



Trailwinds

Fall 2006

Dakota Chapter 72

Dear Chapter 72 Members:

As Fall approaches, so do our 3 favorite holidays in the Dakotas ... Thanksgiving, Christmas and the Opening Day of Deer Season! As this year draws to a close, I have also come to realize that I am nearing the end of my term as Chapter President. It has been a privilege to work with many of the dedicated members of Chapter 72 and Region 3. I have witnessed many improvements in the way organization does business and our chapter appears to be in relatively good shape at this time. Mike Murray will be named Chapter 72 President at our Annual Meeting in Deadwood in February 2007. Mike has also been nominated by Chapter 72 as Professional of the Year and I am very confident in his ability to move our chapter forward over the next two years.

One thing all of us need to remember is that this is OUR organization and we should try to make this chapter and organization work for each of us. Education is the main purpose of the IRWA and should always be our main focus. If you or your employer has certain educational needs, this chapter and the IRWA can be a good source for your educational needs.

Our next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2006 at Minnkota Power Cooperative in Grand Forks, ND. Currently, we have Course 801 - *United States Land Titles* scheduled for January 24 & 25, 2007 and Course 802 - *Legal Aspects of Easements* on January 23, 2007 in Sioux Falls. On January 31 - February 1, 2007 we will be offering Course 803 - *Eminent Domain Law Basics for Right-of-Way Professionals* in Deadwood, SD. This will be followed by our Annual Meeting in Deadwood on February 2, 2007.

It is my sincere wish that all of you have a safe and happy holiday season and I look forward to seeing all of you in Deadwood.

Sincerely,

Ken Brilz
Chapter 72 President



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CHAPTER 72 OFFICERS (2005-06)

President – Ken Brilz
President-elect – Mike Murray
Vice President – Paul Mahlen
2nd Vice President – Kardell Blumhardt
Secretary/Treasurer – Amy Spilman
Director 2nd Year – Mike Murray
Director 3rd Year – Ken Brilz

CHAPTER 72 COMMITTEE CHAIRS (2005-06)

Education – Bob Larsen
Environment – Michael Haupt
Liaison – Paul Mahlen
Local Public Agency – Kelly Suko
Membership – Bob Larsen
Newsletter – Ed Schwab/Valeree King
Nominations – Bob Krava
Pipeline – Mike Murray
Professional Development – Kenn Haugen
Program – Don Hellman
Property Management – Jack Holt
Relocation – Ken Brilz
Survey – Russ Nelson
Transportation – Ken Brilz
Utilities – Ron Golden
Valuation – Valeree King

REGION CHAIR REPORT

It is again an honor to continue to serve as Region 3 Chair and represent Chapter 72. I recently went to the IEC/Chairs meeting in Boston and am proud to be from Small Town, USA. Every other person was from a major city. We have the most students attend our courses, and have several region members on International Committees. I hope you have all used the updated web site from HDQ, and the region site which is now a link. There is a lot going on in the process of change. There are always things to work out. Core courses for SR/WA are going to be offered geographically rather than by region to make sure anyone who wants to be certified can do so without extensive travel. The Fall Forum is October 20, 2006 in Kansas City. Information is in the Region newsletter, and on the web. There will be candidates for the upcoming Secretary/Treasurer position. My term will end at the conference in Sacramento, CA in June 2007. Craig Poorker of Chapter 20 will be incoming chair at that time. There has always been strong participation at our forums. I also hope we have a good group again in Deadwood, and hope to see many of you then.

Jack C. Holt, SR/WA

August 28, 2006 Dakotas Chapter Meeting

Pierre, South Dakota



President Ken Brilz called the August 28, 2006 meeting to order at the SD DOT Materials Lab Classroom in Pierre, South Dakota at 11:00 am. Attendees: Kelly Suko, Josh May, Ron Golden, Kurt Donelan, Wayne Aamoth, Scott Lang, Ed Schwab, Valeree King, Jack Holt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Ron Golden, second by Wayne Aamoth to approve the May 8, 2006 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Golden, second by Kelly Suko to approve the May 8, 2006 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

REGION 3 – Jack Holt

New system on the website. Fall Forum in Kansas City on October 20. Need name of Professional of the Year by Fall Forum. Mike Murray was elected as Chapter 72 Professional of the Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education – Kelly Suko

Not a lot of information. The budget is at \$5 million and wants to revamp the courses.

Local Public Agency – Kelly Suko

American Public Works Association is looking for volunteers to help work at the Kansas City Fall Forum.

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PDC – Kenn Haugen

Mike Murray received his candidate application for SR/WA. Congratulations Mike!

Membership – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Newsletter – Ed Schwab

Ed asked for someone else to take over the newsletter and Valeree King volunteered.

Program – No Report

Environment – No Report

Liaison – No Report

Pipeline – No Report

Asset Management – Jack Holt

Article in this month's magazine. Committee is going thru changes in Chair and Vice Chair – expanding to include a Security Committee. 700 courses will be revamped.

Relocation – Ken Brilz

They are in the middle of updating all courses and new regulations. There are a lot of changes.

Transportation – Ken Brilz

There were 10 sessions in Denver. Looking at mentoring chapters and providing outreach.

Survey – No Report

Utilities – No Report

Valuation – Valeree King

New chairpersons – waiting to hear back from them.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Lang stated that the \$300 Basin Electric Power Cooperative received from International for Small Employer of the Year Award was given to the Education Foundation.

Courses 801 – Land Titles (2 days) and 802 – Legal Aspects of Easements (1 day) will be offered in Sioux Falls, planning for the end of November. Cost will be \$175 for the one day course and \$250 for the two day course. Ron will be class coordinator. Motion by Ron, second by Valeree to approve the costs. Motion carried.

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Course 803 – Eminent Domain Law Basics for the Right of Way Professionals (2 days) will be offered in Deadwood on Wednesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 1 with the Chapter meeting on Friday, February 2 at the Holiday Inn Express in Deadwood. Room rates are \$55 for a regular room and \$76 for a suite. Please make your room reservations soon by calling 888-777-4465, be sure to let them know that you are with IRWA. Costs for the course will be \$350 for members and \$425 for non-members. Valeree King and Dave Anderson will be class coordinators. Motion by Ed, second by Scott to approve the costs. Motion carried. It was discussed that brochures be sent to Denver, Montana, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota chapters.

NEW BUSINESS

Welcomed Kelly Anderson (not present) as a new member to Chapter 72, she works for Minnkota.

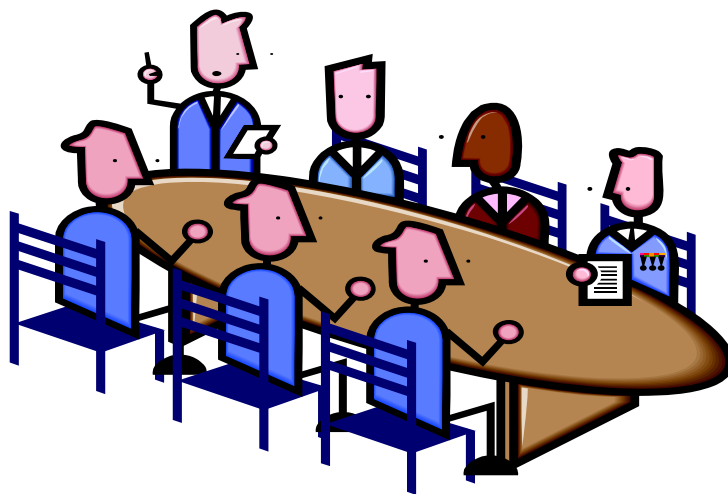
Courses for 2007 - Wayne Aamoht suggested a 200 course & Course 901 at Ulteig in Fargo for this spring. Ken Brilz suggested a 400 course in Pierre.

Nominations for Professional of the Year - Nominations were opened for Professional of the Year. Kelly nominated Mike Murray, second by Wayne. Jack nominated Bob Krava, second by Ed. Nominations ceased. Mike was named Professional of the Year. Congratulations Mike!

Jack stated that Mike would be a very good candidate for Region 3 Chair in two years, after his term as President.

Jack Holt won the \$50 drawing.

A notice will be sent regarding the next meeting. Motion by Kurt, second by Valeree to adjourn. Motion carried.



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Below is the Chapter 72 Membership Roster as of May 2006. Please send a message to Valeree King (vking@bepc.com) with your name, company, mailing address, e-mail address, and phone numbers so that the roster can be updated. I will be happy to e-mail the complete list to you at your request.

Wayne Aamoth	Ulteig Engineering, Inc.
Ronald Aberle	SRT
Charles Ames	Cass County Electric Cooperative
David Anderson	Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Kelly Anderson	Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
David Baker	WesDak Appraisal Services, Inc.
Galen Balster	
Kardell Blumhardt	Otter Tail Power Company
John Boheman	Ulteig Engineering, Inc.
Larry Bontjes	Red River Rural Telephone
Daryl Brandt	Cass County Electric Cooperative
Kenneth Brilz	SD Department of Transportation
John Bryantt	SRT Communications, Inc.
Tom Crary	Montana Dakota Utilities Company
Clayton Crawford	
Thomas Croymans	Land Titles & Records Office
Dallas Dollinger	Ulteig Engineering, Inc.
Kurt Donelan	East River Electric Cooperative
Glenn Eckelberg	SW Water Authority
Matthew Edman	
Gary Eggen	Otter Tail Power Company
Terry Fasteen	Kadmas Lee & Jackson, Inc
Gerry Foell	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Harvey Gabbert	Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
Jim Geffre	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Ronald Gogolin	North Western Energy
Ronald Golden	East River Electric Cooperative
Steve Gregerson	
Tom Hammerel	
Kenn Haugen	Cass County Electric Cooperative
Michael Haupt	ND State Land Department
Donald Hellman	Montana Dakota Utilities Company
Hector Hernandez	Western Area Power Administration
Kenneth Holand	Central Power Electric Cooperative
Jack Holt	Basin Electric Power Cooperative
David How	
Bennett Jendro	
Beverly Kadmas	B.J. Kadmas, Inc.
Valeree King	Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Bryan Kostelecky	
Robert Krava	Otter Tail Power Company
Scott Lang	Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Robert Larson	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Paul Mahlen	Minnkota Power Cooperative
Joshua May	Ulteig Engineering, Inc.
Jim Metcalf	Otter Tail Power Company

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Stephen Miller
Mike Murray
Russell Nelson
George Papacek
Harold Parlet
Arthur Perleberg, Jr.
Julie Risty
Ed Schwab
Scott Sigette
Timothy Slorby
Amy Spilman
Robert Stauffer
Kelly Suko
James Uthe
Shelley Vetter
April Meckle
Lowell Wood
Jerome Zainhofsky

Kadmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc.
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Otter Tail Power Company

SDN Communications
Otter Tail Power Company
Minnehaha County Register of Deeds
Montana Dakota Utilities Company
Otter Tail Power Company

Basin Electric Power Cooperative
SRT
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Western Area Power Administration
Montana Dakota Utilities Company
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Western Area Power Administration
Central Power Electric Cooperative

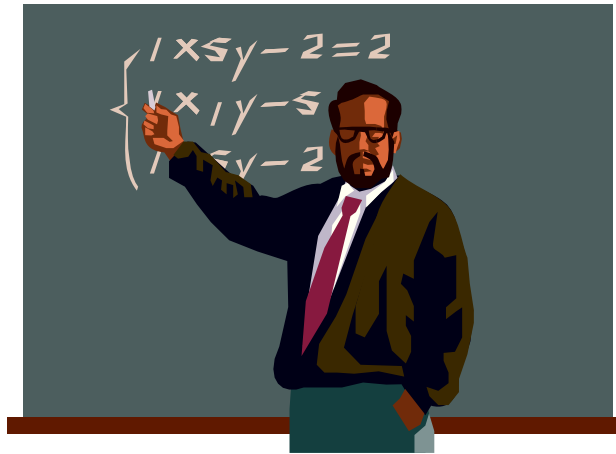


Upcoming socials and/or meetings:

Thursday, February 1, 2007 – Chapter 72 Social & Auction – Holiday Inn Express, Deadwood, SD

Friday, February 2, 2007 – Chapter 72 meeting – Holiday Inn Express, Deadwood, SD

Upcoming classes¹:



Course 802 – Legal Aspects of Easements – January 23, 2007 – Sioux Falls, SD

Ron Golden, East River Electric Cooperative, 605-256-8039

Kelly Suko, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 701-355-5451

Course 801 – U.S. Land Titles – January 24 & 25, 2007 – Sioux Falls, SD

Ron Golden, East River Electric Cooperative, 605-256-8039

Kelly Suko, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 701-355-5451

Course 803 – Eminent Domain Law Basics – January 31-February 1, 2007 – Deadwood, SD

Valeree King, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 701-355-5449

Dave Anderson, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 307-685-8989

¹ See IRWA website (www.irwaonline.org) for course listing and registration.

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Chatter from the "Chair" ...

I'd like to thank the membership of Chapter 72 for the opportunity to be the Chair of the Newsletter Committee ~ hope you all enjoy the "chatter"! And I want to send a special "thank you" to Ed Schwab for all the good stuff that came off his computer these many years. Ed, you're a tough act to follow, and I hope you won't mind my bugging you now and then for editorial advice ... **THANK YOU!**

I want to impress upon all of you that this is YOUR newsletter ~ I'm here only to put it together for all to enjoy and learn from its contents. That being said, I ask for your assistance in sending me anything and everything that relates to YOU ~ professional and personal ~ okay, maybe not everything personal but you know what I mean :) Our readers want to know ... who you are; what you do at your job; what are your hobbies and/or after work activities; why you joined IRWA and Chapter 72; and pictures pictures pictures ~ we want to see you at work, at play, or even sleeping ~ someone always has a camera for those embarrassing moments :) With the diversity of Chapter 72, it is important that we get to know each other names and why we are now comrades in this great organization. Please send me your articles, bio, pictures, whatever you'd like to read in these pages ... this is about YOU for YOU.

Again, thank you for this opportunity ~ I hope you will "stay tuned" for upcoming newsletters :)

The "Chatterer"

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The following is a brief job description for a Right-of-Way Specialist position with HDR, an architectural, engineering, and consulting firm located in Omaha, Nebraska:

TITLE: Right-of-Way Specialist

LOCATION: Sioux Falls, SD

DESCRIPTION: Agents must have a minimum of two years experience and perform all aspects of right-of-way activities for transportation projects. Job skills required for this position: extensive client relations, strong communication skills, and the ability to deal with property owners on a fast track project. Agent must be proficient with the FHWA & Uniform Relocation Act proceedings for projects involving federal funding, and experience in acquisition, relocation, and management of transportation projects. BA degree or equivalent experience preferred.

REQUISITION #: 061308

CONTACT: Robert Johnson; HDR; 8404 Indian Hills Drive; Omaha NE 68114-4049
or apply online at: www.hdrinc.com