



Trailwinds

December 2009

Dakota Chapter 72

President Don Hellman's Report

Dear Chapter 72 members,

First of all, my apologies for not attending the last chapter meeting – I had a commitment that I couldn't back out of. I'd like to thank Ron Golden for stepping in for me at the last minute - it was really appreciated.

As I sit here contemplating what great message I could have for the membership, I began to realize that what may be good for some, may not be achievable for others. Now that I am closer to the retirement stage in my life, I wonder if all the other retirees feel the same way as I do. Retirees don't want a schedule, be committed to anything, and just want to take off and go whenever the feeling hits them. I guess that's why we had such a poor response to the free membership dues that we had. I did expect a larger response, but now I understand why. I feel if we, the Chapter, are going to pay the yearly dues for retirees, the Chapter should get something in return, such as being on one of the committees or helping out with the classes. I know there is a lot of expertise out there that could be well advised to the younger membership. Maybe we should consider dropping the free dues incentive.

There will be a long agenda at the Deadwood meeting. I will highlight the things that need to be discussed and voted on. First of all, International is requesting that all chapters and regions conform to the fiscal year starting with July 1st and ending June 30th. This should not pose a problem for us as we still could have our elections in February, and the new officers would not have to take over until the 1st of July. This would shorten up my term by six months, but would every chapter would then be on the same page.

Second, I think if we have to amend our bylaws again, I feel we should consider having the option of serving one- or two-year terms. To serve two years in all the chairs as it should be, would be an 8-year commitment. That's a long time and nowadays when a person doesn't know whether he/she has a job from one day to the next; it may be beneficial to the chapter to have that option.

Third on the list would be to eliminate the 2nd Vice President position. At this point, I don't see a need or function for that position, and its getting hard for members to be on one of the committees.

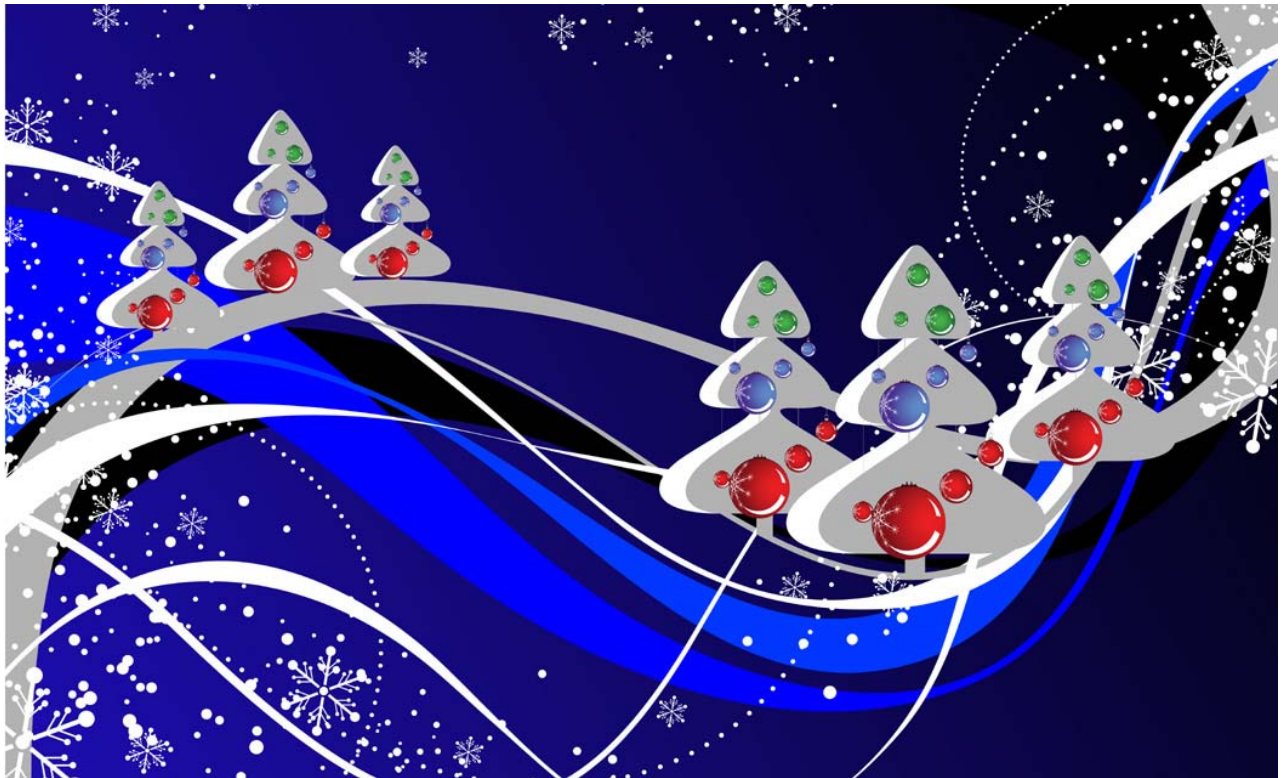
Fourth on the list would be for the Vice President to designate a member to be Communications & Marketing Chair if he/she so desires. As it stands now, the Vice President is to be the C&M Chair, and that can be a handful if he/she is also on other

committees.

Fifth on the list would be a budget. If you have an item that needs to get in the budget, please submit it to me. I will try to have some sort of budget set up for approval at the Deadwood meeting. Region 3 is requesting that every chapter have a budget.

This will give you something to think about for the next meeting. I hope to see you all in Deadwood.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Officers for 2009-2010

President – Don Hellman

President Elect – Ron Golden

1st Vice President – John Boheman

2nd Vice President – Josh May

Secretary/Treasurer – Amy Spilman

IRWA DAKOTA'S CHAPTER 72

October 21, 2009 Minutes

President Elect and Acting President for this meeting, Ron Golden, opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Ulteig Engineering's office in Sioux Falls, SD.

First Vice President, Education Chair and all-around good guy, John Boheman, was polite enough to tell us where the restrooms were located.

Attendees were: Kelly Anderson, Ken Brilz, Mike Murray, Stacey Kroeger from Chapter 78, Roger Motichka, Vicki Severson, Bruce Koppinger, Brad Fettig, Austin Hill, James Quirk, Kurt Donelan, Brent Lundgren, John Boheman and Acting President Ron Golden.

Approval of August 18, 2009 Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Motion by John, second by Vicki to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ken, second by Kurt to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Region 3 Report – Mike Murray

Rita Rasmussen was dumped on with a lot of new tasks (see below - Region 3 Report).

After Mike's report, Acting President Ron commented that this Chapter has come a long way and has seen quite a bit of improvement already.

COMMITTEE REPORTSEducation – John Boheman

Course 900, Principles of Real Estate Engineering - 2 days, will be at the Hampton Inn at Four Aces Casino in Deadwood, SD, February 3 & 4, 2010. Please call the Hampton at 800-426-7866 to make your reservations and be sure to tell them you are with the IRWA to get the \$59+tax/night rate.

In February, 2011, a 4 day course, 100 – Principles of Land Acquisition, is planned to get back to basic core courses for the new members.

John is working on a list of core classes for the next 3 years (see below).

Ken suggested that we notify NHI of upcoming classes.

John, the all-around good guy, thanked everyone for signing up for this past class.

LPA – Kurt Donelan

No Report – Thank you Kurt for keeping it short.

Communications & Marketing – Valeree King

Membership invoices have been sent; everyone please get your membership paid.

PDA – Kenn Haugen

A new course is being developed for the Uniform Relocation Act.

There is a 4 level career path being planned.

Nominations – Bob Krava

No Report

Newsletter – Valeree King

Always asking for pictures, stories etc. Next newsletter to be put on IRWA before February 2010 meeting in Deadwood.

Valuation – Daryl Brandt

No Report

Program – Scot Pulse

Plans are in place at the Hampton Inn, please make your reservations now and ask for the IRWA rate, \$59+tax/night. 1-800-426-7866

Environment – Paul Mahlen

No Report

Pipeline – Darryl Sayler

No Report

Asset Management – Jack Holt

No Report

Relocation – Ken Brilz

Please see the attached meeting minutes from the Relocation & Assistance Committee.

Transportation – Ken Brilz

See attached.

Surveying & Engineering – Russ Nelson

No Report

Utilities – Ron Golden

No Report

Thanks to all for the 'no report' – it makes my job much easier!!!

OLD BUSINESS

Ron suggested some items to include in the website: slate of officers, committee members, upcoming courses, newsletter, activities, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Chapter 72's Professional of the Year is Valeree King!!! CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

Send nominations to Bob Krava for Employer of the Year and let Bob know of anyone who has gone above and beyond to help the Chapter. (Mike Murray comes to mind.)

Comment from Mike: John Boheman is doing a very good job as Education Chair. Everyone agreed!!! That's our all-around good guy, John.

Bruce Koppinger won the \$50 drawing.

Motion by Mike, second by Vicki to adjourn. Motion carried.



Chapter 72 Meeting



Course 200 Attendees



Ted Williams, Facilitator

Region 3 Report

Mike Murray

- * All Chapters to concentrate on International Awards
 1. Balfour – deadline is 02/01/2010 (all Chapters should have someone deserving)
 2. Chapter of the Year – deadline is 02/01/2010 (Chapter 72 came very close to winning this last year; not enough SR/WA's and certifications)
 3. Employer of the Year – deadline is 02/01/2010 (3 out of the last 4 winners were from Region 3)
 4. Newsletter of the Year – deadline is 02/01/2010 (3 copies must be submitted to Nancy Halvorson)
 5. SARPA Scholarship – deadline is 02/01/2010 (\$5,000)
- * All Presidents must submit their selection for Professional of the Year to Rita Rasmussen and Nancy Halvorson by completing Region POY prior to mid December
- * Two positions are open on Region 3 committees – surveying and valuation; if interested, please let Mike know.
- * International is entertaining the idea of changing the name of IRWA to something new and fresh. In early discussions, but lots of ideas being thrown around.
- * Task Force of Region Chairs conducted a survey of the membership to see what they feel needs changing or updating. The results are:
 1. Chapters want stronger regional governance with more leadership training
 2. More interactive engagement between Region & Chapter levels
 3. Separate Chapter and Region duties
 4. Change meeting format of Region Forums to make more productive, i.e. committee presentations
- * May possibly mandate all Chapters to move to the fiscal year of July 1 to June 30, instead of January 1 to December 31. Rita wants all Chapters to discuss and bring arguments for and against to Spring Forum.
- * International Right-of-Way month is October.
 1. Chapter publicity kit for next year
 2. Establish a committee to address this
- * Chapter 72 is only the chapter within Region 3 to not have a website

* Rita wants Region 3 Chapters to provide her names and addresses of all new SR/WA's for recognition by letter and on Region 3 website

Education from 2008-2009

1. Education income was up
2. Classes were up
3. Participation up but class size down due to over 300 people taking online classes last year
4. CMSA's now needed 90 days in advance instead of 60 days
5. Looking for someone interested in facilitator training

Certifications and Designations

* Looking at a new 4-level career path through IRWA

1. Level 1 – Associate R/W Professional (2 year degree, IRWA courses, and 2 years experience)
2. Level 2 – Certified R/W Professional (2 year degree, IRWA courses, and 5 years experience)
3. Level 3 – Senior R/W Professional (4 year degree, IRWA courses, and 7 years experience)
4. Level 4 – Management Level (4 year degree, IRWA courses, and 10 years experience)

* Current SR/WA's would be grandfathered in

* Chapter 72 is scheduled to host the Region 3 Spring Forum 2011 – start planning

* Rita Rasmussen will be attending our next Chapter meeting, Deadwood, February 2010

* Spring Forum 2010 hosted by Chapter 41 at Honeycreek Resort, Iowa, Friday, April 9 (900 class, auction, and golf tournament)

* Anyone planning to attend 2010 Annual Conference in Calgary needs a Passport

Professional Development Report

* New certification available for Uniform Relocation Act

* Four level career path through IRWA designations

Awards Report

- * Chapter 72's 2009 Professional of the Year is Valeree King (presentation in Deadwood)
- * 2009 Employer of the Year nominations to be emailed to Bob Krava
- * If you feel someone in the Chapter has gone above and beyond, and should be recognized, please let Mike know!
- * Any other awards that we should be looking into, i.e. lifetime achievement

Announcements

Congratulations to Terry Fasteen for signing up three new members into Chapter 72. The new members are Austin Hill, Roger Motichka, and James Quirk – all employees with Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson. Terry will receive the \$100 prize for signing up the most new members through December 31, 2009. Thank you, Terry!!! And welcome to Chapter 72, Austin, Roger and James – we all look forward to meeting you in Deadwood!!!

Upcoming Meetings/Courses/Events ...

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| February 3 – 4, 2010 | Course 900 – Principles of Real Estate Engineering; Deadwood, SD – Hampton Inn at Four Aces Casino; 800.426.7866 & mention IRWA for discounted room rate |
| February 5, 2010 | Chapter 72 meeting; Deadwood |
| June 27 – 30, 2010 | 56th Annual International Education Conference; Calgary, Alberta; Calgary Telus Convention Center |



| CHAPTER 72 / REGION 3 – 3 YEAR COURSE SCHEDULE | | | | | | |
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| as of 10/2009 | | | | | | |
| Course # | Quarter | Course Name | Length | When | Where | Fee |
| 2010 | | | | | | |
| 900 | Winter | Principles of R.E. Engineering | 2 days | Feb 3-4 | Deadwood SD | \$415 |
| | | Chapter meeting | ½ day | Feb 5 | Deadwood SD | |
| 400 | Spring | Principles of R.E. Appraisal | 2 days | May | Bismarck ND | |
| 600/603 | Summer | Environmental Awareness/ Understanding Environmental Contamination in R.E. | 1 day each | August | Fargo ND | |
| 203 | Fall | Alternative Dispute Resolution | 2 days | October | Sioux Falls SD | |
| 2011 | | | | | | |
| 100 | Winter | Principles of Land Acquisition | 4 days | Jan 31- Feb 3 | Deadwood SD | |
| | | Chapter meeting | ½ day | Feb 4 | Deadwood SD | |
| SR/WA | Spring | SR/WA Review Study Session | 3 days | May | Fargo ND | |
| 501 | Summer | Residential Relocation Assistance | 2 days | August | Pierre SD | |
| 801 | Fall | United States Title Laws | 2 days | October | Bismarck ND | |
| 2012 | | | | | | |
| 201 | Winter | Communications in R.E. Acquisitions | 3 days | Feb 1-3 | Deadwood SD | |
| | | Chapter meeting | ½ day | Feb 4 | Deadwood SD | |
| 502 | Spring | Business Relocation | 2 days | May | Sioux Falls SD | |
| 800 | Summer | Principles of R.E. Law | 2 days | August | Fargo ND | |
| 901/902 | Fall | Engineering Development Planning & Application / Property Descriptions | 1 day each | October | Aberdeen SD | |

News around the Chapter ...

This very kind note and open invitation was received from our friends, Robert & Dianne Larson, in Aberdeen, South Dakota ...

The Larson's finished their retirement home this summer and the new address for Bob and Dianne is 2620 Pheasant Run Blvd. The grass is planted but there will be plenty to keep Dianne and Bob busy doing landscaping next year. Bob got Dianne a riding tractor just to make her work easier. We look forward to friends stopping to see us when they go through Aberdeen for pleasure or work.



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The information on CapX2020 was brought to our attention by Bob Krava (thank you, Bob). Additional information and details are available at CapX2020.com.

CapX2020 is a joint initiative of 11 transmission-owning utilities in Minnesota and the surrounding region to expand the electric transmission grid to ensure continued reliable and affordable service. Planning studies show that customer demand for electricity will increase 4,000 to 6,000 megawatts (MW) by 2020. The new transmission lines will be built in phases designed to meet this increasing demand as well as to support renewable energy expansion.

- Bemidji-Grand Rapids, 68 miles, 230-kV
- Fargo-St. Cloud-Monticello, 250 miles, 345-kV
- Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse, 150 miles, 345-kV
- Brookings County-Hampton, 200 miles, 345-kV

The CapX2020 utilities - investor-owned, electric cooperatives and municipals - include those that serve the majority of customers in Minnesota and the surrounding region.

The Upper Midwest's electric transmission grid hasn't had a major upgrade in nearly 30 years. Electricity consumption in Minnesota has nearly doubled since 1980, according to data from the state's department of commerce. Wisconsin has seen its energy use grow 2 percent

annually during the past decade; in 2005, residential energy use increased 3 percent, while commercial use grew more than 5 percent. South Dakota's energy demand and use are projected to grow 1-2 percent annually during the next 10-15 years. And in North Dakota, electricity consumption increased 3 percent annually from 1980 to 2005.

Our electricity demand has risen in proportion both to the growing number of electronic items and appliances we depend on and to the increasing size of our homes. For example, in 2007, the average household had 25 consumer electronic products, such as computers, DVD players, video game consoles, cordless phones, digital cameras and high-definition televisions; in 1975, the average household had less than two (Consumer Electronics Association). The average single-family home in the Midwest is nearly 45 percent larger today than it was in 1980 (2008 Buildings Energy Data Book).

The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

Minnesota ranks ninth in the country for wind energy potential (North Dakota is first and South Dakota is fourth), much of which is located along the Buffalo Ridge in southern and southwest Minnesota. The Buffalo Ridge extends from Iowa through Minnesota and the Dakotas. The Brookings County-Hampton 345-kV line will expand access to these rich wind resources by adding about 700 MW of capacity to the transmission grid. That line, along with other projects recently completed or currently under construction or in the planning stages, has the potential to add nearly 2,000 MW of wind capacity to the transmission grid. Its estimated Minnesota needs about 5,000 MW of renewable energy to meet the RES, one of the nation's most aggressive renewable energy laws.

Line construction is expected between 2012 and 2015 after a rigorous public process to determine need and routing. The Certificate of Need (CON) application for the three 345-kV lines was filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in August 2007; a decision is expected in spring 2009. A CON application for the Bemidji-Grand Rapids 230-kV project was filed in March 2008, with a decision expected in 2009.

A Route Permit application for the Bemidji-Grand Rapids project was filed June 4, 2008. A Route Permit application for the Brookings County-Hampton project was filed December 29, 2008; applications for the other two 345-kV projects will be filed in early 2009.

The CapX2020 utilities will provide fair compensation in the form of a one-time easement payment to property owners who host power lines. Property owners retain ownership of the land and may continue to use the land around transmission structures.

The Group 1 projects are estimated to cost between \$1.4 and \$1.7 billion (2007 dollars). Transmission costs generally make up 7 percent of a customer's monthly bill. In that case, Xcel Energy customers can expect an incremental increase to \$2.25 per month at the peak of construction (2007 dollars).



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