



The Communiqué

Newsletter for North Star Chapter 20
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November 2006

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President's Notes

By: Lisa Beckman, SR/WA

VOTING! We will be voting for the Chapter 20 Board of Directors at the November 15th meeting. The board has been nominated and you will find information about each of the candidates within this communiqué. This year we had two candidates for the position of Secretary; WOW, as far as I know this has not happened since I have been involved with the Chapter. Thank you to both candidates for taking the time to meet with the Nominations Committees they were both qualified and it was a tough decision for the committee to pick just one for nomination.

And, don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 7th; the Transportation Amendment will be on the ballot and a **YES VOTE** is important.

A BIG THANK YOU! Sue Pariseau has decided to end her stint as the Chapter 20 Education Chair effective December 31, 2006; thanks go to Sue for all of her hard work.

PRESENTATION! Last months attendance was absolutely fantastic! It has to be one of the best attended luncheons in quite some time (and there wasn't even a free lunch). We have Curt Proud from ProSource Technologies, Inc. as our November speaker. The presentation will deal with the causal relationships of title work and the legal descriptions (often provided by R/W staff) to one-call notification systems and actual accidents.

PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT! I would first like to apologize for missing the October meeting and I must also apologize for missing the November meeting. This October has been and November is looking to be overwhelming for me personally and professionally. I will be attending the Brokers Course the entire week of November 13th. My daughter and the 110th Military Police Company made it back to the U.S. on Monday, October 30th. They did lose one soldier during the one-year deployment and it was very tough to come home without him. It was a sad/happy homecoming. Crystal will be stationed in Fort Hood, Texas for 1½ years.

I would like to thank the Board and all of the members for their support through the last five years of my service, I have learned a great deal and look forward to providing support to the Board for many years to come©

November Membership Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Time: 10:00 - Board of Directors Meeting
Everyone is welcome.
Noon - Member Luncheon
Board of Directors Elections

Location: Midland Hills Country Club
2001 Fulham Street
Roseville, MN 55113

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Speaker: Curt Proud
Project Manager
ProSource Technologies, Inc.

Topic: Legal Descriptions: A Causal Factor
In Excavation Accidents

For reservations, please email or call
Joanie Miller no later than
Friday, November 10, 2006.

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This presentation will deal with the occasional connection between legal descriptions and title work prepared by right of way staff, one-call notification systems and actual excavation related accidents. Curt is a Minnesota licensed real estate salesperson with over 25 years of experience managing and handling real estate, claim, regulatory, zoning, insurance and landowner relations issues associated with pipelines and similar industrial operations. Previous to his work at ProSource, Curt was the manager of Land, Records and Claims for Williams Pipe Line Company and other real estate, claim management positions with Williams, the St. Paul Companies and Aetna Casualty and Surety. Curt is a Planning Commissioner for the City of Shoreview and volunteer counselor at Friendship Ventures.



Curt Proud

Hot Topics

Here's what the Industry is talking about.

Attention Chapter 20 members! This section of the newsletter is dedicated to industry news. Do you have information or have you read a recent article that will interest our members? Please share it with the rest of the chapter. Just write a short summary or email the original article and the source (where you found it), to Debbie Tyler, Newsletter Editor, at debbiet@connexusenergy.com. Remember to send it by the 20th of the month, preceding the newsletter's distribution. We publish the newsletter about the 5th of the following months: January, March, May, September, October, and November.

Board of Director Nominees

Secretary – Jason D. Alt



Mr. Alt has recently joined ProSource Technologies, Inc. (ProSource) as a Senior Project Manager, Acquisition / Relocation Specialist. Mr. Alt's comes to us from WD Schock Company, Inc. where he performed in the capacity of Regional Vice President / Project Director for Los Angeles International Airport's (LAWA) Residential Acquisition Division; a technical and operational advisor to LAWA in support of its' Acquisition and Relocation Program Quality Assurance. Mr. Alt is experienced in providing professional consulting services related to property management, property disposal, and land acquisition and relocation. His primary areas of expertise consist of training right of way (ROW) staff for public agencies, establishing policies and procedures for agencies to oversee ROW consultant firms, acting as a representative for public agencies in relocation appeals, and taking on complex or politically sensitive acquisition or relocation projects, and assembling teams to implement ROW projects.

Vice President /Treasurer – John Foster



John Foster is actively engaged in real estate valuation and consulting. Mr. Foster's expertise involves preparation of professional real estate valuations and market analyses for all types of commercial, industrial, residential, and special use properties. The purposes of these assignments include right of way, financing, condemnation hearings, and investment counseling. Mr. Foster has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Minnesota and Masters of Business Administration Degree from the University of Wisconsin. He holds State of Minnesota licenses as a Real Property Appraiser, Assessor and Real Estate Sales.

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and, remember to vote on the Transportation Amendment.



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President Elect – Joanie Miller, SR/WA



Joanie Miller, SR/WA, R/W-EC is employed by ProSource Technologies and currently works as a field representative for Great River Energy. She has been an active member of North Star Chapter 20 since 1998, including three years as Education Chair, Course Coordinator, Professional Development Chair, Region 3 Representative and Vice Chair of the International Membership Committee and currently Chapter 20 Treasurer. Joanie authored the “Fighting City Hall to Uphold Land Use” article in the January/February 2006 Right of Way magazine. At the Denver conference in June of 2006, she was presented the Member Appreciation Program (MAP) Award for recruiting the most new members (17) in the IRWA. Also

at the Denver Conference, she was selected as a 2006 Balfour Award Finalist.

President – Marvin L. DeJear, SR/WA



Marvin L. DeJear, SR/WA employed by Koch Pipeline Company, L P for last seven years and has 12 years of Right of Way field experience in Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma. Has served as an officer of local IRWA chapters in Minnesota and Oklahoma.

Currently serves as Region 3 Pipeline Committee representative.

Director – Lisa Beckman, SR/WA



Lisa supervises the daily activities of the extensive right of way staff at SRF Consulting Group, Inc. She has more than 17 years of experience in project management, right of way acquisition, relocation, property management, property title examination, negotiation and permitting. Lisa is licensed as a Real Property Appraiser and Real Estate Agent in Minnesota, and holds the Senior Right of Way Agent (SR/WA) designation from the International Right of Way Association. She has recently been responsible for managing right of way acquisitions for projects in Anoka County, the City of Champlin, Chisago County, and along the Crosstown Commons Corridor in Minneapolis and Richfield, all of which are in Minnesota.

Chapter 20 - Meeting Highlights



Region 3 Chair, Jack Holt, SR/WA, addressing the Chapter 20 Board on October 18, at the Midland Hills Country Club.



80 people attended the Chapter luncheon on October 18.



Blaine Harstad, guest speaker at the October luncheon meeting.

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Membership Report

By: Mark Hudson

Greetings to all Chapter 20 members, I was unable to attend the October Lunch meeting so I have nothing to report on that. I did attend the Breezy Point MN DOT right of way seminar but went there suffering with a cold and having virtually no voice. It made me realize how important the ability to talk is as I found myself avoiding people because I could barely croak out a "hello". My thanks to those members who spent time at the IRWA booth in the reception area. I was supposed to do a couple of stints there but it soon became apparent that I could not. I have not received any new members since that event but it does increase awareness of our organization. Also being a sponsor of the event appears to be a positive event for our chapter.

As part of our booth we had two copies of our membership directory for people to check and update any information. Unfortunately, one of those lists disappeared and any changes that were noted on it have been lost. That brings us to the Membership Directory, which we have attached to this newsletter. Please contact me with any needed corrections. Please also remember to check your membership information at the IRWA website. This site seems to be improving every time I visit it.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 218-625-3862 or by email at hudsonm@co.st-louis.mn.us

If you would like to introduce yourself to the membership with a short biography and picture please email them to me and we will run them in a future newsletter.

Your Membership Dues and the [RWIEF](#)

It's that time of year - our IRWA membership renewal forms will be coming soon. When you fill out and send in your renewal forms, PLEASE consider adding the \$10 donation (or more) to the Right of Way International Education Foundation ([RWIEF](#)). In the next couple of years, EVERY IRWA course will have been rewritten, at a cost of \$500,000, nearly half of the [RWIEF](#) funds! The generous contributions of IRWA members, individually and through membership renewals, along with contributions from chapters, regions, the auction and golf tournament have helped the [RWIEF](#) keep pace with increasing educational demands. Please help replenish these needed funds by donating at least \$10 when you renew your IRWA membership. It's a great cause, and it's tax deductible!




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IRWA Region 3

News Briefs

Kansas City Fall Forum 2006

Reported by: Joanie Miller

The 2006 Fall Forum was held on Thursday and Friday, October 19-20, in Kansas City and was hosted by Chapter 5. Course 901 was offered on Thursday and was taught by Craig Poorker, SR/WA. After class, everyone gathered at the "Flea Market Diner" for burgers and fries, followed by a two hour "heated" trolley ride around Kansas City.

Friday's business meeting started at 8:30 with chapter roll call, introductions, chapter reports and the Region Treasurer's report presented by Rita Rasmussen, Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer. Rita announced that Region 3 currently has \$4,136.76. Craig Poorker, Region 3 Vice-Chair, followed with the Education report. He discussed the Course Coordinator Certification program and upcoming course schedule for our region. All six chapters have submitted their education calendars for 2007.

International Committee reports were presented, including two from Chapter 20: Pipeline Committee (Marvin DeJear) and Environment Committee (Curt Proud). Jack Holt, Region 3 Chair, discussed the changes the Environment Committee is currently working on for the rewrite of Course 601.

A five-minute membership recruitment video was shown as was a "Talking Points" presentation created by HQ for the latest news and information.

Bruce Reed, SR/WA and member of the Right of Way International Education Foundation ([RWIEF](#)), discussed the depletion of funds due to the substantial cost for course upgrades. He encourages all members to donate \$10 to the Education Foundation. To make a donation, check the \$10 donation box located on your dues renewal invoice. These invoices will be mailed to the membership shortly.

Region 3 has two candidates running for the upcoming Region Secretary/Treasurer position this spring. They are Chris Pawloski, SR/WA, of Midwest Right of Way Services in Omaha, Nebraska and Randy De George, SR/WA, of Omaha Public Power District. Both candidates are from Chapter 78 in Nebraska and are highly qualified. We wish them both the best of luck!

Each year at this time, all chapters are requested to nominate a Chapter Professional of the Year. Of the candidates, one will be selected as Region Professional of the Year at the Spring Forum. The winner will be presented a plaque and will also be recognized at the annual conference. This year's Region 3 Professional of the Year nominees are:

Chapter 5	none
Chapter 20	Craig Knudsen, SR/WA
Chapter 37	Ashleigh Robison, SR/WA
Chapter 41	Bernie Banker, SR/WA
Chapter 72	Mike Murray, SR/WA
Chapter 78	Chris Pawloski, SR/WA

The spring forum will be held in St. Louis on April 26-27, 2007. Hope to see you there!

Region 3 Candidates for Professional of the Year



Left to right: Bernie Banker, SR/WA, Chapter 41; Ashleigh Robison, SR/WA, Chapter 37; Chris Pawloski, SR/WA, Chapter 78; Mike Murray, SR/WA, Chapter 72; Absent - Craig Knudsen, SR/WA, Chapter 20.

The winner will be named during the Spring Forum in April 2007.

Chapter 20's Candidate for Professional of the Year



Craig Knudsen works for Dakota Electric Association (DEA) as a Land Use Manager. He has been in the right of way field with DEA for seven years and was previously with the City of Eagan for 14 years in their Engineering Department. Craig became a member of the IRWA in 1999 and received the SR/WA and the Environmental Certification in 2002. In 2004, he received the Negotiation/Acquisition Certification. Over the last seven years with Chapter 20, Craig has served as Membership Chair, Utilities Chair, PUD Committee, Vice President, President Elect, President/Director, and Director.

Congratulations and good luck Craig!

Region 3 Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer

The two candidates for Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer are Randy DeGeorge, SR/WA, Chapter 78; and Chris Pawloski, SR/WA, also of Chapter 78.

The Secretary/Treasurer position will be voted on at the 2007 Spring Forum. Best wishes to both!



Chapter 20 Advertising

If you are interested in advertising in our Chapter Communiqué or Chapter Directory, please contact the following people:

Chapter 20 Directory:	Mark Hudson, Membership Chair 218-625-3862
Chapter 20 Communiqué:	Debbie Tyler, Newsletter Editor 763-323-2619

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Chapter 20

2007 Education Calendar

January, 2007	Course 100 Location: Coordinator: Instructor:	Principles of Land Acquisition - 4 days Southpoint I35 & 82 nd St Alana Edwards 952-887-1734, alana.edwards@NNGCO.com
March, 2007	Course 602 Location: Coordinator: Instructor:	Project Development & the Eng Process - 2 days Sue Pariseau, 651-463-6373, spariseau@dakotaelectric.com co-instructors Jennifer Wolff & another to be announced
April, 2007	Course 103 Location: Coordinator: Instructor:	Ethics and the Right of Way Profession - 1 day Matt Storm, 651-882-0200, matthews@elsco.net Bill Rottschaefer
July, 2007	Round Table – Power Up WI Course - 1.5 Days Location : Coordinator: Instructor:	Stillwater Great River Energy Numerous Presenters
September, 2007	Course 503 – Mobile Home Relocation - 1 day Location : Coordinator: Instructor:	TBD Steve Carlson, 651-882-0200, steven@elsco.net Reg Draheim & Deanna Loewenhagen
November, 2007	Course 700 Location: Coordinator: Instructor:	Introduction to Property/Asset Management - 2 day TBD
January, 2008	SR/WA Exam Course Location : Coordinator: Instructor:	TBD

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**North Star Chapter 20
Int'l Right of Way Association**

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Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Time: 10:00 - Board of Directors Meeting
Everyone is welcome
Noon - Member Luncheon

Location: **Midland Hills Country Club**
2001 Fulham Street
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Please RSVP by emailing or calling Joanie Miller at jmiller@grenergy.com or 763-241-5764
NO LATER THAN Friday, November 10, 2006.

2007 Chapter Meetings & Dates to Remember

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| January 17 | Meeting - Installation of Officers |
| March 21 | Meeting - Speaker - Gary Connett, Great River Energy , "Our Energy Future" |
| May 16 | Meeting - Topic - Sherburne County Parks and Recreation |
| July 23-24 | Arrowhead-Weston and Utility Round Table |
| September 19 | Meeting - Duluth/Superior |
| October 17 | Meeting - Topic - CapX 2020 |

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