



International Right of Way Association

CHAPTER REPORT FORM SPIRIT OF THE HEARTLAND CHAPTER # 41

(Chapter President - Please prepare this form for the scheduled Region Forum and bring enough copies to distribute to each Chapter within your Region, the Region Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary and the IEC representative.

MEMBERSHIP:

Current Paid: 74

Net gain/loss since last forum (circle one): +7

SR/WA /CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS:

SR/WA'S: 16 Candidates: 7

Members with Certifications: 10

EDUCATION COURSES:

Courses presented since last forum: 901, 902, 802 and Co-sponsored 303

Seminars presented since last forum: _____

Courses scheduled in 2004: 209 Negotiating Effectively With a Diverse Clientele (September 22-23)
401 The Appraisal of Partial Acquisitions (October 4-8)

Courses scheduled in 2005: 104 Standard of Practice for the Right of Way Professional (February)
803 Eminent Domain Law Basics for Row Way Professionals (March)
Principles of Real Estate Engineering (May)
Principles of Real Estate Negotiations (August)
700 Introduction to Property Management (September)

FINANCES:

Year-end Balance: \$ 13,623.28 (2003)

Annual Budget: (Income) \$ 14,779.47 (Expense) \$ 21,241.86 (2003)

Income Year-To-Date: \$ 3.69 Expense Year-To-Date: \$ 605.00

Checking Account Balance: \$ 3,502.99 CD And Other Balance: \$ 10,212.42

Total Cash On Hand: \$ 13,715.41

CHAPTER MEETINGS:

Number Per Year: 4 Day or Evening Meeting: _____

Average Attendance: 18 At Satellite Locations: _____

Non-member Attendance: 1-2

Successful Programs and Topics of Special Interest:

EXTRA CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND/OR SOCIAL EVENTS:

How Often? 1

Are the meetings well attended? Yes, although we'd always like to see more.

Comments: At our December Meeting/Installation Banquet we celebrated Chapter 41's 40th Anniversary with International President Don Marx.

March – we had a free meeting at Reiman Gardens in Ames with time to tour the butterfly garden, etc. Each attendee received a gift certificate for use in the restaurant or gift shop, or for future admittance to gardens. Two door prizes of additional gift certificates were also awarded.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:

How Often? Quarterly

Are the meetings well attended? Yes, although we'd always like to see more.

Comments: Don Marx, International President attended December meeting.

CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST POLICY STATEMENT:

All Chapter Officers have signed the Policy Statement and a copy is filed with the Secretary.

(A) *Without Exception* SJW (Initial Here)

(B) *Except as disclosed below* _____ (Initial and provide statement (s))

GOALS CHAPTER IS WORKING ON FOR THE CURRENT YEAR:

- 15% membership increase
- Increased participation at IRWA functions
- Mentoring Program

- Better chapter participation
- Hold (a minimum of) 1 meeting per year with neighboring chapter
- Follow up with non-members who attend courses
- Establish a chapter budget
- We are looking toward fall for a successful LPA Seminar

To what degree has your chapter attained these goals?

- Since Fall 2003 we've seen a 10% membership increase
- Chapter representation at (this) Spring Forum is anticipated to be good
- September meeting is planned in Dubuque with the Illinois Chapter
- The budget is being established to provide financial guidelines to various committees

NEW IDEAS, SUCCESSES, RECOMMENDATIONS TO SHARE WITH OTHERS:

Chapter members are encouraged to "meet and greet" non-members at courses and other functions to invite them to future chapter meetings and membership. Either the President or other officer will follow up with these non-members inviting them to the next Chapter Meeting. We are also including them on the (next) Newsletter mailing.

Also, active members have been encouraged to review the membership list and call or email some of the less active members to invite them (personally) to IRWA activities.

We would like to encourage our fellow Region members to assist and/or attend the LPA Seminar that Chapter 41 will host in the Fall of 2004. Please contact Ed Opstein or Rita Rasmussen for more information.

OUR CHAPTER IS HAVING THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS:

Our Treasurer has inquired if it would be possible for International to include a better description on both billings and payments so it can be determined more easily what the payment or bill is for.

We need help solving these problems from:

- Other Chapters in this Region
- Region Officers
- International Executive Committee
- International Headquarters Staff

OTHER CHAPTER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.:

Chapter President : Shelly J. Whiteing, SR/WA,R/W-RAC (Name)

Signature: _____ Date: 4/8/04