum was held in Overland Park, KS on March 28, 2009. Some of the highlights included:

- Don Corrigan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC received Region 3 Professional of the Year.
- Region 3 Officers voted in by the Region 3 Directors
 - Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA will be the Region 3 Chair
 - Randy De George, SR/WA will be the Region 3 Vice Chair
 - Mike Murray, SR/WA, R/W-NAC will be the Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer
- International is considering a new IRWA Designation
 - Management Certificate
 - Transforming IRWA from a Trade Industry to a Professional Industry
 - Will require a Bachelor Degree to obtain the Management Certificate
- International will be conducting 11-12 courses online by June 2009.
 - Chapters will receive a portion of the proceeds from its members taking courses online.
 - Similar to Course 103
- Educational Conference – Indianapolis, Indiana
 - By-Laws Amendments
 - Advisory Council Resolution
 - International Governing Council By-Law Resolution
 - It was discussed by the Region that its Directors should accept these proposed By-Laws changes

Respectfully Submitted,

Jake Farrell
President Elect



CHAPTER 78
QUARTERLY MEETING
MAHONEY STATE PARK
Ashland, Nebraska
March 18, 2009
11:00 AM

IRWA Chapter 78 Quarterly meeting was called to order by President Joey Kramer, SR/WA, with 37 members in attendance.

Introduction of several of guests and prospective members was made at this time. The group welcomed visitors Clint Thomas, City of Lincoln, Linda Cowdin, Property Manager, University of Nebraska Lincoln, and Randy Gustafson and Jamie Hawkins.

A motion was made by Stacey Kroeger and seconded by Sarah Crook to approve the January 17, 2009 meeting minutes. A correction was noted; the 2 year Director should be noted as Director only, and that Joey Kramer is added as Director also. (*Note: Directors are elected for two year terms and are not necessarily the President and past president, as has been practice, and can be elected from the membership of the Chapter*) Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None.

In her opening remarks, President Joey Kramer noted that she had received correspondence from IRWA that the Region Boundary Alignment proposal has been withdrawn.

Chapter Secretary Dave Lane declared that the required quorum of twenty (20) members has been met with 37 members being present.

Old Business:

None.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Todd Muehlich reported that the account balance was \$12,930.03 as of February 27, 2009. A motion to accept the report was made by Joy Robinson and a second was made by Sheri Daugherty. Voting aye: All. Voting nay: None.

Membership Chair Report:

Sarah Crook, Membership Chairperson reported that the current membership is 101 members.

Education Chair Report:

Jake Farrell presented the 2009 Educational Offering and is as follows:

**2009 Educational Offerings
Chapter 78 as of 2-18-2009**

May 4-6, 2009	Course 201 Communication in Real Estate Acquisition <i>NDOR - Lincoln, NE</i>	3 Day
June 1-2,2009	Course 501 Residential Relocation Assistance <i>NRD - Omaha, NE</i>	2 Days
June 3-4, 2009	Course 502 Business Relocation <i>NRD - Omaha, NE</i>	2 Days
August-09	Course 700 Introduction to Property/Assest Management	2 Days
October-09	Course 802 Legal Aspects of Easements <i>Fall Forum, Omaha, Nebraska</i>	1 Day
November-09	Course 900 Principals of Real Estate Engineering	2 Days

To view all classes to be put on in the Region, check out: irwaregion3.org

Budget Report:

Sheri Dougherty presented the 2009 Budget report. A motion was made by Jim Shotkoski and a second was made by Joel Walker. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None.

Professional Development Committee:

Presenting for Ron Marshall, Joel Walker did announce and distribute new membership certificates to the following: Neal Dreifrust, Zach Schroeder, Diane Sellers, Jonathan Piper, Chris Neesen, Greg McGillvary, Dave Malone, Todd Klein, Dennis Ditloff and Katrinka Dicke. Walker also presented a Chapter Professional of the Year for 2008 to Dave Lane. Lane was unable to attend the annual meeting where both Lane and Jake Farrell were awarded the recognition.

Walker reminded members to check their SR/WA certificates for renewals in 2009. If any members have questions on the renewal, they should contact Ron Marshall

Other Committees:

2009 Fall Forum: Joey Kramer reported that the location for the 2009 Fall Forum will be at the Riverside Grille, on October 1, and 2, 2009 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Further updates will follow. Chapter 78 is the sponsor of this event.

At this time the President called for any other chapter committee reports. There were none.

New Business:

Other Business:

Chris Pawloski – Transportation Committee Chair for Region 3

Chris reported that he will be coordinating all transportation related items at the Indianapolis Conference. Chris also noted that from the International level that the organization is implementing a number of updates to the website and repackaging the delivery of the organization's message. He noted that Mark Reich the executive vice president was very marketing oriented and his emphasis will be noted in upcoming promotions by IRWA. Pawloski asked if any of the members had experiences to share regarding the recently released "stimulus package" funding for transportation projects, if so if the members would send those comments and experiences to him.

Joel Walker was recognized for completing his Facilitator Certification for Level 3 Course 400. The chapter gave their congratulations to Joel for this accomplishment and look forward to his expertise and a class presentation in the near future.

Special Election of Director:

Director Joel Walker recently tendered his resignation as Director due travel activities with his family; and would be unable to attend the 2009 Conference. The nominations committee had prepared a slate of candidates to fill the balance of Walker's term. The ballot contained the following nominees: Paul Farrell, Larry Hagan, Chris Pawloski, and Jim Shotkoski. The ballot also had lines for nominations at large and was distributed to the membership to cast their vote.

Voting results are as follows:

- Paul Farrell 8
- Larry Hagan 8
- Chris Pawloski 13
- Jim Shotkoski 9
- Mark Lorenzen 1

Chris Pawloski was elected as Director.

It was noted that since the chapter is on 2 year term elections at this time, there is no longer a need for an annual banquet and that it could be held every other year.

Door Prizes

Door Prizes for the March 18, 2009 meeting were as follows:

1. Brian Barber
2. Kean Miller
3. Tim Mueller
4. Jim Hunter

There being no further discussion or matters to come before the membership of Chapter 78, a motion was made by Sarah Crook and seconded by Joel Walker to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
David Lane, SR/WA
Chapter 78 Secretary

