



# Trailwinds

JANUARY 2009

DAKOTAS CHAPTER 72

## President's Report

Well, this moment came much faster than I had expected. It is time for me to sign off as the President of our Dakotas Chapter 72. There have been so many great memories that I will always think back on, not to mention the vast experience gained that I can use moving forward. Although my duties were challenging at times, if given the opportunity, I would definitely do it again. You all made this ride over the past two years very rewarding for me. My last act as President will be to kick off our annual meeting in Deadwood on February 6th, at which time I will turn the reigns over to your new President, Don Hellman. Don has a vast amount of leadership experience in this Chapter and we will definitely be in good hands. Please extend the same support to Don that you have given me these past couple years.

My next professional challenge within the IRWA is also fast approaching as I am running for a Region 3 leadership position. The voting on this will take place on March 27th at our Region 3 Spring Forum in Overland Park, Kansas. Our Chapter must have our 3 votes present by our directors. In addition, any other support shown in additional attendance by our Chapter would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to this challenge and I feel you all have groomed me well for this with my recent experience in the Chapter leadership roles.

Now I know you always hear me say how proud I am of this Chapter, but you're going to have to hear it one more time. Over the past several years our Chapter performed at a high level and received accolades throughout the Region and International levels. Well, you did it again! This past year we undertook a membership drive to try and stabilize our membership with all the retirements – current and future. I would have been very pleased and impressed if we could have brought in 10 new members in 2008, but the fact that you brought in 28 new members blows me away! We also have a few new members who have already joined in 2009! This is absolutely remarkable and I applaud you all for strengthening our Chapter going into the future! We will announce the winner of this drive during our upcoming meeting in Deadwood. I am also proud of the fact that our retired members dues reimbursement plan is paying off. Several of our retired members have taken advantage of this, which means we were able to retain their membership as well.

As a reminder, our annual meeting event in Deadwood is quickly approaching. All events will be held at the Hampton Inn – Four Aces Casino. Course 801 (U.S. Land Titles) will be held on February 4th and 5th at 8:00 a.m. and will be facilitated by Ted Williams. This class already has 45 registrations. The social, which will include food, drinks, live auction and silent auction, will be held the evening of February 5th starting around 5:30 p.m. Our Chapter meeting will be held on February 6th at 8:30 a.m. and we have a lengthy agenda of items to go over. We will also be joined by Region 3 Chair, Craig Poorker, to discuss some important issues taking place at the Regional and International levels.

With that, thank you for a very memorable term as your President and I hope to see you in Deadwood in a couple weeks.

Sincerely,

Mike Murray, SR/WA, R/W-NAC

Chapter 72 President

## MEETING AGENDA

## IRWA DAKOTA'S CHAPTER 72

## HAMPTON INN – FOUR ACES CASINO

## DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA

FEBRUARY 6, 2009

Open meeting	8:00 a.m.	Mike Murray
House keeping		Mike Murray
Introductions		Mike Murray
Approval of last meeting minutes		as printed in handout
Approval of Treasurer's Report		as printed in handout
Slate of 2009 – 2010 Officers and Directors		Bob Krava
Swearing in of 2009 – 2010 Officers, Directors and PDC Chair		Craig Poorker
Turn meeting over to new President		Mike Murray

Remainder of meeting conducted by New President

Region 3 Report		Craig Poorker
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Committee Reports

Awards		Mike Murray
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce the Awards Committee</li> <li>• Award Presentation for 2008 Professional of the Year</li> <li>• 2008 Employer of the Year</li> <li>• 2008 Chapter of the Year</li> </ul>		
Education		John Boheman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce the Education Committee</li> <li>• Course 801 update</li> <li>• Course 901 &amp; 902, May 6-7, 2009 at Ulteig Engineering in Fargo, ND</li> <li>• Course 501, August 18-19, 2009 at Basin Electric in Bismarck, ND</li> <li>• Course 200, October 21-22, 2009 at Ulteig Engineering in Sioux Falls, SD</li> <li>• Future courses</li> </ul>		
Local Public Agency	(ND & SD)	Kurt Donelan
Communications and Marketing		Bob Larson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce the Communications and Marketing Committee</li> <li>• Membership Drive results <b>(Thanks to all that participated!)</b></li> </ul>		
PDC		Kenn Haugen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce the PDC Committee</li> </ul>		
Nominations		Bob Krava
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce the Nominations and Elections Committee</li> </ul>		
Newsletter		Valeree King

Valuation	Valeree King
Program	Don Hellman
• Auction results	
• Next years meeting	
Environment	Paul Mahlen
Pipeline	Mike Murray
Asset Management	Jack Holt
Relocation	Ken Brilz
Transportation	Ken Brilz
Survey	Russ Nelson
Utilities	Ron Golden

Old Business

- Chapter 72 Website Don Hellman

New Business

- Conflict of Interest Statement (2009) Leadership Don Hellman
- 2009 Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN Don Hellman
  - Who plans to attend
  - Chapter 72 auction items to donate
  - Chapter 72 monetary spending at annual auction (last year \$1,500)
- Location for next meeting and courses 901 & 902 on May 6-7, 2009 Don Hellman
- Additional items
- \$50 drawing
- Adjourn



*Deadwood course – group “discussion”*



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October 29, 2008 Minutes

President Mike Murray called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at Cass County Electric in Fargo, ND. Introductions of special guests: Ted & Zee Williams, Laura Anderson, Dan Leshar (Great River Energy) and Tammy Eckelberg.

Attendees were: John Boheman, Brandon Spiekermeier, Brad Fettig, Scot Pulse, Josh May, Dean Mostad, Don Hellman, Stephen Miller, Terry Fasteen, Kenn Haugen, Ron Golden, Kurt Donelan, Vicki Severson, Kelly Anderson, Valeree King, Shad Erdmann, Michelle Schroeder, David Anderson, Glenn Eckelberg, Darryl Sayler, Bruce Koppinger and Amy Spilman.



### Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Motion by John Boheman, second by Scot Pulse to approve the August minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kenn Haugen, second by Terry Fasteen to approve the August Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

### Region 3 Report – Craig Poorker given by Mike Murray

- Region 3 Spring Forum will be at Overland Park, Kansas, on March 27, 2009.
- Fall Forum will be at Riverside, Iowa.
- Motion by Ron Golden, second by Steve Miller to contribute \$250 to RWIEF in memory of Butch Rossetti. Motion carried.
- All chapters are to submit their courses for the next 3 years to Rita Rasmussen, Region 3 by November 1.
- February 4-5, 2009 – Course 801 (United States Land Titles) in Deadwood; coordinators John Boheman and Amy Spilman.
- May 6-7, 2009 – Courses 901 & 902 (Engineering Plan Development and Application & Property Descriptions) at Ulteig in Fargo; coordinator Josh May.
- August 18-19, 2009 – Course 501 (Residential Relocation Assistance) at Basin Electric in Bismarck; coordinators John Boheman and Amy Spilman.
- October 21-22, 2009 – Course 200 (Principles of Real Estate Negotiation) at Ulteig in Sioux Falls; coordinator John Boheman.
- February, 2010 – Course 800 (Principles of Real Estate Law) in Deadwood.
- If the Online Course 103 is taken by chapter members, the chapter is reimbursed \$110.
- All nominations must be submitted to Region 3 by February 28. Otter Tail Power should reconsider submitting their application for Small Employer Award. John Boheman needs to submit his application for Professional of the Year.
- Region Realignment

### Awards

Mike presented Glenn Eckelberg and Bruce Koppinger of Southwest Water Authority (SWA) with the 2008 Employer of the Year Award.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY!!!**



Mike announced that John Boheman won the 2008 Professional of the Year Award.

**CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN!!!**



Committee Reports

Education – Kelly Suko given by Mike

Course 801 will be in Deadwood on February 4-5, 2009. John Boheman & Amy Spilman are class coordinators.

LPA – Kurt Donelan

Website continues to improve with more information on a national level.

Communications and Marketing – Bob Larson given by Mike

A membership roster was handed out to all members present at the meeting.

Membership drive - So far Glenn Eckelberg, Kelly Suko and Wayne Aamo are in the running to win the IRWA wind shirt.

PDC – Kenn Haugen

Discussion on process of SR/WA designation and certifications. A one page 'simplified' form will replace the current candidacy application. Those members wishing to declare candidacy will fill out the form and submit it with the candidacy fee directly to IRWA Headquarters (HQ). Review and approval of candidates by the Chapter Professional Development Chair (PDC) is no longer needed. HQ will notify the local chapter's PDC chair of the names of candidates. The chair will still act as a mentor to candidates. Before submitting declaration of candidacy forms, candidates are encouraged to consult with local PDC chair on ROW experience requirements. Effective July 1, 2009, all disciplines of the Certification Program will require successful completion of the SR/WA individual discipline exam, or 'Capstone Exam' associated with that certification. Currently, only two of the disciplines require passing of the SR/WA individual

discipline exams: Appraisal Certification (R/W-AC) and Relocation Assistance Certification (R/W-RAC). The remaining three disciplines in the Certification Program will also require the SR/WA exam as follows:

Asset Management Certification (R/W-AMC) – SR/WA Asset Management exam must be taken and passed.

Environmental Certification (R/W-EC) – SR/WA Environmental exam must be taken and passed.

Negotiation/Acquisition Certification (R/W-NAC) – SR/WA Negotiation/Acquisition exam must be taken and passed.

Candidates in these 3 programs who are able to complete all requirements and submit the Certification Program Completion Application and necessary fees by June 30, 2009, are not required to take an exam.

Wayne Aamoht received his Negotiation/Acquisition Certification (R/W-NAC).



**WAY TO GO, WAYNE!!!**

Nominations – Bob Krava given by Mike

Mike stated that according to the Chapters' by-laws: Nominations & Elections, Professional Development and Education Committees need a Chairperson and a 3-person committee. The following committees were formed:

Nominations and Elections: Chair – Bob Krava, 3-person committee: Scot Pulse & Brad Fettig with Ulteig Engineers; and Darryl Saylor with Enbridge Pipelines ND.

Professional Development: Chair – Kenn Haugen, 3-person committee: Terry Fasteen with Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson; Mike Murray & David Anderson with Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Education: Chair – John Boheman, 3-person committee: Dean Mostad with Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson; David Anderson & Shad Erdmann with Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Motion by John Boheman, second by Don Hellman to form committees for Communications & Marketing and Awards. Motion carried.

Communications & Marketing: Chair – Bob Larson, assisted by Valeree King with Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Ron Golden with East River Electric Power Cooperative.

Awards: Chair – Mike Murray, assisted by Amy Spilman and Don Hellman with Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

2009-2010 Slate of Officers

Mike Murray's term as President will end in February.

New officers will be:

Don Hellman – President

Ron Golden – President Elect

John Boheman – 1st Vice-President

Josh May – 2nd Vice-President

Amy Spilman – Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Steve Miller, second by Ron Golden to approve John Boheman as 1st Vice-President. Motion carried.

Motion by Scot Pulse, second by Kenn Haugen to approve Josh May as 2nd Vice-President. Motion carried.

Newsletter – Valeree King

Please send articles and pictures to Valeree. Discussion on submitting the newsletter for Newsletter of the Year.

Valuation – Valeree King

No Report – nothing on website.

Program – Don Hellman

Course 801 in Deadwood, SD, February 4-5, 2009. Don, Valeree and Amy will set up the auctions.

Pipeline – Mike Murray

Marvin DeJear has resigned as Region 3 representative.

Asset Management – Jack Holt by Mike

Working on classes for conference.

Relocation – No Report

Transportation – No Report

Survey – No Report

Utilities – Ron Golden

Working on classes for conference.

OLD BUSINESS

Chapter 72 By-laws are complete, signed off by Steve Ruth, submitted to HQ and are on Region 3 website.

NEW BUSINESS

Chapter website – Ron, Josh and Don are checking on a couple people.

Conflict of Interest Statement – tabled until February meeting.

Location for next meeting, February 6, 2009, will be in Deadwood, SD.

\$50 drawing – Don Hellman

Bottle of wine and 2 glasses – donated by Mike as a ‘No Longer President’ gift – Scot Pulse

Presented cake to Glenn Eckleberg and his daughter Tammy Eckelberg celebrating his retirement from Southwest Water Authority.



***HAPPY RETIREMENT, GLENN!!!***

Motion to adjourn by John Boheman, second by Dean Mostad. Motion carried.



Mike Murray presenting to David Anderson a

Certificate of Appreciation – IRWA Outstanding Course Coordinator

***UPCOMING COURSES / MEETINGS***

- February 4-5, 2009 – Course 801, Deadwood  
Class Coordinators: Amy Spilman & John Boheman
- February 6, 2009 – Chapter 72 meeting, Deadwood  
Hampton Inn – Four Aces Casino
- March 27, 2009 – Region 3 2009 Spring Forum  
Holiday Inn Hotel, Overland Park, Kansas
- May 6-7, 2009 – Courses 901 & 902, Fargo  
Class Coordinator: Josh May
- August 18-19, 2009 – Course 501, Bismarck  
Class Coordinators: John Boheman & Amy Spilman
- October 21-22, 2009 – Course 200, Sioux Falls  
Class Coordinator: John Boheman
- February 2010 – Course 900, Deadwood  
Class Coordinator: Amy Spilman



If you have any news about you or your family that you would like to share, please send me a note ... and pictures! These are some very happy announcements from two of our members ...

**07/24/2008** *John Boheman and wife Diane welcomed their 8th grandchild, a pink bundle of joy named Sidney Lynn. John is a Senior Right-of-Way Specialist/Team Leader with Ulteig Engineers, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.*

**01/14/2009** *Kelly Suko and his wife Holly welcomed home their son Nick and daughter Lindsey from their one year tour of duty in Iraq. Nick and Lindsey are members of the N.D. National Guard's 191 MP Unit, and were assisting and training Iraqi police in Sadr City, a suburb of Baghdad. Kelly is a Property & Right-of-Way Specialist with Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismarck, North Dakota.*