



Trailwinds

November 2004

Dakota Chapter 72

IRWA Dakota's Chapter 72 Meeting:

**November 22, 2004--Time 10:30 AM
Otter Tail Power Co. Office
315 2nd Street SE. Jamestown, North Dakota**

Message from Our Chapter 72 President



Hello to All:

We are definitely into the Fall season. With harvest taking place, everyone busy with end of the year projects and the upcoming holiday season, I know you are all extremely busy. Here in the Fergus Falls area we have had an over abundance of rain fall. It is making this years harvest a nightmare trying to get the crops off. Tractors and combines stuck every ware.


I have attended the Region Forums and a lot is taking place with the Region taking a bigger part in the IRWA process. I think these changes will make for a better organization to belong to. If you have had the need to contact the international office hopefully you have gotten better response than in the past.

In our own chapter we will be having a lot going on in the next months. I am asking that as many of you as possibly can make it to our next meeting join us in Jamestown, North Dakota at the Otter Tail Power Company office. The meeting is November 22nd at 10:30 am. The address is 315 2nd Street SE.

We will be working on final details for two important up coming events. Our February meeting and class in Deadwood, South Dakota. Also this year our chapter is responsible for hosting the Spring 2005 Region 3 Forum in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in mid-April. We will need help with both events to make them a success.

For now I bid you all farewell and hope to see you in Jamestown on November 22. It should be a good meeting with a lot to accomplish and the chapter will spring for lunch.

Bob Krava

CHAPTER 72 2004 OFFICERS		
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Environment Chariman	Miichael Haupt	
Valuation Chairman	Dennis Prochnow	
Transportation Chairman	Kenneth Brilz	
Survey	Russ Nelson	
Utilities Chairman	Ronald Golden	

KELLY SUKO

I have been a Right-of-Way agent for 4 years, and in the IRWA since May 2001. I was employed as an independent Right-of-Way agent working on pipeline projects, fiber installation projects, and wind projects in North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Texas, and Maryland. In July 2003 I was hired as a Property & Right-of-Way Specialist for Basin Electric Power Cooperative in Bismarck, North Dakota.

My wife, Holly, and I are natives of Gackle, North Dakota, and have been married for almost 21 years. We have lived in Bismarck for most of our adult lives, and have two children. Holly is employed by Aerial Company, a wholesale supplier of beauty products based out of Marinette, Wisconsin. Our son Nick was attending Moorhead State University until he was deployed with the 141st Engineering Battalion to Iraq in January 2003. He is scheduled to be home sometime in April 2004. Our daughter Lindsay is attending the University of North Dakota as a first year nursing student. My hobbies include water sports, golf, racquetball, running, hunting with man’s best friend, Gunner, and customizing my Harley.

Since I started employment with Basin Electric Power Cooperative, I have taken several classes offered by the IRWA, and will be getting my certification soon. I would like to thank you for making me feel welcome in the IRWA, and look forward to meeting everyone in the near future.

IRWA Dakotas Chapter 72

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Krava at Basin Electric Power Cooperative headquarters building in Bismarck, North Dakota on May 21, 2004 at 11:00 am CDT.

The following members were present:

Amy Spilman, Bob Krava, Jack Holt, Scott Lang, Mike Murray, Bob Larson, Kelly Suko, Scott Sigette, Kardell Blumhardt, Jim Metcalf, Harvey Gabbert, Ken Brilz, Terry Fasteen, Kenn Haugen, Michael Haupt, George Papacek.

Motion by Bob Larson, second by Harvey Gabbert to approve the February 6, 2004 minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Larson, second by Mike Murray to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Region 3 news - Jack Holt:

- Changes are being made at International. A set pricing system for all courses will begin after July 1. International will set the base price and the chapters can then set their price.
- Region 3 received the Bronze status for their contributions to the Regional golf tournament.
- Dakotas Chapter 72 will host the regional forum in mid April 2005 in Sioux Falls. Ken will check on rooms
- Randy De George received the Regional Professional of the Year Award; Ed Schwab was also nominated for this award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education – Bob Larson

- Course Coordinator's job will become simpler.
- The new course, Fundamentals of Survey, is being developed and our Chapter could use it as a pilot course if ready for Deadwood, 2005; otherwise an alternate course will have to be decided.

PDC – Kenn Haugen

- Kenn presented Mike Murray with his Negotiations/Acquisition Certificate.
- Kenn would help anyone get his or her certification.
- Handed out information regarding SR/WA Designation and IRWA Certification Program (attached). Information is available from the IRWA website.

Membership – Bob Larson: Kenn introduced Terry Fasteen of Kadramas, Lee and Jackson and presented him with his certification of membership, chapter pin and international pin

Nominations – Harvey Gabbert: This spring a vice president position will be open.

Pipeline – Harvey Gabbert: A lot of information is on the IRWA website.

Newsletter – Ed Schwab: No Report

Program – Don Hellman: No Report

Environment – Mike Haupt: No Report

Liaison – Paul Mahlen: No Report

Local Public Agency: No Report

Property Management – Jack Holt: Course 700 is being revised to Property Management and Leasing and would be a good course for our Chapter to have.

Relocation – Ken Brilz: Chapter 20 is having a relocation course sometime in August.

Survey – Russ Nelson: No Report

Transportation – Ken Brilz The biggest issue is the Federal Highway Administration's revision of 49CFR Part 24. The Final Rule should be issued in the next few months.

Utilities – Ron Golden: No Report

Valuation – Dennis Prochnow: No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Auction Items

- Don Hellman will order the knife and Ken Brilz will pick up an item from the Sturgis Bike Rally in South Dakota.

Employer of the Year

- Bob Krava presented Ron Harper, CEO and General Manager, and Tom Fischer, Senior Vice President - Administration, of Basin Electric Power Cooperative with the Employer of the Year Award for 2004.

NEW BUSINESS

Delores Littau with the SD DOT passed away. Ken Brilz sent flowers to the funeral. Motion by Bob Larson second by Jack Holt to reimburse Ken for the flowers. Motion carried.

Golf Sponsorship

- Region 3 bought a \$750 sponsorship for the Education Foundation.
- It is the Chapters' recommendation that the golf tournament be held at the beginning or the end of the conference so that it does not interfere with the education sessions.

Attendance at Philadelphia

- About 13 Chapter members will be attending.

Directors for Philadelphia

- Motion by Bob Krava, second by George Papacek to send Bob Krava, President; Mike Murray, President elect and Harvey Gabbert, alternate to the Philadelphia conference as representatives from Chapter 72. Motion carried.

Deadwood Meeting

- The dates for the Deadwood meeting will be February 3, 4, 5.
- The new Survey course is planned as the class for Deadwood, but if not ready by then, the Negotiations course will be offered.

Future Classes

- If the Negotiations course is offered in Deadwood, George would be the class coordinator. George would like the Negotiations course offered to the ND DOT and rural telephone companies.
- Bob Larson would be the class coordinator for the Survey course.

Next Meeting

- Tentatively set for late August at Ottertail Power Cooperative in Jamestown.

Directors Briefing Packets

- International Right of Way Association has used the calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 as the fiscal year of the Association. The Association wants to change their fiscal year starting July 1 and ending June 30. Motion by George Papacek, second by Bob Larson to listen to the agenda at Philadelphia, but Chapter recommends

staying with the calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. Motion carried.

Kenn Haugen won the \$25 drawing.

Motion by George Papacek, second by Harvey Gabbert to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.

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IRWA Dakotas Chapter 72

President Bob Krava at Otter Tail Power Company in Jamestown, North Dakota called the meeting to order on August 23, 2004 at 10:30 am CDT. The following members were present: Amy Spilman, Bob Krava, Jack Holt, Scott Lang, Bob Larson, Kardell Blumhardt, Ken Brilz, Valeree King.

Motion by Bob Larson, second by Ken Brilz to approve the May 21, 2004 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Larson, second by Scott Lang to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Discussion: to renew CD #28745 for \$8,332 at a higher interest rate, for a longer period and to deposit approximately \$332 into the checking account from the CD.

Motion by Jack Holt, second by Bob Larson to keep chapter dues at \$25. Motion carried.

Region 3 news - Jack Holt:

- New structuring at International, more responsibilities will go to the Region from International.
- Newsletter of the Year went to the Wisconsin chapter.
- Employer of the Year was Universal.
- The Balfour Award went to Mike Pattison.
- Region 3 donated \$950 to the Reach Out and Read program at the Philadelphia seminar. This request was last minute and our Chapter did not volunteer any money; Region 3 did receive a thank you letter from the Reach Out and Read program. (See attachment #1)
- Bob Krava and Jack Holt will be attending the Regional Forum meeting in St. Louis in October.

PRESIDENT KRAVA IS ENCOURAGING ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL SPRING FORUM IN SIOUX FALLS, APRIL 13-15, 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education – Bob Larson

- Regions have been given money to support their chapters.
- Our Chapter is certified in Skills of Expert Testimony for one more year.

PDC – Bob Larson for Kenn Haugen

- Ron Eberle applied for his Negotiations/Acquisition Certificate.

Membership – Bob Larson

- Bob presented new member Valeree King of Basin Electric Power Cooperative with her certificate of membership, chapter pin and international pin.

Nominations: – Harvey Gabbert: No Report

Pipeline: – Harvey Gabbert: No Report

Newsletter: – Ed Schwab: No Report

Program: – Don Hellman: No Report

Environment: – Mike Haupt: No Report

Liaison: – Paul Mahlen: No Report

Local Public Agency: No Report

Property Management: – Jack Holt

- Jack passed around a handout from the International Asset Management Committee (IAMC) that was submitted by Judi Sorensen. (See attachment #2)

Relocation: – Ken Brilz

- Course 504, Calculating Replacement Housing Payments, has been revised with a new format and expanded to 2 days.

Survey: – Russ Nelson: No Report

Transportation: – Ken Brilz

- The biggest issue is the Federal Highway Administration's revision of 49CFR Part 24. The Final Rule should be issued in the next few months.

Utilities: – Ron Golden: No Report

Valuation: – Dennis Prochnow: No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Auction Items

- The knife went for \$800 and the items from Sturgis, a Harley Davidson jacket and skullcap, went for \$200. The silent auction in Philadelphia raised approximately \$20,000 for the Education Foundation.

Employer of the Year

- There was a nice article in the Basin Today magazine about Basin receiving the Employer of the Year award from Chapter 72.
- Applications for National Designation for Employer of the Year are accepted in March. Chapter members should be working on their nominee.
- President Krava would like to take nominations at the Deadwood meeting for Employer of the Year.

NEW BUSINESS

Jack Holt and Bob Krava will attend the Fall Forum in St. Louis in October.

Region 3 Spring Forum in Sioux Falls

- Reservations for the Spring Forum have been made at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Sioux Falls, 100 W 8th Street, (605) 339-2000 from April 13 –15, 2005.
- When making reservations, tell them you are with the IRWA to get the reduced room rate.
- Chapter will pay for the social.
- President Krava would like feedback from members as to what course should be offered the day before the Forum.

- Since Chapter 72 will be the hosts for the Spring Forum, President Krava is asking members to attend the November meeting and come prepared to finalize certain functions such as the auction, social, class coordinator and other items.

Deadwood Meeting

- There will be no survey class; the contractor hired to write the class fell out.
- The class for Deadwood will be Principles of Real Estate Negotiations (2 days) starting the afternoon of Wednesday, February 2, 2005, all day Thursday and Friday morning the class would be done. Friday afternoon, February 4, 2005, would be the meeting.
- There will be a Silent Auction.
- Jack Holt and Bob Larson will be the class coordinators.

Professional of the Year

- Jack Holt nominated Bob Larson and Scott Lang
- Ken Brilz nominated Mike Murray
- Bob Larson nominated Kenn Haugen

Next meeting will be November 22, 2004 at 10:30 am at Otter Tail Power in Jamestown.

Scott Lang won the \$25 drawing.

Motion by Bob Krava to adjourn, second by Kardell Blumhardt. Motion carried.

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TRAILWINDS EDITOR REPORT:

I would like to thank **Bob Krava, Kelly Suko, Amy Spilman** for of this newsletter. It is great to have impute like this to get a newsletter together. If you have an article, please send it to me for the next newsletter.



Deadline For Publication

The next issue of the Chapter 72 Newsletter will be published in **January 2005**. Material submitted for publication in the newsletter should be received by the editor no later than **January 6, 2005**. Items received after **January 10** will be published on available space. Thank you for your cooperation.

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When anyone of you as a member of Chapter 72 signs up a new member, please fax me a copy of the application so they can be listed in our newsletter and add them to the mailing list. my **MDU Fax No. (701) 222-7970: Attn: Ed Schwab**

SOME NFL TRIVA:

1. Larry Centers became the third running back in NFL history with 6,000 career receiving yards, in 2001. Who were the first two?
 2. Michael Vick was taken No. 1 overall in the 2001 NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons. Who was picked No. 2 overall in that draft, by the Arizona Cardinals?
 3. Since the 1970 merger, who was the first pair of brothers drafted by the same NFL team?
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NFL Trivia answers: 1. Lenny Moore and Ronnie Harmon 2. Leonard Davis 3. Dewey and Lee Roy Selmon, Tampa Bay Buccaneers