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President's Notes

By: Lisa Beckman, SR/WA

DIRECTORIES ARRIVING SOON! The 2006 Chapter 20 Directory should be arriving in your email box very soon. Mark Hudson, Membership Chair, is working hard to get the directory to the members. We will be sending the directory via email, but if you wish to receive a hard copy via U.S. Mail please contact Mark. The directory is a very valuable resource; I utilize the directory almost every week to find contact information.

NOMINATIONS! Nominations are being accepted for the slate of officers for 2007. If you are interested in nominating someone to be on the Board for 2007, please contact one of the following representatives on the Nominations Committee: Craig Knudsen, Kaye Anderson or Craig Poorker.

PRESENTATION! As a result of the new legislation regarding the eminent domain process and procedures, we are all receiving a tremendous amount of flyers advertising courses. The new legislation appears to be ambiguous; therefore, it is important to understand different points of view from all of the players. Our October presenter is C. Blaine Harstad from Gray, Plant, Moody, P.A. in Minneapolis on this exact issue.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION! The Chapter plans to offer a 4-hour presentation sometime in the spring. The presenter will be Cary Weber on the Arrowhead-Weston/Power Up; our intention is to have the course certified for Real Estate and Appraisal credits.

REGION 3 FALL FORUM! The forum is October 19 & 20 in Kansas City, Missouri. The Forum is being hosted by Chapter 5; we plan on having a few representatives attending and will have a report as to the Region happenings at the November meeting.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU! Our Communiqué now has a section labeled "Hot Topics"; we are looking for member input in the section. If you have information that may be of interest to our members we would love to hear from you. Write up a short article and submit to the editor, Debbie Tyler debbiet@connexusenergy.com.

PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT! My daughter, Sergeant Crystal Ross, is scheduled to be back on U.S. soil on October 28th. She is just completing her 2nd 1-year tour in Iraq. I am so proud of her and very happy to have her and her comrades back home. My husband and I plan on attending the Home Coming (as we did on her first tour); they fly from Kuwait directly to their home base, Fort Hood, Texas. She still has 1½ years remaining in the service and hopefully will not have to return to Iraq.

SEE YOU ON OCTOBER 18TH.

October Membership Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2006

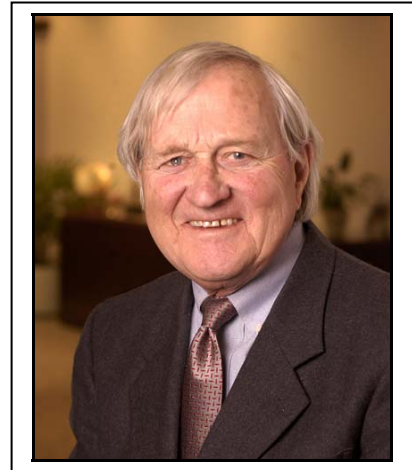
Time: 10:00 - Board of Directors Meeting
Everyone is welcome.
Noon - Member Luncheon

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

Cost: \$15.00

Speaker: Mr. C. Blaine Harstad
Gray, Plant, Mooty, P.A.

Topic: Minnesota Eminent Domain
Statute



C. Blaine Harstad

Please help us extend a warm IRWA Chapter 20, welcome to our October luncheon speakers, Blaine Harstad and Julie Boehmke. Blaine and Julie will be discussing the new legislature surrounding the new Minnesota Eminent Domain Statute. Blaine Harstad is a principal executive at Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty, and Bennett, P.A. in Minneapolis, as well as, an IRWA, Chapter 20 member. He has had an impressive education and law career, with degrees from Luther College, University of Minnesota Law School. Over the years, he has been heavily involved in condemnation law and eminent domain. It promises to be an informative presentation, so do not miss it!

For reservations, please email or call Joanie Miller no later than Friday, October 13, 2006.

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YAHOO! Maps
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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

We offer space for $\frac{1}{4}$ page ads in our Communiqué at \$25 per year (six issues) and space for $\frac{1}{2}$ page ads in the directory at \$50 per year.

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.

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Membership Report

By: Mark Hudson

Welcome to fall! Thanks to all the members who attended the September lunch meeting. I believe we had close to fifty people attending, five of whom were presented with membership certificates and pins. The speaker was Rick Krueger with the Transportation Alliance who spoke on behalf of the pending State Constitutional Amendment dealing with transportation funding. If you are interested, their website is www.transportationalliance.com. Rick gave an interesting presentation and answered many questions from the audience.

I sent in one new application for membership to international headquarters.

Sean C. Ingvalson with SRF Consulting Group in Minneapolis

For those new to Chapter 20, or if you have never attended one of our lunch meetings, please consider attending one. It is a great opportunity to meet people engaged in many aspects of the right of way profession. Membership meetings are always held the third Wednesday of the Month and the next three meetings will be in October, November and January. Why not mark your date book today as a reminder. Being about 2 1/2 hours from the meeting site always makes me think twice about attending but it is good to keep in contact with people and make new contacts also.

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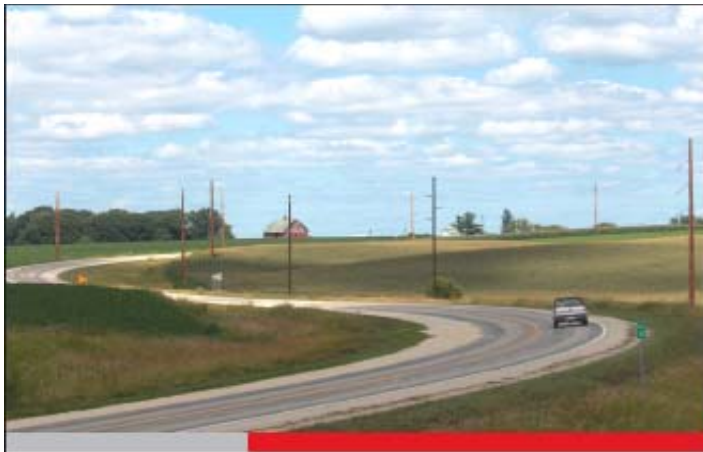
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As I was sitting at this meeting, I was also looking at the attendance list. It appears that our membership is changing and has fewer public employees and more consultants performing work, especially for MN DOT. There are representatives from pipelines, telecommunication companies, and power companies to name just a few. Specialties vary from appraisal, legal, relocation, and survey offering a wide variety of expertise. Come join us!

On-Line Membership Update

International Headquarters has requested that ALL members update their membership information on-line at www.irwaonline.org. If you have changed your employment, telephone number, address or email address, it is imperative that you do this immediately. If you have problems with accessing the website or with your password please contact Sergey Yushkevich at yushkevich@irwaonline.org.

Members Only Website

Please see the newsletter's *Chapter 20 Education Calendar*, for additional information on the members only website.

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.

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IRWA Region 3 News Briefs

Region 3 Fall Forum

October 19 & 20, 2006
Hosted by Chapter 5

Accommodations

Quarterage Hotel located in the historic Westport District
560 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO 64111
816.931.0001 or 800.942.4233

www.quarterage.com

Rate: \$89.00 plus tax

A block of rooms have been set aside for the Fall Forum. Please be sure to mention IRWA when placing your reservation.

IRWA COURSE 901-Engineering Plan and Development

October 19, 2006, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Location: Quarterage Hotel

Contact Bill Wright at 816.513.0507 or William.Wright@kcmo.org

Thursday Night Social – BBQ & Drinks!

Thursday, October 19, 2006

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 +/- p.m.

KC Trolley Ride – Tour of City 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

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Professional Development

By John J. McKay, SR/WA, PDC Chair

Matt Storm just went through the SR/WA recertification process. He would like to remind those of you that need to recertify, to please do so. The IRWA does not send out reminders.

Hunters & Seekers

This section is available for all members. If you have a position available or a seeking a position, and would like to have a **FREE** ad posted, please contact the editor debbiet@connexusenergy.com one month prior to the publish date for details.



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Board of Directors Opening

The Chapter 20 Nominations Committee is once again seeking candidates for Chapter 20 Board of Directors. The incoming candidate will be assuming the position of Secretary for 2007. This tends to be a five-year obligation since the incoming candidate generally moves forward to the positions of Treasurer/Vice President, President Elect, President and finally Director for One Year. If you have an interest in becoming a part of the Board of Directors or would like to nominate a candidate please contact Craig Knudsen @ (651) 453-6332, Craig Poorker @ (763) 241-2367, or Kay Anderson @ (612) 673-5051. It's a rewarding experience and really doesn't involve a great deal of your time.

Chapter 20 Education

In January 2006, IRWA introduced a major membership enhancement - monthly online **e-Seminars Series**. In the "**Members Only**" section of the website, members will have access to a one-hour online seminar that features streaming audio, PowerPoint presentations and downloads of any handouts referred to in the presentation.

The initial series of workshops will be adapted from the recent Uniform Act Symposium sessions on November 7-9. New online seminars will be added throughout the year, including workshops from the 2006 Annual Educational Conference held in Denver, CO.

Members will have special access to view these online programs at no charge. For members seeking to apply the online seminar for recertification credits toward IRWA designations, they may take a written online exam and obtain course credit for only \$20.00. The new online system will automatically grade the exam and e-mail a completion certificate to those who pass.

2006 Education Calendar

Date TBA **Course 602 – Environmental Due Diligence and Liability**
Location: TBD

For a complete course outline/schedule, click on the PDF file attached to your email.

Nov 8 & 9, 2006 **Course 801 – US Land Titles**
2 days
Location: Ulteig Engineers, Minneapolis, MN
Coordinator: Jamie McIntyre 763-277-6254
jamie.mcintyre@ulteig.com
Instructor: Bill Rottschaefter

For complete course information, click on the link below:

https://www.irwaonline.org/eweb/ProfilePage.aspx?WebCode=CSCEventInfoSC&evt_key=4eda77f1-c352-40ed-a76a-408a1cf81d96

Date TBA **Course 100 - Principles of Land Acquisition**

IRWA cancellation policy on classes:

Written notification of cancellation must be received by the class coordinator 15 days prior to start of class. A 75% refund will be made if written notification is received less than 15 days prior to start of class. No refund will be made after the start of class.

Attention course attendees:

Please contact the Course Coordinator prior to attending a course for information on Real Estate, Appraisal or Legal continuing education credits. PLEASE, DO NOT assume that all classes offer continuing education credits.

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NO LATER THAN Friday, October 13, 2006.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 18	Chapter 20 Membership meeting
November 8-9	Course 801 - US Land Titles
November 15	Chapter 20 Membership meeting
TBA	Course 602 - Project Development & the Eng Process
January 17	Chapter 20 Membership meeting



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