



WINTER 2007

Trailwinds

DAKOTAS CHAPTER 72

Dear Chapter 72 Members,

As 2007 draws to an end, I find myself reflecting back on what a great year it was for our Chapter. I have had the pleasure of serving the past 10 months for a Chapter whose members are truly concerned with our future - our Chapter's future and the future of the IRWA. In fact, the attendance at our November 1st meeting in Fargo was almost 50% of our membership with 30 folks attending. That was truly remarkable.

We also have had a recent change within the Chapter with Paul Mahlen having to resign his position as 2007 – 2008 President Elect due to increased workload. We look forward to possibly seeing Paul's leadership again when things slow down. Filling this vacancy will be Don Hellman who was elected and sworn in on November 1st.

CONGRATULATIONS, DON!

Jack Holt and Robert Krava have been named our 2007 Chapter 72 Professionals of the Year. Ottertail Power Company has been named our 2007 Employer of the Year.

CONGRATULATIONS, JACK, BOB and OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY!

It's time to start looking ahead and preparing for our next meeting and the 2008 Region 3 Spring Forum hosted by Chapter 72. This schedule of events includes Course 410 – Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain on Wednesday, February 27th and Course 403 – Easement Valuation on Thursday, February 28th. On Thursday evening we will host a Chapter 72 Welcome Reception and our 30th Anniversary celebration which will include a live auction, silent auction and other related activities. Anything you can bring for the live auction - whether you make it or buy it - will be greatly appreciated. Company trinkets and smaller items are needed for the silent auction. Our Chapter meeting will take place first thing in the morning on Friday, February 29th and will be immediately followed by the Region 3 Forum. The rooms and courses are filling up fast so make your reservations early. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

With everything going on, please don't forget to renew your dues. It is that time of year again so let's keep this Chapter strong and moving in the right direction. Until next time, I wish you and your family health and prosperity in the New Year!

Mike Murray, Chapter President



Message from IRWA Region 3 Chair, Craig Poorker ...

Greetings Chapter 72 and Happy New Year! As many of you know, the Region 3 Forum is going to be held in conjunction with your Chapter meeting and installation of officers. What a great idea by your Board of Directors! The reason for the "dual meetings" is that this will give all of Region 3 the chance to celebrate your 30th anniversary with Chapter 72. It is indeed an honor to be invited to the festivities, and we always look forward to ANY opportunity to come to your February event.

Congratulations Chapter 72 for your 30 years, and they've been very successful years indeed. You have a history of being very involved not only at the Chapter level but at the Region and International levels as well.

It isn't that far away - you can now register for the 75th annual IRWA Conference in Austin. I urge you to register soon, and reserve rooms soon, as the Appraisal Institute is also having a conference near the same location.

Keep up the good work, and may you have an extraordinary 2008.

Craig Poorker, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
IRWA Region 3 Chair



UPCOMING MEETINGS*

February 28, 2008 – Anniversary of Chapter 72 – Social, Live and Silent Auctions – Deadwood, South Dakota

February 29, 2008 – Chapter 72 Meeting (8 a.m. to 10 a.m.) – Deadwood, South Dakota

February 29, 2008 – Region 3 Spring Forum (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) – Deadwood, South Dakota

UPCOMING CLASSES*

February 27, 2008 – C-410 Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain – Deadwood, South Dakota

February 28, 2008 – C-403 Easement Valuation – Deadwood, South Dakota

* NOTE: All meetings and events will be held at Cadillac Jack's

CHAPTER 72 OFFICERS

President	Mike Murray
President-elect	Don Hellman
Vice President	Ron Golden
2nd Vice President	Wayne Aamoth
Secretary/Treasurer	Amy Spilman
Director 1st year	Don Hellman
Director 2nd year	Mike Murray

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

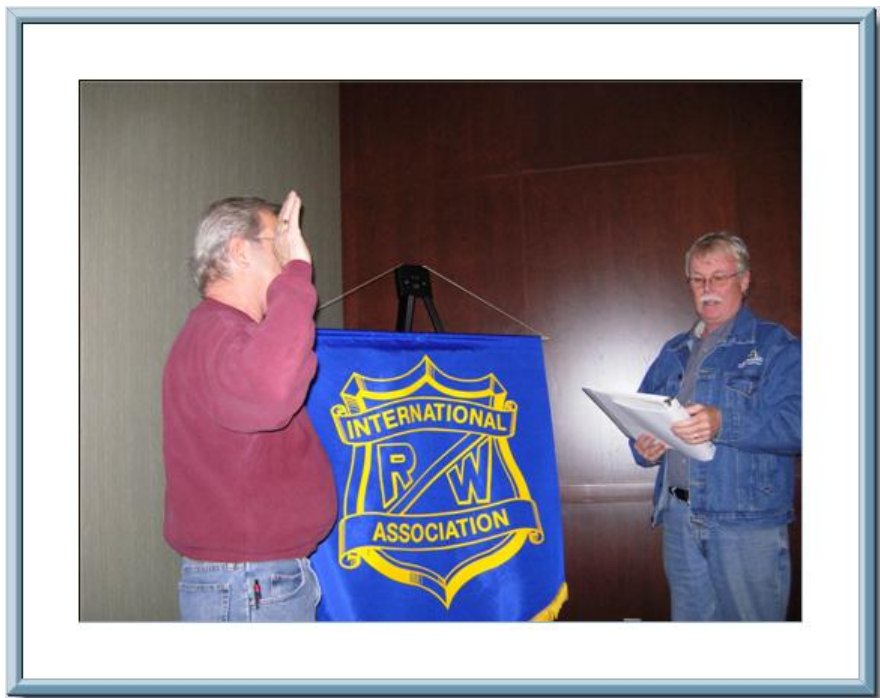
Education	Kelly Suko
Environment	Paul Mahlen
Membership	Bob Larson
PDC	Kenn Haugen
Newsletter	Valeree King
Program	Don Hellman
Local Public Agency	Kurt Donelan (SD) George Papacek (ND)
Nominations	Bob Krava
Pipeline	Mike Murray
Relocations	Ken Brilz
Transportation	Ken Brilz
Utilities	Ron Golden
Valuation	Valeree King
Survey	Russ Nelson



Chapter 72 membership – Fargo, North Dakota



**2007 Professionals of the Year
Bob Krava & Jack Holt**



**Don Hellman taking the oath of office
for President Elect from Jack Holt**



November 1st meeting attendees

IRWA DAKOTA'S CHAPTER 72

November 1, 2007

President Mike Murray called the meeting to order at Ulteig Engineering in Fargo, ND at 11:00 a.m. Attendees were: Jack Holt, Terry Fasteen, Ed Schwab, Kardell Blumhardt, David Kantrud, Tom Belmont, Bob Larson, Chris Haiar, Harold Parlet, Wayne M. Aamoth, Jerome Zainhofsky, Curt Beckler, Kelly Anderson, John Boheman, Scot Pulse, Josh May, Brandon Spiekermeier, Gary L. Eggen, Jim Metcalf, Paul Kleist, Tim Slorby, Bob Krava, Don Hellman, Michelle Schroeder, Scott Lang, Daryl Brandt, Chuck Ames, Kenn Haugen and Amy Spilman.

President Mike opened the meeting and commented about the great turnout and thanked Ulteig for the use of their building.

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Motion by Bob Larson, second by John Boheman to approve the August 22, 2007 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob, second by Wayne Aamoht to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Region 3 Report – Jack Holt

Jack reported that the Fall Forum in Riverside, Iowa, was a good class. Both Mike and Jack liked the gift bags that were handed out to everyone and fresh fruit in the morning for breakfast.

The Environmental Committee Chair is vacant; Jack was asking if anyone would be interested in being Chair on the Region level.

Professional of the Year

Chapter nominees are to submit their applications to Mike no later than December 31. Other Chapters have submitted their applications. Chapter 5 has no nominees. Awards are to be submitted to International by February 4, 2008.

Pending Members

Applicants to IRWA are entered into a 'pending member' website and should check the website for their status.

Annual Conference – Texas

The Appraisal Institute is sending several people to the Annual Conference in Texas and rooms are filling up fast; make your reservations now if you are planning to attend.

International Secretary, Juan Zaragosa, is stepping down due to health problems. Dennis Stork is staying on until the position is filled.

RWIEF is promoting the Education Foundation; the \$10 check box on the form to renew dues will increase to \$15.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education – Kelly Suko (given by Mike)

Courses 403 (Easement Valuation) and 410 (Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain) will be held at Deadwood in February. David Anderson is the course coordinator. James Finnegan, past IRWA president, will be the instructor. Mr. Finnegan's fees are \$500/day plus expenses. Try to hold the class size to 40 participants.

Courses are rewritten every 5 years to make sure courses are up-to-date.

Chapter 72 is planning the following courses for 2008:

February 403 (Easement Valuation) &
 410 (Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain) – Deadwood

May 103 (Ethics and the Right of Way Profession)

August 501 (Residential Relocation Assistance) – Sioux Falls

November 205 (Bargaining Negotiations) – Bismarck

The above have been submitted to International; they want 3 years of core courses, which can be tentative, submitted by November 1.

Revised Course Coordinator on-line training is scheduled to be ready by January, 2008.

Course Coordinator Incentive Program available, contact Kelly for details, 701-471-0756.

DOT would like courses (201, 203 and 205) in the Bismarck area as it is hard for them to travel much further than Bismarck.

LPA – Kurt Donelan

There will be help in Deadwood for the 30th Anniversary. Would like to combine ND & SD LPA.

Communications & Marketing (f/k/a Membership) – Bob Larson

Chapter 72 has 62 members presently on the roster.

PDC – Kenn Haugen

John Boheman received his R/W-NAC Certification. **'CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN!!!'**

Paul Mahlen received his SR/WA Certification. **'WAY TO GO, PAUL!!!'**

Nominations – Bob Krava

Bob was thankful, honored and fortunate to be named Co-Professional of the Year.

President-Elect Chair – Paul Mahlen resigned due to his workload. John Boheman withdrew his nomination. Motion by Scott Lang, second by Bob Larson to elect Don Hellman for the President-Elect Chair. Motion carried unanimously. Jack Holt swore in Don.

2007 Employer of the Year Award – Otter Tail Power Cooperative was nominated by Valeree King of Basin Electric Power Cooperative. Bob was greatly honored that someone outside his company nominated OTPC to be Employer of the Year. Motion by Scott Lang, second by Terry Fasteen to elect OTPC for the Employer of the Year Award. Motion carried. Discussion to have OTPC go to Deadwood to receive the award. A letter, from Mike, will be sent to OTPC inviting them to Deadwood. OTPC will submit their company to International for the 20 or less R/W Employee's Award.

Newsletter – Valeree King

Valeree needs articles and photos for the newsletter.

Valuation – No ReportProgram – Don Hellman

The AmericInn (Cadillac Jack's) has a block of rooms reserved for the February chapter courses and meeting Feb. 26 thru March 1. Please call 1-866-332-3966 before January 26, 2008, to make your room reservations; mention IRWA to get the reduced rate.

Environment – No ReportPipeline – Mike Murray

Discussed Eminent Domain at their last meeting. Texas Bill of Rights was changed to protect the landowner.

Asset Management – Jack Holt

Jack thanked everyone for his nomination for Co-Professional of the Year. The Asset Management Committee is strong and have big plans for the Texas seminar.

Relocation – Ken Brilz

The Committee worked on new ideas for future relocation courses. There is a need for recertification of RAC members, therefore, something new should be offered to them.

There are several possible candidates for new material:

- HUD orientated course discussing HUD's special legislation
- An advisory assistance course
- A course targeted to the non-move options for businesses
 - tangible property loss
 - substitutes
 - high bulk calculations

Transportation – No ReportSurvey – No ReportUtilities – No ReportOLD BUSINESSReimburse retired members

Mike handed out a sample application to reimburse retired members for their chapter dues. Comments: withdraw application if the chapter checkbook gets low; could bring back past members. Motion by John Boheman, second by Josh May to have the application renewed every 2 years. Motion carried.

30th Anniversary in Deadwood

Chapter 72 has been affiliated with the International Right of Way Association for 30 years, 1978-2008. The Chapter will pay for dinner and drinks the evening of the auction in Deadwood. Motion by John Boheman, second by Josh May to buy t-shirts for the anniversary. Motion carried.

T-shirts will be royal blue with the IRWA logo. An email will be sent to all members asking for their size and to advise all that they will be paying for their own t-shirts. Past members will be invited to the anniversary. Mike is looking for photos to prepare a slide show and to hang large photos around the room. Chapter 20, Craig Poorker and Joanie Miller, have offered their support.

Chapter Dues

Motion by Bob Larson, second by Bob Krava to keep the Chapter dues at \$25 for 2008. Motion carried.

Chapter Leadership Form

Don Hellman stated that the Form has been submitted to International.

Chapter and Region Treasurer's

There is on-line training available to help treasurer's get started.

By-Laws

Mike brought to everyone's attention that the Chapter by-laws are outdated and changes need to be made. Motion by Terry Fasteen, second by Don Hellman to form a committee to review the by-laws. Motion carried. Committee members are: Ed Schwab, Chair; John Boheman, Bob Krava, Jack Holt and Bob Larson. Bring to the May meeting.

Location of the next meeting maybe Fergus Falls if OTPC does not go to Deadwood to receive the 2007 Employer of the Year Award.

Comments: Bill Rottschaefter would like to come back and teach courses. Ed Schwab will order 100 Chapter pins from Capital Trophy.

\$50 Drawing

Motion by Bob Larson, second by Scott Lang to have 2 - \$50 drawings for today only because of the large turnout. Motion carried. Tom Belmont and Daryl Brandt won \$50 each. Jim Metcalf and Jerry Zainhofsky each won a box of golf balls donated by Ulteig.

Motion by Terry Fasteen, second by John Boheman to adjourn. Motion carried.

**2008 REGION 3 SPRING FORUM
HOSTED BY THE DAKOTAS CHAPTER 72**



Cadillac Jack's Gaming Resort

AmericInn Hotel & Suites

360 Main Street, Deadwood, SD 57732

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

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

Wednesday, February 27 – Course 410 – Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain

Thursday, February 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 Auctions (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, February 29 – Short Chapter 72 meeting from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. followed by Region 3 Spring Forum from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.





While on a recent archery bear hunt in Manitoba Canada, I was able to take this beautiful Grey Wolf from my tree stand. My dad and I were in the tree stand watching 3 bear (a sow and her two cubs) on our bait. We heard something coming in from behind us when the sow became very agitated and went busting through the tree after a wolf. With her gone 5 more wolves came in after the cubs. We believe the cubs made it to safety, probably up a tree because the wolves came back to us. They knew we were up in the tree, but I'm sure they couldn't figure out what we were. They continued to prance around the tree for several minutes before I was able to get of a quick, clean shot with my bow. A perfect shot. My dad and I sat down on the tree stand and tried to absorb what had just happened. Something we will more than likely never experience again.

I don't know if it was adrenaline from what had just happened or fear that we were a quarter mile walk through the dense trees to the vehicle and didn't know where the wolves were. Well we eventually made it to the vehicle and notified the outfitter. After weeks of permits and inspections I finally got the wolf into the US where it now resides with the taxidermist for the next year.

In Manitoba, if you possess a deer, moose or bear tag and have the opportunity to shoot a wolf, you can substitute that tag for the wolf.

Mike Murray



Chatter from the "Chair" ...

I hope you enjoy this issue of "Trailwinds" – it's short but informative!

And remember, if you have any articles or pictures you would like to have printed in "Trailwinds", please send them to me at vking@bepec.com.