



Calendar of Events

QUARTERLY MEETING AND INSTALLATION BANQUET

PLACE MIDAMERICAN ENERGY (DETAILS ON PAGE 11)

CLIVE HOTEL & SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER

DATE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2004,

TIME 2:30 P.M. (SOCIAL HOUR AT 5)

REGION 3 FORUM

APRIL 14-15, 2005 – SPRING REGION FORUM

SIoux FALLS, SD

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

PLACE TORONTO, ONTARIO

DATE JUNE 12 – 16, 2005

DEADLINES & UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1-2, 2005 – 803 EMINENT DOMAIN LAW BASICS

FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY PROFESSIONAL,

COMFORT INN, STORY CITY

MARCH 3, 2005 – 104 STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR THE

RIGHT OF WAY PROFESSIONAL,

COMFORT INN, STORY CITY

MARCH 4, 2005 – SPRING CHAPTER MEETING

COMFORT INN, STORY CITY

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President's Message

President Shelly J. Whiteing, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

As we are nearing the end of my first year as your Chapter President I would like to say thank you to all who have been so willing to step forward when assistance was needed, it has been a great year! I know I have learned a lot in this first year and I look forward to a second year as your president.

The Region 3 Fall Forum in St. Louis was great - we had an excellent meeting. I am pleased to report that our Chapter was just one member shy of the 15% membership increase that I was looking for this time last year. Our membership will continue to grow as we spread the word about not only the educational opportunities, but also the networking opportunities that IRWA offers. I would like to welcome all of our new members and encourage them to get involved wherever they can.

We're hoping for great weather and a good turnout on December 3 for our Chapter Board Meeting, and, Annual Installation Banquet. Our Board Meeting will be held at MidAmerican's Office and the banquet will be held in the same location as last year, just with a new name – Clive Hotel and Suites Conference Center (more information is on page 11). Our entertainment for the evening will be provided by Shannon Zetterland, former Mrs. Iowa; she will be entertaining us with song, humor and encouragement. Instead of our "gift exchange" we are inviting each attendee to bring a gift (either an unwrapped toy or a monetary donation) for Toys for Tots. We will have representation from the Marine Corps to pick up the toys, and have the opportunity to thank them in advance for their service to our country, as they will soon be deploying to Iraq.

The Region Spring Forum in Sioux Falls should be interesting as we have three candidates for the position of Region Secretary/Treasurer. Chapter 41's very own Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA has announced her candidacy for this position. Other nominee's are Judi Sorenson, SR/WA and Randy DeGeorge, SR/WA, both from Chapter 78. Plan to join us in April to see who will be Region 3's new Secretary/Treasurer!

See you December 3!

**RITA RASMUSSEN, SR/WA
ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR
REGION 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER**



Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA recently announced that she is running for the Secretary/Treasurer for Region 3.

Candidate's Statement:

"I respectfully submit my name to you for consideration as Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer. I take this opportunity seriously and believe my increased involvement in IRWA demonstrates that I have been an active and dedicated member. You will have my full participation and I pledge to continue the professional and competent leadership provided by previous Region 3 leaders."

IRWA Accomplishments:

IRWA member since 1993 of Region 3, Spirit of the Heartland, Chapter 41
SR/WA Designation Achieved, 2004
Attendance and Participation at the past 7 IRWA Annual International Education Conferences

International:

Vice Chair of the International Local Public Agency Committee, 2003-2005
Local Public Agency Representative to the International Liaison Committee, 2003

Region:

Region Representative for the International Local Public Agency Committee, 2002
Region Representative for the International Transportation Committee, 2000

Chapter:

Education Committee, 2004 & 2005
Chapter 41 Professional of the Year, 2002
International Director, 2002 & 2003 (served as Replacement, 2000, 2001 & 2004)
Chapter President, 2001
Chapter President Elect, 2000
Chapter Vice President, 1999
Chapter Representative to the Young Leadership Council, 1998-1999
Chapter Treasurer, 1995-1998

Background:

"I've been employed with the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the City's Property Acquisition Supervisor, since 2000. My responsibilities include all citywide acquisitions, property disposals and property management. I was previously employed with an Engineering Consulting Firm as an Acquisition Specialist from 1992-2000. I obtained an Iowa Real Estate License in 1992 and an Iowa Real Estate Brokers License in 1995.

I'm a life-long Iowa resident. Gary and I enjoy country living on our small acreage in rural East Central, Iowa. I have three children, son Nicholas, age 23, stepdaughter Jessica, age 19 and stepson Luke age 16."

Chapter Presidents and Directors will be voting for Region Secretary/Treasurer at the Spring Forum in Sioux Falls on April 15.

Also running for this Region Position are Judy Sorenson, SR/WA and Randy DeGeorge, SR/WA, both from Nebraska Chapter 78.

Chapter 41 Professional of the Year



At our September Chapter Meeting Dan Shiflett was chosen as our Professional of the Year. Dan is employed as Right of Way and Land Supervisor with Corn Belt Cooperative in Humboldt.

In addition to serving as President-Elect for Chapter 41, Dan is Committee Chair of both the Survey and the Environment Committees. He serves as Region 3's Representative on the International Survey Committee; and, is also on the Editorial Advisory Board of the right of way magazine.

Region 3 will select the Region Professional of the Year based on Chapter Nominees. Other nominees are: Melissa Wurtz, Chapter 5; Craig Poorker, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, Chapter 20; Thomas Hewlett, Chapter 37; Robert Larson, Chapter 72; Joel Walker, SR/WA, Chapter 78.

Congratulations, Dan!

In The Spotlight



Mary Beth Kiner

Mary Beth Kiner is presently a Right of Way Advisor for Relocation Services for the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Mary Beth has been employed for over 25 years in the Right of Way Office and has performed numerous duties in Advertising Management, Appraisal, and Acquisition. Although Mary Beth has been a Relocation Advisor only since 2002 and a member of IRWA since 2003, she is just one course shy of earning her Certification in Relocation Assistance.

Mary Beth enjoys ballet and will be a performer in the 2004 Nutcracker Ballet in Ames in December. She also enjoys power walking, gardening, and flower arranging.



Colleen Goddard

Colleen A. Goddard has been a member of IRWA since 2001. She recently earned her Relocation Certification. She states that IRWA courses have afforded her an "opportunity to become more of a professional".

Colleen has been with the Iowa Department of Transportation for 12 years with the past five in the Right of Way field. She has been a Right of Way Advisor for Relocation Services since 2001. Colleen has gained considerable Relocation experience while working with many diverse assignments. She enjoys working with her team members and feels they are "top notch".

"IRWA is a vigorous, continuing educational program and has provided me with excellent training during my career with the Office of Right of Way. The courses have helped with individual development, improved service to employers and the public. The professional staff is dedicated to the advancement of the Right of Way profession! "

Colleen and her husband, Randy, have one daughter, Elle who is nearly two. Randy is employed with Homeland Security as Chief Communications Engineer. Colleen enjoys Taekwondo, running, swimming and reading in her spare time.



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EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Amy Walter, Chair

Course 900 (Principles of Real Estate Engineering) is planned for May 2005. Attend FREE...Call the Education Committee to see how!! (It's EASY!)

Course 200 (Principles of Real Estate Negotiations) is planned for August 2005. We need a Course Coordinator – if you'd like to attend this course for FREE, please contact the Education Committee!

Course 700 (*Introduction to Property Management*) in September 2005 with Tim Bunkers coordinating.

If you would like to coordinate one of the above mentioned Courses please contact either Nancy Halvorson or Rita Rasmussen (see email addresses on page 12).



1st Annual Local Public Agency Conference
Right of Way Best Practices
Friday, April 1, 2005

Chapter 41 will be offering you the opportunity to attend two IRWA Courses in March 2005. Make plans now to attend IRWA Course 104 and/or 803 in Story City.

Course 803, Eminent Domain Law Basics for the Right of Way Professional will be offered on March 1-2. Bob Dahlgren will serve as Course Coordinator for this 2-day course, which is a requirement for the Negotiation/Acquisition Certification. Please contact Bob (L.Dahlgren@dot.iowa.gov) if you have questions.

Course 104, Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional on March 3 will satisfy a requirement for the SRWA Designation as well as for each of the Certification Designations. Completion of this course also satisfies a portion of the SRWA Recertification requirement. Please contact Course Coordinator, Nancy Halvorson (nancy.halvorson@dot.iowa.gov) if you have any questions.

Reservations can be made at the Comfort Inn of Story City by calling 515.733.6363. The room rate is \$60 (plus \$7 tax) for either a single King or double Queen room. The Motel is located on I-35 at exit 124 right next to the VF Factory Outlet Mall. There are



Negotiation Tip

Edward Opstein, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, MPA

“What is the Third Party?”

There is often a block in reaching agreement when an undefined “third party” is involved. We often do not recognize it, and even when we do, we do not give it enough regard to resolve it. Common “third parties” are ego, political perspectives, fear, and even more structural issues such as mental illness, debts, or legal matters.

When you have related well to the other person, reviewed the facts, and outlined the process and there is still a block in reaching agreement, look for the “third party”. When you find it, treat it with serious attention. Then, your odds of getting to a settlement are good!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Steve Chapman,
SR/WA, R/W-RAC

Second Quarter Report

Income	\$ 2,043.78
Expenses	<u>4,978.89</u>
Net Income	\$ 2,935.11
Current Cash Balance	\$11,552.35
Net Balance	\$11,552.35

1st Annual Local Public Agency Conference Right of Way Best Practices Friday, April 1, 2005

*Come and find out the
Latest in how to acquire
the land you need for your
projects!*



- Where:** Sheraton Four Points North, Des Moines
4800 Merle Hay Road, (515) 278-4755 (special, limited room rate - \$67 !)
- When:** Thursday night – welcome reception at the hotel
Friday – 8:30 to 4:30 – *fast* paced, information rich presentations on the latest, practical information you need to acquire right of way for your projects
- What:** Key topics that come up in acquiring property and relocating people – appraisal, negotiations, title, fed/state law update, relocation options, ...
- Who Should Come:** Public officials, engineers, attorneys, administrators, appraisers, economic development staff, and *You!*
- How to register:** Complete the form below and send it in, call the hotel and make your reservation, plan on an *interesting* time and good networking.

Name: _____ Employer: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Position: _____
Right of Way Interests/Concerns: Appraisal ___ Title ___ Negotiation ___ Condemnation _____ ,
Other: _____

Conference Registration is \$99; Register before Mar. 11th for only \$85 !

Number Attending: _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____
(Late Registration at the door for \$119)

Send registration to:

Steve Chapman, Iowa DOT, Office of Right of Way, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010-6993
For more information, call Rita Rasmussen at (319) 286-5807 or Ed Opstein at (515) 243-3570

Check it out on the web at www.irwa41.org

Member News & Information:



CERTIFICATIONS

Colleen Goddard, R/W-RAC

Patti Simons, R/W-NAC

Congratulations, Colleen & Patti !



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Chair Don Corrigan, R/W-RAC

TRANSFERRED MEMBER

David Huebner, El Paso Corporation

(From Chapter 8, Region 2)

Welcome David –

We look forward to your membership.

CONGRATULATIONS



\$50 Door Prize Winner

September Meeting

Jim Graham



Congratulations to Education Chair Amy Walter and her husband, Shawn who became first time parents on October 24, 2004. Ryan James Walter was born at 4:48 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz and measuring 20 inches!

Congratulations to the Walter Family!!

Principles of Right of Way Textbook

The newly revised Principles of Right of Way, Third Edition is available. The textbook is composed of 15 chapters and two glossaries, bound separately and assembled into a custom simulated-leather binder.

Purchase the textbook and receive any and all updates for up to one year from purchase at **NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE** including any updates created by the release of the revised regulations to the Uniform Act anticipated in late 2004.

Order your copy for \$50 including shipping and handling by visiting the website at:

www.irwaonline.org

TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

For more information visit www.toysfortots.org

Printing donated by Wells Fargo Financial, a proud sponsor of the Marine Toys For Tots Foundation.

At our Annual Installation Banquet on December 3 we will be collecting donations for **Toys for Tots** instead of having a gift exchange.

If you would like to bring either a new unwrapped toy or a cash donation we would encourage you to do so.

Special guests at our Banquet will be representatives of the United States Marine Corps "E" Company 2nd Battalion who will be accepting our donation.

Please take an opportunity to express your thanks and best wishes to these members of "Echo" Company as they will soon be deployed to Iraq.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

International Right of Way Association

"Spirit of the Heartland" - Iowa Chapter 41



*Minutes of Business Meeting – September 16, 2004
Alliant Energy Conference Center – Dubuque, Iowa*

President Shelly Whiteing called the meeting to order at 1:42 pm. Twelve members were present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the June business meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes with two minor corrections. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report indicated a total net balance of \$11,552.35. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Membership Committee: The recent addition of two new members brings total chapter membership up to 76.

Education Committee: Planning is underway for several course offerings in Iowa in 2005. Anyone interested in coordinating a course should contact Committee Chair Amy Walter or Rita Rasmussen.

We are still awaiting an invoice from headquarters regarding Course 802, which our chapter sponsored in April. All indications are that the course was a great success.

There was discussion about who has the authority to sign course agreements with headquarters. It was agreed that both the course coordinator and the Education Committee Chair have this authority.

Budget and/or Audit Committee: Nancy Halvorson distributed a draft budget document, based in part on a study of past expenditures. The committee will continue to work on this.

Our chapter should strive for improved documentation of deposits and disbursements. The cooperation of all members is needed to make this a reality.

Program Committee: The annual banquet and final quarterly meeting of 2004 are set for December 3rd in Clive. The meeting will be in the afternoon, with the banquet to follow in the evening. Details are still being worked out. Ideas for entertainment/guest speaker were discussed.

Professional Development Committee: Rita Rasmussen was presented a plaque in recognition of earning the SR/WA designation. Don Corrigan will receive his SR/WA plaque in December.

Survey Committee: Dan Shiflett reported on the activities of the International Survey Committee at this summer's Conference in Philadelphia. On a side note, congratulations to Dan for being named to the *right of way magazine* editorial advisory board.

Nominations and Elections Committee: The following slate of officers for 2005 was brought before the membership for a vote:

PRESIDENT	Shelly Whiteing
PRESIDENT-ELECT	Dan Shiflett
VICE PRESIDENT	Joe Anderson
SECRETARY	Deane Davenport
TREASURER	Steve Chapman
1-YEAR DIRECTOR	Jim Diemer

A motion was made to approve the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

On a side note, Rita is running for Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer. This will be voted upon at the Spring Forum. At least two other people have announced their intentions to compete for the same position.

Iowa LPA Conference: The conference has been rescheduled for April 1, 2005. All presenters have been secured for that date. A task timeline and list of committees and volunteers was distributed. More volunteers are needed. Members should contact Ed Opstein or Rita for more information.

Chapter Funding of Member Travel: A summary of our chapter's past funding decisions was compiled and distributed. Discussion ensued about how these matters have been handled in the past, and how our chapter could handle them in the future. A committee has been formed to examine the issue and make recommendations at the December meeting.

2004 Annual Education Conference: Experiences from June's conference in Philadelphia were shared.

Course 401 (The Appraisal of Partial Acquisitions): We are co-sponsoring this course with Nebraska Chapter 78. It will be held October 4-8 at the Holiday Inn & Suites at Ameristar in Council Bluffs. The two chapters have recently decided to offer a \$135 tuition discount to all students.

2004 Region 3 Fall Forum in St. Louis: Several Chapter 41 members have expressed plans to attend the forum, scheduled for October 15th. Others were encouraged to provide input or questions to Shelly. A motion was made to provide \$200 to Shelly to defray costs of attending the 2004 Fall Forum. The motion was seconded and approved.

Clarification of Chapter By-laws: Three issues were brought up regarding our chapter by-laws. First, reference to an initiation fee needs to be removed since our chapter voted at a prior meeting to eliminate it. Second, clarification of the article pertaining to the appointment of Directors was requested. It was decided that this article of the by-laws was not in need of change. Third, the procedure regarding the approval of new members was discussed.

Mentoring Program/Committee: This topic will be discussed at the upcoming Region 3 Fall Forum, and also at our December chapter meeting.

Committee Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to serve on the following two chapter committees: Professional Development and Nominations/Elections. Members of these committees must be SR/WA.

Survey from Dennis Stork at IRWA Headquarters: Members were encouraged to complete this survey that was sent to us all via email.

Chapter 41 Professional of the Year: Congratulations to Dan Shiflett, who was chosen as our chapter's 2004 Professional of the Year at today's meeting. Other nominees were Ed Opstein, Nancy Halvorson, and Joe Anderson.

Jim Graham shared information on a recent court ruling related to the repair/replacement of railroad bridges. Contact Jim for more information.

Door prize drawing: Jim Graham was the winner of the drawing for the \$50 door prize. The names of the members attending today's meeting will be included in the drawing for the \$1,000 Grand Prize and the "free membership" Second Prize at the banquet in December of 2004.

At 4:02pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe A. Anderson
Substituting for Deane Davenport, Secretary

SEPTEMBER CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS, DUBUQUE IOWA / GALENA ILLINOIS



REGION 3 FALL FORUM – MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI





DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING AND INSTALLATION BANQUET

Clive, Iowa

December 3, 2004

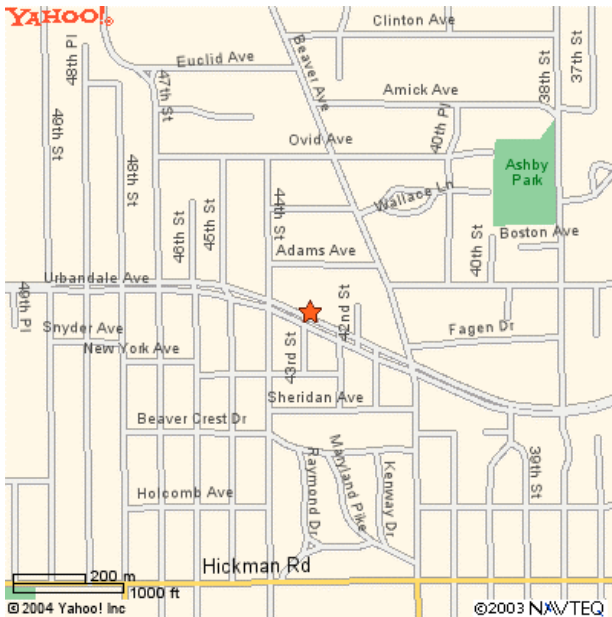
2:30 p.m. Chapter Board Meeting at MidAmerican Energy Building
(4299 NW Urbandale Drive)

(Jim Diemer needs to know by December 1 if you plan to attend as visitor badges will need to be prepared in advance)

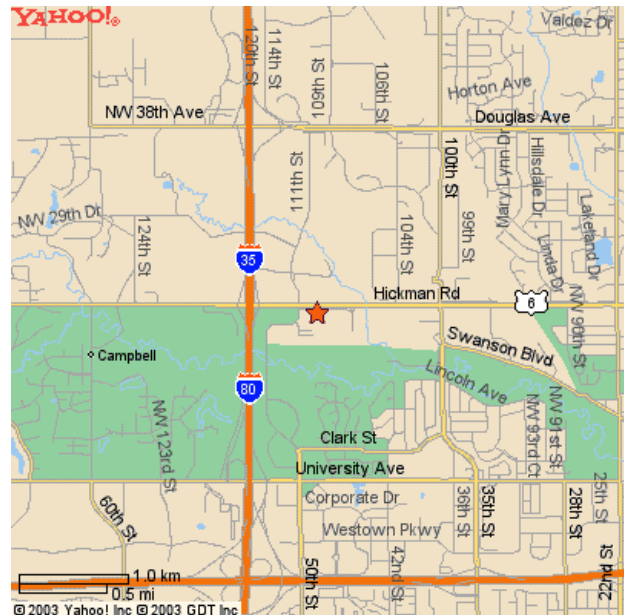
5:00 p.m. Social Hour at Clive Hotel and Suites Conference Center
(11040 Hickman Drive, Clive)

6:00 Buffet Dinner, followed by Entertainment and Installation of 2005 Officers

Reservations are **ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED...**
notify Jim Diemer at jpdiermer@midamerican.com
by **November 22** if you plan to attend.
Guests Welcome!!



MidAmerican Energy
4299 NW Urbandale Drive



From I-35/80 take the Hickman Road /US 6 Exit (#125)
Clive Hotel & Suites Conference Center
11040 Hickman Drive, Clive
Rooms are being held at the rate of **\$69.00**
(Be sure to mention IRWA)
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Your articles and/or suggestions are always welcomed.

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