



INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

## Chapter President Report Form:

### *Spring Forum 2008*

To be completed by the Chapter President and submitted to the Region Chair prior to the Region Forum:

Chapter President Name:                     Platte River                     Chapter No: 78.

Date:           11 February 2008          

**Strengths of Chapter:** What are the major strengths and positives of your Chapter?

- **Strong membership.** We have 114 members. 3 of those members are retired and still keeping their memberships.
- **Strong Staff communications:** Our Executive Staff is generally well informed.
- **Strong finances:** Our budget is robust, well planned, well adhered to.
- **Strong Education Program:** We succeed with our courses.

**Weaknesses of Chapter:** What are the major weaknesses of your Chapter?

- **Member communications:** We need to work harder at keeping the chapter membership informed and involved in chapter decisions.
- **By-Laws:** The bylaws change of 2004 was never fully processed. We've been operating on un-ratified bylaws since September 2004.

**Opportunities of Chapter:** Are there unique opportunities in the Chapter for advancing IRWA's and the Chapter's mission?

- **Annual Right of Way Conference of Midwestern States.** These are Nebraska (hosting), Iowa, Kansas, Missouri. Our Chapter will sponsor refreshments for the full day of Wednesday April 9. For this, we get to hang the chapter banner in the meeting room, show the recruiting DVD, have membership applications and other literature available, and Chapter President gives a brief.

- **IRWA Courses:** We always use these courses as recruitment opportunities i.e. show the DVD, provide membership applications, other literature. Instructor and Chapter President remarks touting IRWA.

**Problems in Chapter:** Are there any emerging threats to IRWA's or the Chapter's mission in the region?

- **Local Competition for Education:** USPAP courses offered by IRWA cannot be conducted on "break-even" if the chapter matches the fees charged by local providers.

**Specific actions for Region 3 or IRWA headquarters to take:**

- **Re-examine USPAP Courses:** Conduct an informal national study to determine what action needed for allowing cost-effective offering of these courses for the chapter.

**Specific actions for Region 3 or International Executive Committee (IEC) to take:**

- **On-Line Education:** Structure the on-line education to create significant financial incentive to chapters when their members take these courses. The on-line education will naturally increase.

**Other comments or suggestions:**

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