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CHAPTER 41 QUARTERLY MEETING

PLACE WATER WORKS, DES MOINES

DATE & TIME FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2004, 8:45 A.M.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

PLACE PHILADELPHIA, PA

DATE JUNE 20 – 24, 2004

DEADLINES & UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 16-17 – FALL CHAPTER MEETING, DUBUQUE

SEPTEMBER 22-23 – 209 NEGOTIATING EFFECTIVELY

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OCTOBER 4-8 – 401 THE APPRAISAL OF PARTIAL

ACQUISITIONS, HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES AT

THE AMERISTAR CASINO, COUNCIL BLUFFS

OCTOBER 15 – FALL REGION FORUM, ST. LOUIS, MO

DECEMBER 3 – QUARTERLY MEETING AND INSTALLATION

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President's Message

President Shelly J. Whiteing, SR/WA, RW-RAC

Well, it is "spring in Iowa"...some day's it feels like winter, and the next it feels like summer. But, I hope the warm weather is finally here to stay. It sure is a busy time of year...with Mother's Day and Graduations right around the corner.

I want to say "thank you" to Bernie Banker and Nancy Halvorson for coordinating a great Region Forum. It was a success and I was very pleased to see such a great turnout from Chapter 41 – including some of our newer members. The Auction was a great success and I was proud to present a check to the Region in the amount of \$1500. Thank you to all who participated!

Congratulations Jim Diemer, again for being Chapter 41 Professional of the Year! The Region Professional of the Year was Randy DeGeorge from Chapter 78. All nominees were deserving. Pat Cairns of Chapter 20 was also given a "Lifetime Achievement" award at the Forum. While I am saying "thank you" and "congratulations" -- Congratulations to Nancy Halvorson who has been nominated for the Frank Balfour Award – this award will be announced at the Thursday evening banquet in Philadelphia.

Please plan to join us at the Des Moines Water Works on June 4. It is imperative, due to increased security concerns, to let Jim Diemer know by May 28 if you plan to attend. He will need to submit each of our names to the Water Works. Lunch will be served at Mid American's offices following our program and tour. Our Chapter Board meeting will begin after lunch.

I hope many of you will join us in the "City of Brotherly Love" (Philadelphia) for the 50th Annual International Right of Way Educational Conference June 20-24. If you

have never attended an Educational Conference this is a great opportunity to meet many other Right of Way professionals from around the world. If you have any questions or want first hand information about what goes on at the conference, please let me know. I am really looking forward to not only the conference but touring a historic city and part of our country.

Please keep in mind that at this time the host hotel is full – however, I have been told there are several other neighboring motels. Also, be sure to keep checking with the host hotel in case there are cancellations.

This has been an active time for our Chapter – please be sure to check out page eight for member news. Not only do we have one more SR/WA, but we have three new certifications to congratulate members for. In addition, we have four new members to welcome to Chapter 41. Don Corrigan, Membership Chair has notified me we have (at least) one more pending membership. What a great time for us!!

It is my hope to be able to get an updated email list to everyone within the next couple of weeks, so please let me know if there are any changes to your email addresses (or, for that matter, any physical addresses or phone numbers).

Have a great spring...I look forward to meeting our new members on June 4...See you there!

The Spirit of the Heartland-Chapter 41 of the International Right of Way Association, devoted to professional and successful right of way practices presents:

LPA (Local Public Agency) Conference – Right of Way Best Practices

A fast paced, information rich set of presentations on the latest, practical information you need to acquire right of way for your projects. A sneak preview of scheduled program topics for the LPA Conference:

- Know the Timing of Acquisition Elements- Appraisal, Acquisition, Relocation, Condemnation
- Refresher-State/Federal Regulations
- Tips on Hiring/Managing Consultants in Right of Way
- Do's and Don'ts – Negotiation & Relocation Assistance
- Success Tips in Planning the Right of Way Issues
- What is – isn't an Appraisal
- Q & A Session on Practical Ideas
- Resource references for legal, educational and practical tips
- Iowa Contacts for Information

Be sure to check the IRWA Chapter 41 website: www.irwa41.org and Chapter newsletter, *The Heartlander*, for current information on the upcoming 1 day program, **LPA (Local Public Agency) Conference-Right of Way Best Practices, tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2004.**

You can't build without the land!

Volunteers Needed! The LPA Committee is requesting assistance to help with the conference in a variety of ways. Please contact Ed Opstein at 515./243.3570 or e-mail at UFSEDO@cs.com or Rita Rasmussen at 319.286.5807 or e-mail at ritar@cedar-rapids.org

Wyndham Philadelphia at Franklin Plaza
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
June 21-24, 2004

50th Annual

International Education Conference



http://www.irwaonline.org/news_events/annual/



June 4, 2004
8:45 a.m. (PROMPT)

WATER WORKS
DES MOINES, IOWA



Bob Kirby

Bob Kirby is one of Chapter 41's newest members...welcome Bob!

Bob is an Iowa licensed Real Estate Agent and has been a member of the Greater Des Moines Board of Realtors since 1989. He is currently employed as a Residential Real Estate Agent with First Realty GMAC and does independent ROW Acquisition work. He is currently finishing independent acquisition work on two street projects for the City of West Des Moines.

Bob says he joined IRWA at the encouragement of his friends in this chapter with the intent of gaining more knowledge in the ROW field through training, discussions and contacts with new friends.

He was previously employed as a ROW agent with the City of Des Moines where he garnered friendships with Ed Opstein, Ken Boatwright, Don Corrigan and others. This past year he worked for Snyder and Associates on an acquisition and relocation project for the City of Des Moines where he became friends with Mary Ann Carnock and Amy Walter.

Bob and his wife of 39 years, Ann, live in Altoona. They have two children, Jeff and Jill, as well as seven "wonderful" grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoys working on their home and older cars. He and Ann look forward to time with family, friends and church. He says "we feel blessed in all we have and do."

Welcome to the Spirit of the Heartland, Bob!



Linda Martens

Linda R. Martens is a return member to Chapter 41. She was previously a member several years ago and rejoined in 2003.

With 17 years of Right of Way experience, Linda is currently a Relocation Assistance Advisor with the Iowa DOT in Ames.

Linda says she finds "sharing information with other professionals to be the most valuable experience associated with the IRWA membership. The educational experiences have been very rewarding over the years. Renewing acquaintances with others working in Right of Way at meetings is something I have always enjoyed."

In her spare time away from work Linda enjoys spending time with her family, working outside with lawn and flowers, traveling, and road trips shopping for antiques with friends.

Welcome back to Chapter 41, Linda!

REGION 3 NEWS AND INFORMATION

Region 3

Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Region 3 Chair

NOTES FROM REGION:

On behalf of Region 3 (and as a member of our Chapter) I want to thank everyone who helped to make our Spring Forum a success. Special thanks to Bernie Banker for helping so much with the arrangements and Jim Diemer for helping getting set-up for the auction done. We of course also owe much to Chris Pawloski and Craig Poorker for their help. Also it was very gratifying to see the number of great items donated – special thanks to all who bid well which added to our terrific total.

I was also very pleased to see all the “new” faces who had not attended a Forum before. I know many of you had to attend on your own time, without employer support, and to you we owe special thanks. Your showing of commitment and support of our organization is very important and very much appreciated. Hope to see many of you in St. Louis in October for Fall Forum!

Any Region Representatives to International Committees who wish to request the \$250.00 funding from the Region for attending the Conference in Philadelphia should get their request in to me soon. Guidelines for submittal are on the Region website at: www.irwaregion3.org

And lastly, if you are attending the Conference please make a point of being at our **Region Caucus** which will start at **7:00 a.m. on Monday. Chapter Presidents** – please come prepared with the number of members, spouses and children attending from your Chapter for our Region count.

Directors: you must either sign in at the Region Caucus or by 1:00 p.m. Tuesday or you will not be allowed to vote at the Director’s meeting on Thursday. This is a new procedure and your compliance is necessary.

Thanks

FRANK C. BALFOUR PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR NOMINEE



The International Nominations and Elections Committee recently announced the finalists for the Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year. Chapter 41’s Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, and Region 3 Chair is a finalist for this award.

The Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year is awarded to an IRWA member who demonstrated outstanding contributions to the Association’s activities and the Right of Way profession.

The other finalists are:

Francis N. Mengel, SR/WA - Region 4
Michael Pattison, SR/WA – Region 1
Cheryl Lee, SR/WA – Region 6
Frederick Walasavage – Region 7
Marlene Zeichick – Region 1

Finalists will be recognized at the Tuesday awards luncheon during the Educational Conference in Philadelphia. The winner will be announced at the Thursday evening banquet.

Congratulations, Nancy!!!!



Region 3 Website:

www.irwaregion3.org

Questions or Comments,
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Amy Walter, Chair

Course 209 (*Negotiating Effectively with a Diverse Clientele*) will be held September 22-23, 2004 in Ankeny at the Fairfield Inn. Mary Ann Carnock will be coordinating with Joe Garcia instructing.

Course 401 (*The Appraisal of Partial Acquisitions*) will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites at the Ameristar Casino in Council Bluffs October 4-8, 2004. Joe Anderson will be co-coordinating with Nebraska Chapter 78. Donald Sherwood will be instructing.

Course 104 (*Standards of Practice for the ROW Professional*) will be held in February 2005, with Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC coordinating.

Course 803 (*Eminent Domain Law Basics for the Right of Way Professional*) will be held in March 2005, with Bob Dahlgren, SR/WA coordinating.

Course 700 (*Introduction to Property Management*) will be held in September 2005 with Rita Rasmussen coordinating.

Course 900 (Principles of Real Estate Engineering) is planned for May 2005; and Course 200 Principles of Real Estate Negotiations) is planned for August 2005.

We need coordinators for each of these courses. If you are interested in attending, please let Amy Walter (awalter@snyder-associates.com) know as soon as possible. Remember both of these courses are needed for SR/WA certification – so this is your opportunity to take either of these courses for **FREE!**

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Sue Albright, Chair

For you “legal eagles” out there...check out www.legis.state.ia.us/Bills.html to get the history of any particular bill to see how it is going including any amendments.

A current bill of interest concerns “abolishing the doctrine of adverse possession of real property. (Formerly SSB 3115).

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Jim Diemer, SR/WA, Co-Chair

Plans are underway for Chapter 41’s September meeting to be held jointly with Illinois’ Chapter 12 in Dubuque.

Tentative plans include a Thursday, September 16 board meeting, followed by an evening cook out at Lake Galena overlooking Eagle Ridge. There will be a morning program on September 17 to conclude following lunch by noon or so to enjoy a leisurely drive home, or to spend some more time in Dubuque (or the surrounding area).

If you’d like to learn more about Lake Galena, visit the website at <http://www.gtinet.org/lake.cfm>

Any questions, please email Jim at jpdiemer@midamerican.com



Des Moines
Water Works
Park

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**BUDGET
NEWS**

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Steve Chapman,
SR/WA, RW-RAC

First Quarter Report

Income	\$ 7,416.15
Expenses	<u>6,773.76</u>
Net Income	\$ 642.39
Current Cash Balance	\$14,265.67
Net Balance	\$13,265.67

Q & A

Q: When I have recruited a new member how should their membership application be processed?

A: It can either be submitted online directly to International, or go through the Membership Chair, who in 2004 is Don Corrigan.

With the Megabucks program (see page 8) it might be easiest if the Membership Application is routed through Don. It also appears in recent experience that is working more efficiently as well.

Any questions can be directed to Don at donindsm@aol.com

Q: What is the application process for becoming either a SR/WA Candidate or applying for Candidacy in the Certification Program?

A: An Application for Candidacy needs to be filled out and submitted to the current PDC Chair. These forms are available on the IRWA Website www.irwaonline.org under Resources and then "Forms". The same form is used for SR/WA and Certification.

The completed application should be submitted to the current PDC Chair (2004 is Bob Dahlgren) along with a check made payable to IRWA – in the amount of \$20.00.

Any questions can be directed to Bob at I.Dahlgren@dot.state.ia.us

REMINDER

The Region is still Looking for a Region Representative for the Transportation Committee.

http://www.irwaonline.org/chap_comm/inter_comm/TransStatement.cfm

If you are interested please contact Region Chair, Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC at nancy.halvorson@dot.state.ia.us



Negotiation Tip

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

Be Easy On Yourself

Have you ever noticed that looking at something from another perspective can take the pressure off of a situation? This is particularly true in right of way negotiations if we remember that the role of the negotiator is to represent BOTH the agency and the property owner.

The spirit of the Uniform Act expects agencies to disclose to property owners all relevant information and HELP the owner make an informed decision in the process. The negotiator's role is more "facilitator" than "agent" for the acquiring authority. Looking at the encounter in this perspective can reduce the pressure on the negotiator and shift the effort from "controlled game playing" to "positive service representation." What is your perspective?



See You in
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
June 21-24, 2004

Ethics Online & On Your Terms

Course 103 - Ethics and the ROW Profession* is now available online. For more information, send your request to Angie Bustillo at 310.538.0233 Ext. 138, or email education@irwaonline.org The cost for this new online course is \$250 for members and \$325 for nonmembers

*Note: Successful completion of Course 103 or Course 104 is a requirement for registration and recertification of the SR/WA Designation and IRWA Certification Programs. Recertification is mandatory every five years.

March Chapter Meeting

Our Newest SR/WA and Certified Member – CONGRATULATIONS!!



Robert Dahlgren, SR/WA and PDC Chair presents SR/WA and R/W Certification Plaques...

James Diemer, SR/WA

Ed Opstein, R/W-NAC



Reiman Gardens (photos courtesy of Bernie Banker)

REGION 3 SPRING FORUM



Region Vice-Chair Jack Holt, Region Treasurer Craig Poorker,
Region Chair Nancy Halvorson and International Treasurer, Howard Armstrong



Randy De George, Chapter 78 –
Region 3 Professional of the Year



Pat Cairns, Chapter 20
Region 3 Lifetime Achievement

Member News & Information:



SR/WA

James P. Diemer, SR/WA

Congratulations, Jim!



CERTIFICATIONS

Ken Boatwright, R/W-AC

Certified in Appraisal

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

Certified in Negotiations & Relocation Assistance

Congratulations, Ken and Ed!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Chair Don Corrigan, R/W-RAC

NEW MEMBERS

Robert Kirby, Independent ROW Agent

James Carlson, Northern Natural Gas

Jay Peterson, Mid American Energy

Paige Rock, Mid American Energy

Welcome—

We look forward to your membership.

CONGRATULATIONS

\$50 Door Prize Winner

March Meeting

Nancy Halvorson



Other Door Prize Winners

\$5 Gift Certificates to Reiman Gardens

Tim Greenwood & Amy Walter

Existing Members Encouraged To Recruit New Members

The IRWA International Membership Committee (IMC), offers IRWA members an exciting opportunity to earn \$25 for every new member they recruit to the Association. The Member Appreciation Program (MAP) rewards individuals with a Member Appreciation Coupon worth \$25 for every new member he or she recruits. The coupon can be used towards any IRWA product or event including membership dues, specialty merchandise, donations to the Education Foundations, IRWA courses and Annual Education Conference registration fees, etc. Coupons cannot be used for local membership dues.

To assist you in recruiting a new member, please click on the link below to view the "the benefits of Membership" electronic brochure. We encourage you to forward this brochure to your friends, colleagues and business associates. Be sure to remind them to put your name on the "Recommend by IRWA Member" section of the 2004 Membership Application. Start earning the rewards today!

Click here to preview the email membership brochure you can share with others

<http://www.irwaonline.org/upload/Hot%20News/The%20Benefits%20of%20Membership.htm>

Final Membership Dues Notices Mailed

IRWA has mailed the fifth and final notice to 2003 members who had not renewed as of April 1, 2004. IRWA staff will begin the contacting non-renewers members to conduct an "exit interview" to determine why they are not renewing. The results of the survey will be shared in future Member Advantages.

During the past year, IRWA has revamped its membership system by improving the new member process as well as refinements to the renewal program. Pending members, those members awaiting confirmation of membership from local chapters, has been reduced by 70% over the same time last March. All new members joining since July 1, 2003 receive a membership pin and certificate at a chapter meeting, creating a more uniform new member experience.

For 2003 members will receive five separate dues notices before the membership is lapsed. In addition, IRWA will attempt to conduct an exit interview before finally lapsing any 2003 paid members in 2004.

International Right of Way Association

"Spirit of the Heartland" - Iowa Chapter 41



Minutes of Business Meeting – March 12, 2004

Reiman Gardens – Ames, Iowa

President Shelly Whiteing called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Twenty-two members were present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the December business meeting were distributed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report indicated a total net balance of \$ 13,265.67. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and approved. President Shelly Whiteing asked members to think about and give her some input on the amount of money to spend on our meetings.

Membership Report: Don Corrigan reported there are currently 73 members with paid dues in 2004 and four members who, as of this date have not paid. There are three new members, William Molison, Bob Kirby and Jim Carlson. Later in the meeting President Shelly Whiteing welcomed Bob Kirby and presented William Molison his pin and certificate.

Education Committee: Rita Rasmussen distributed a report from the Education Committee. The report reviewed the committee's activities and revealed a tentative timetable for future course offerings through 2005.

#303 - Working with Consultants – Nancy Halvorson asks that we don't ask for profits from it but if it happens, share in any losses – it was thought that that could be an Executive Committee Decision.

#802 – Legal Aspects of Easements, April 15, 2004 - Rita Rasmussen states 18 are signed up and an email has been sent to Utilities and suggested that we ask attendees how they heard of the class.

Bernie Banker stated that Appraisal courses are sent out to the State list of licensed appraisers and Deane Davenport mentioned that the State Bar Association would be an additional source of attendees, and to look into using the "League of Cities" database of membership; Joe thought that putting our classes in the Professional Licensing Newsletter of Iowa would be a good avenue. It was mentioned that that had been done before.

President Shelly Whiteing felt we could all invite non-members at our workplaces to attend classes. She felt it was an excellent form of mentoring.

Rita Rasmussen posed the question of "What did our educational classes earn last year?" Treasurer Steve Chapman will look into this and try to come back with figures at our next meeting.

It was not known if the last IR/WA review class made money or not. Deane Davenport who coordinated the class offered to follow up.

It was brought up that members should contact Rita Rasmussen or Amy Walter if anyone wishes to volunteer to serve as a course coordinator (and attend the course for *free*).

Budget and/or Audit Committee: Nancy Halvorson updated the group on the activities of the committee.

- A. On some of the courses we are having checks bounce - we need their name and amount
- B. We need to pay bills in a timely fashion
- C We should do our banking business more than once a month

A new Course Pricing Structure will soon be released. With this new plan International will pay instructors directly.

Jim Diemer wondered if we could somehow set a baseline for meetings and classes. Along the same lines... Ed Opstein felt that establishing a goal this year for our next budget would help in total planning.

Steve then stated he would get a budget breakdown to President Shelly Whiteing.

Program Committee: The tentative schedule for 2004 chapter meetings is as follows (all Fridays): June 4th, September 10th, and December 3rd. Tim Greenwood was responsible for today's programming and thanked Linda Martens for recommending Reiman Gardens. Shelly suggested that a gift of \$50 be given to the hospital in appreciation of our speaker today from Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames. There was a motion that was approved by voice vote.

The June meeting is set for the Water Works of Des Moines on June 14th, we will meet at MidAmerican Energy in N.W. Urbandale and then proceed to the Water Works tour. There will be a map and full details in the next newsletter.

The December meeting is set for December 3, 2004 at the Clarion Inn again.

Some discussion centered on meeting in Dubuque or Sioux City in the future and that will be considered at a later date. As always, the Program Committee is accepting ideas for topics of future presentations.

Professional Development Committee: Bob Dahlgren presented Jim Diemer his SR/WA plaque. Jim has been working 11 years toward it and was pleased to receive it. Bob also presented Ed Opstein with a R/W-NAC plaque, as he has recently become certified in Negotiations. Congratulations to both Jim and Ed.

Newsletter: Shelly Whiteing again requested volunteers to be "Spotlighted" in upcoming issues of *The Heartlander*.

Website: Please be sure to visit the Chapter 41 website, and visit it often. www.chapter41.org This is a great site and it is getting better each month. There are links to the Region website and to several other chapter websites. We will soon be getting a tracking service installed that will show the number of "hits" during a day. There is a great "message" area on the website as well and members are encouraged to use it. Vicki Elscott has been keeping the site current and we all acknowledge a job "well done".

IRWA Leadership Development Council (LDC): Don Corrigan informed that the Leadership Development Council has been disbanded. Hopefully some of their tasks can be blended into our region forums.

Iowa Appraisal Advisory Council (IAAC): No update was given at this meeting on their progress.

Reimbursement for Region Travel: Nancy Halvorson updated underwriting members for Regional Travel. She handed out a flyer on travel funding and suggested the need for Chapter and Regional support to cover Region Representatives travel expenses.

Iowa LPA Seminar: Rita Rasmussen and Ed Opstein are co-coordinating a LPA (Local Public Agencies) seminar for October or November of 2004 in Des Moines. The name and thrust of the seminar would be called "LPA/ROCO Best Practices". They are hoping for ±100 attendees with a social night prior to the seminar for networking.

They are looking for a lot of volunteers to help make our IR/WA Chapter 41 presence known. As they say, we are looking to get a "lot of people – each doing a little" for the cause. A volunteer list was handed out with different categories in hopes of signing up folks.

2004 Region 3 Spring Forum: Bernie Banker reminded everyone of the 2004 Regional Spring Forum on April 16 with a social function and Region Fundraising Auction to be held the evening of April 15 in Des Moines. He reminded everyone the hotel rate was held to \$79 until March 14th for our block of rooms. The Chapter is giving out "Goodie" bags and he asked for promotional items to be included. It is anticipated that we will need to provide about 40 bags.

Nancy Halvorson requested approval for underwriting four gift bags (costing approximately \$25 each) to give to Region Officers and our International dignitary at the Forum. The motion was approved, seconded and passed by voice vote.

Nancy Halvorson reminded us that our turn as a Chapter to host comes up every thirty months at a cost of ± \$2,500.

The Regional Professional of the Year will be announced at the Spring Forum. Jim Diemer is Chapter 41's Nominee.

Annual Education Conference:

Jim Diemer suggested a Maynard Reese "Water Fowl Stamp" print be Chapter 41's donation to the Education Committee Auction. He asked for approval to purchase one within a price range of \$170 to \$375. Nancy Halvorson so moved and Steve Chapman seconded – it passed on a voice vote.

It was suggested to provide Dan Shiflett with \$250 to underwrite travel expenses to the Conference. Following discussion Nancy Halvorson moved that \$1000 be given to each of the Directors for expenses; as well as \$500 to Ed Opstein and Dan Shiflett for the same purposes. This was seconded by Deane Davenport and passed by a voice vote.

President Shelly Whiteing mentioned that folks should get in touch with her for more information on the upcoming instructors class to be held at the International Seminar.

Nancy Halvorson mentioned two important issues that our Directors (Bernie Banker and Shelly Whiteing) will be asked to vote on at the Conference in June:

- I. The fiscal year changes
- II. Dues will be increasing

Thoughts from the open discussions:

Dan Shiflett attended the National Surveyor's Conference in April and handed out information.

Jim Price sent an Article by International President-Elect Gordon McNair that Bernie Banker will email out to members.

Joe Anderson would like to see if the Chapter would sponsor some social activities outside of the regular programs to encourage member involvement and camaraderie.

President Shelly Whiteing also wondered if anyone would be willing to write and submit an article to right of way magazine commemorating the 40th anniversary of Chapter 41.

Door prize drawing: Nancy Halvorson 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. It was suggested that perhaps a "Progressive drawing" with all members names involved may develop into a sum large enough to start attracting members to the meetings.

In consideration of time restraints Shelly asked members to check the website Message Board for some other items to consider, and post their input prior to our June meeting.

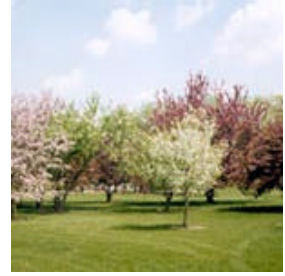
At 11:47 a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Deane L. Davenport, Secretary
Spirit of the Heartland - Iowa Chapter 41

JUNE CHAPTER MEETING

Des Moines Water Works

Friday, June 4, 2004



8:30 -8:45 a.m. Meet at the Des Moines Waterworks

(Use entrance off of Fleur Drive which is across from the Grays Lake Entrance...proceed west, then turn north (right) proceeding to the guard shack. Advise guards you are there for the meeting in the Operations Training Room.)

It is imperative that you notify Jim Diemer no later than May 28 if you plan to attend this tour... due to Security...your names MUST be registered for admittance. Please email Jim at jpdiemer@midamerican.com prior to May 28.

9:00 a.m. Des Moines Water Works Program & Tour

with Vern Rash, Principal Engineer for the Water Works.

12:30 p.m. Lunch at MidAmerican Offices * (located at 4299 NW Urbandale Avenue)

(there will be a \$10 registration fee to help defray lunch expenses)

1:30 p.m. Board Meeting

*Directions to Mid American:

Leaving the waterworks you need to get on I-235 and head west to I-35 north. Go to the Grimes/Granger turn and take the exit ramp to NW Urbandale Dr. Turn left and go about a mile out, building is on the left. It appears to be a very large warehouse (there are no MidAmerican signs) on the eastside about two blocks south of Meredith. The parking lot will have a lot of orange cones and a lot of white cars.

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DEADLINE FOR AUGUST ISSUE

July 15, 2004

Your articles and/or suggestions are always welcomed.

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