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Dear Members:

2008 is nearly over. For some in the appraisal world that means getting sample appraisals submitted to the Nebraska Board before the end of the year deadline, and that includes me. On a more leisurely note, I'm enjoyed going camping in the finest month of the year in Nebraska in my opinion: October.

The Annual IRWA Education Conference was held in Austin Texas during the last week of June. We are seeing the beginning of a possible re-arrangement in organization of our Association and this re-organization was discussed at length in committee. As part of this, the International Headquarters Office in Torrance has been re-named as Member Services Center. The agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting included a vote on the location of the Education Conference for the year 2013. Charleston West Virginia, Hartford Connecticut, and Fort Worth Texas competed for this conference and the winner was Charleston.

The educational sessions during the annual conference were superb in my opinion. I concentrated on appraisal subjects and one session in particular was very helpful. This had to do with IRS rules in connection with conservation easements. Another session on water rights involved a presentation on the new water infrastructure in Aurora Colorado. The oldest water right which was purchased for this water program was a holding dated in the year 1863. The fight for water continues.

Our chapter was well represented at the conference with 9 members attending. These were Region III Secretary Randy DeGeorge, Chapter Two-Year Director Jim Shotkoski, Jack Borgmeyer, Chris Pawloski, Larry Hagan, Gail Spevak, Greg Cade, Glen Hass, and myself.

Our second Quarterly Chapter Meeting was held on June 11th, at Mahoney Park. We really enjoyed the informative presentation given by Marilyn Beckman of Tier One Bank. Marilyn provided some very helpful tips for obtaining mortgage releases for Right of Way, including two very helpful websites: www.mers-servicerid.org, and www.ffiec.gov.

At our next Quarterly Chapter Meeting Wednesday August 27th, we ratified Article VI of our new bylaws. We now have IEC approval of a final draft of bylaws. These new bylaws will be voted on at our next quarterly meeting.

Planning continues for our Chapter's hosting of the Region III Fall Forum 2009. We have selected the location of Riverside Grille in Council Bluffs. We can now proceed with the details; and I think this event is really shaping up well.

I encourage everyone to visit the Chapter 78 Website <www.irwa78.org>. This is a work in progress and we'd like your thoughts on best ways to utilize the site.



CHAPTER 78
QUARTERLY MEETING
MAHONEY STATE PARK
Ashland, Nebraska
June 11, 2008
11:00 AM

IRWA Chapter 78 Quarterly meeting was called to order by President Joel Walker, SR/WA, with 33 members in attendance.

Introduction of a number of guests and prospective members was made at this time.

President Walker gave a brief report on the 4-state Right of Way Conference that was held April 9, and 10, 2008. Chapter 78 was a sponsor for this event and was well attended. The chapter served refreshments during the event.

A motion was made by Jim Shotkoski and a second by Jake Farrell to amend the March meeting minutes to accurately reflect the date of March 5, 2008, not March 6, 2008. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None.

A motion was made by Sarah Crook and seconded by Mark Beethe to approve the March 5, 2008 minutes as amended. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None.

Old Business:

Treasurer Report:

Jake Farrell reported that the account balance was \$20,234.99 as of May 31, 2008. Farrell and Walker reported that dues rebates in the amount of \$2,200.00 had been received and that there was another partial dues rebate pending. A motion to accept the report was made by Randy De George and a second by Jim Shotkoski. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: none.

Membership Chair Report:

Sarah Crook, Membership Chairperson reported that the current membership is 112 members. Sarah also noted the partial dues rebate of \$2,200.00. She advised that there would be further updates.

Education Chair Report:

Joey Kramer, SR/WA reported that there are 7 educational classes pending for 2008. She reported that the Course 800-801 classes were well attended and resulted in a net income of \$12,461.95. A motion was made by Jesse Bartles and a second by Steve Oforah to approve the education report. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None.

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

Professional Development Committee:

Randy De George, SR/WA reported for Ron Marshall the PDC Chair that other than Greg Weinert and Anne Christensen both having their SR/WA Candidacies in the works. But also said that those who have obtained their designations to check with Ron on their status of recertifying as Ron has a spreadsheet made up.

Other Committees:

No reports

Chapter Bylaws Revision:

President Walker reported that the process to ratify bylaws revisions was in process and reported the following

1. Amend Article 4; Section 2 Term of Officers from 1 year to 2 years per term was previously approved in 2004. There is no need to re-approve this revision.
2. Amend Article 5 Section 9, Establishment of a Budget Committee. There is not need to re-approve this section
3. Amend Article 6. The chapter proposed to amend Article pertaining to dues at its last meeting and the proposed Article 6 is as follows:

Article VI--Dues

Section 1. Annual dues of Active Members of this Chapter shall be such sum as is provided by the International Bylaws of this Association as and for the annual per capita assessment plus the sum for Chapter dues which may from time to time be established at any regular meeting of the Chapter by an affirmative majority vote of the active members present after the same has been submitted in writing by mail or electronic transmission to the active members of the Chapter at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. In addition to the dues required herein, all applications for active membership shall be accompanied by an initiation fee which may be established at any regular meeting of the Chapter by an affirmative majority vote of the active members present after the same has been submitted in writing by mail or electronic transmission to the active members of the Chapter at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Section 3. Annual dues of Associate Members of this Chapter shall be an amount which may be established at any regular meeting of the Chapter by an affirmative majority vote of the active members present after the same has been submitted in writing by mail or electronic transmission to the active members of the Chapter at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Section 4. Annual dues of Retired Members of this Chapter shall be an amount established at any regular meeting of the Chapter by an affirmative majority vote of the active members present after the same has been submitted in writing by mail or electronic transmission to the active members of the Chapter at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

President Walker read aloud to the membership the proposed changes, and as required a copy of the proposed amendments will be mailed/mailed to the entire membership. Formal approval may be taken at the next scheduled meeting.

Other business:

Fall Forum 2009: President Elect Joey Kramer, SR/WA reported that a planning meeting would be held immediately following the Quarterly meeting if any of the members had ideas or wanted to contribute to the planning process.

New Business:

Jim Shotkoski reported that the delegates to the Annual Conference in Austin will be reviewing the following:

1. Minutes of 2007 meeting
2. Procedures for change of ethics processes and ethics violations
3. Host for 2013 conference
4. Elect officers
5. Approve budget
6. IEC Policy Change

A motion was made by Chris Pawloski to encourage the Chapter 78 delegates to vote their conscience on the items on the Annual Conference Agenda. The motion was seconded by Stacey Kroeger. Voting Aye: All. Voting Nay: None.

President Walker advised that Nebraska related items would be provided by Chapter 78 for the auction at the annual meeting.

Door prize winners for this meeting were Alex Olson, Mark Beethe, Josh Kritenbrink and Mark Lorenz.

Following the luncheon, a presentation was made by Marilyn Beckman of TierOne Bank of Lincoln, Nebraska regarding partial and full release of mortgages, consent of mortgagee, and methods to determine the servicing lender for mortgages of record as well as locating banking information due to mergers and acquisitions of lenders.

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

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

By Joey Kramer, SRWA, President Elect.

409 Integrating Appraisal Standards and 410 Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain were offered Oct 27th & 28th at the Nebraska Dept of Roads were a success.

Chapter 78 is hosting the SR/WA Comprehensive Review Study Session & Exam at MidAmerican Energy Company in Council Bluffs, IA, December 8-10, 2008. This is a wonderful opportunity for members that are close to meeting their requirements for the SR/WA designation. **Remember, it is not necessary to attend all the required classes before taking the SR/WA Review and exam.**

LINK TO IRWA COURSES: Use this link below to go directly to signup page
<http://www.irwaonline.org/EWEB/dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=CSCEventsSearch>

403 Easement Valuation is being offered and hosted by The American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers and the International Right of Way Platte River Chapter 78 on *January 21 & 22, 2009 in Kearney, NE*. This course has been approved for **8 hours of continuing education** by the Nebraska Real Property Appraisal Board.

Other Classes for the Region schedule can be viewed at IRWAREGION3.ORG



Chapter 78 – Next Business Meeting has been CHANGED to November 14th, 2008 at Mahoney State Park starting at 11:00 a.m. Executive Board meeting to be held prior to the Chapter meeting and any one wishing to attend is welcome.

Earn Recertification Credit:

Did you know that IRWA members can get up to 24 hours of SR/WA Designation and Certification Program recertification credit for attendance at the Annual International Education Conference?

IRWA Members may obtain up to 24 hours of recertification credit if registered for the full conference. Daily registrants will receive 8 hours per day of registration.

IMPORTANT: No recertification approval form is necessary. The Professional Development Department at International Headquarters retains a list of registered Conference attendees for recertification on file. Please keep copies of all registration confirmation forms to submit with your recertification paperwork.



WEB SITE LOCATIONS

For those of you who have internet access, here are a few handy links to various web sites:

Chapter 78's member site: <http://irwa78.org>

Region 3 web site located at: <http://www.irwaregion3.org>

International Headquarters can be reached at: <http://www.irwaonline.org>

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