

Meeting Minutes

IRWA Region 3 Spring Forum Friday, April 21, 2006 Omaha, NE

Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m., by Jack Holt, SR/WA, Region 3 Chair

Welcome remarks from Jim Shotkoski, Chapter 78 President

Officer roll call was taken and all chapters were present.

Introductions – IEC Guest, Jim Struble, SR/WA

Region Secretary/Treasurer Report - Rita Rasmussen

Balance of \$7,049.76, of which \$4,528.58 is committed.

Vote to approve

Congratulations

Joanie Miller & Bruce Reed, nominated for the 2006 Balfour Award.

Employer of the Year Award for companies with less than 20 employees:

Chapter 72 - Region 3: Basin Electric Power Cooperative

Announcements

Nancy Halvorson will be running from the floor for the IEC. Jack Borgmeyer requested that all of Region 3 members attending the Denver conference promote Nancy. Help to hand out buttons and attend the social Tuesday evening from 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Chapter Reports

See Chapter Reports on line www.irwaregion3.org

International Committee Reports (view reports on line www.irwaregion3.org)

Asset Management – Report given by Cynthia Gan

The IAMC met in Las Vegas. Goal for committee to put together a Power Point presentation for members on what is the Asset Management Committee. One of the IAMC sessions planned for the Denver Conference is a jeopardy type game. Also, the IAMC is co-sponsoring with the ILPAC for a tour in Denver.

Environment – No Report

LPA – Report given by Ashleigh Robison.

The ILPAC met in Las Vegas with good attendance. The ILPAC has a number of sessions planned for Denver. Mobile Workshop is planned for Tuesday afternoon. The APWA Conference will be held in Kansas City, Sept. 10-13 and the committee is looking for Region 3 members to help staff booth. Goals: Produce canned presentation and additional programs.

Membership – Report given by Joanie Miller

Membership continues to recruit from Courses. Suggest the Chapters contact the people who are not renewing to encourage them to renew. The Membership Committee is in limbo with some changes going on.

Nominations and Elections – Daryl Knobbe

International Slate of Officers for 2006/20097:

Jim Finnegan, SR/WA – International President
Jim Struble, SR/WA – International President Elect
Faith Roland, SR/WA – International Vice President
Juan Zaragosa, SR/WA – International Secretary/Treas.
Sandy Grigg, SR/WA – International Executive Committee Member
Ron Carlentine, SR/WA – International Executive Committee Member

Frank C. Balfour Award:

Corinne H. Barkdull, SR/WA: Chapter 52 - Region 4
Lee Satterfield Hamre, SR/WA: Chapter 6 - Region 9
Lisa R. Harrison, SR/WA: Chapter 33 - Region 2
Joanie Miller, SR/WA: Chapter 20 - Region 3
Bruce P. Reed, SR/WA: Chapter 5 - Region 3
Donald J. Sherwood, SR/WA: Chapter 36 - Region 2

SARPA Scholarship Award:

Bryan Kephart, Chapter 32 - Region 6

Newsletter of the Year:

FOR CHAPTERS WITH 100 OR MORE MEMBERS:
Chapter 67 - Region 1: Bundle of Writes, Editor: Joe Munsey.
CHAPTERS WITH LESS THAN 100 MEMBERS:
Chapter 63 - Region 8: Eastern Ontario and Quebec, Editor: Nicole Labelle

Employer of the Year:

FOR COMPANIES WITH 20 OR MORE EMPLOYEES:
Chapter 36 - Region 2: Pinnacle Consulting Management Group, Inc.
FOR COMPANIES WITH LESS THAN 20 EMPLOYEES:
Chapter 72 - Region 3: Basin Electric Power Cooperative

Chapter of the Year Award:

100 OR MORE MEMBERS: Chapter 44 - Region 1
LESS THAN 100 MEMBERS: Chapter 71-Region 7

Mark Green Award:

This year's recipient is Dean Chapman, SR/WA, Chapter 2 - Region 1 who won for his article on "Transmission Lines & Industrial Property Value," published in November/December 2005.

Pipeline – No Report

Professional Development – Ed Opstein

The IPDC met in February, 2006 and focused on several projects and issues devoted to our continuing efforts to improve the education programs of the Association. To include: Revamping Project, Course Reduction, and Instructor/Facilitator Requirements.

The IPDC was also briefed by EVP Dennis Stork and President Elect Jim Finnegan on policies and programs developed by the IEC and IRWA headquarters. Included in this were: Education Summit held in November with follow-up plans, decision-making process, the “Public Real Estate Education Symposium”, a Uniform Act Certification Task Force, Fees for credential programs, and new course policies.

All IPDC meetings conduct reviews of facilitator applicants, standards of course materials and presentations, revisions of courses, ideas for course coordinator and facilitator development and communication, concerns submitted by chapters and members, and discussions of proposed new courses.

Jim Struble provided background of the Education Summit. The Education Summit started 2 years ago with goals to revamp the Education Courses. The IRWA marketing needs to be restructured and delivery of courses. The IRWA Chapters have \$1.75 million in assets. Mr. Struble encouraged Chapters to donate any extra money to the Education Foundation. The Education Foundation is responsible for funding and to see it’s spent correctly. The Education Foundation has large liabilities and the fund is dwindling.

Relocation – No Report

Survey – Dan Shiflett

The ISC is being held also today in Orlando which is tied into the Annual Surveyor Conference.

Transportation - Don Corrigan

The ITC met in Anaheim in November where the ITC sponsored 24 sessions. The ITC has 10 sessions scheduled in Denver and is Co-sponsoring with the ILPAC on Historic Presentations. The ITC is requiring a personal project from each region representative. The ITC is looking at mentoring Chapters and providing Outreach.

Utilities – Report given by Jim Diemer

The IUC is looking at course specific to utility right of way acquisition. The IUC has a good slate of programs and encourage members to attend. The IUC met in February in Denver.

Valuation – Report given by Bernie Banker

Donnie Sherwood sent PowerPoint presentation provided in DC earlier this year. IRWA needs to target right of way needs in the Valuation Committee.

Region Education Schedules – Craig Poorker

- Communicate with Chapter President and Education Chairs to coordinate courses to avoid overlap.
- Craig will work with coordinators to send broadcast e-mails.
- Chapter needs to consider not charging late fee.
- Chapter should consider sending out hard copy brochure or post cards. Be creative.
- Start thinking about courses for 2007.
- Check out website for courses.
- Let Craig know if you are changing or canceling courses.

- Encourage the Chapter leaders, course coordinators, facilitators, to attend the IPDC leadership course in Denver.
- Chapters to consider putting together a panel to discuss how to put on a class.

Election of Officers

Re-elect current slate of officers

Call for nominations from floor.

Slate is so elected

Election of new officers will be held in the Spring of 2007

Chris Pawloski and Randy DeGeorge both voiced interest in running for Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer. Both candidates are from Chapter 78.

Professional of the Year-2005

Congratulations to Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, RW/RAC

Region Chair Meeting in San Antonio, Texas – Report given by Jack Holt, SR/WA

The Region Chairs meet 2 times a year. The IEC meets the first day and then brings in the Region Chairs the following day. The IEC and Region Chairs discuss progress and problems faced in their Regions. Developing succession planning to get Regions more involved. Last meeting they discussed non-funding for course coordinators. Seeing more than one person running for a Region office is healthy for Region.

2006 Denver Conference

The Annual Conference in Denver will be June 18-21, 2006. The format schedule of the conference has changed as follows:

Sunday-General Session

Monday morning-Region Caucus

Monday evening-Auction

Tuesday afternoon-Golf

Wednesday morning-Finnegan Fun Run

Wednesday afternoon-Board meeting

Wednesday evening-Banquet

Reminder to get Directors Registered

Region 3 Spring Forum Auction

Chris Pawloski thanked everyone for their donations.

Proposed the proceeds be given to Nancy Halvorson's IEC Campaign

Presented to Region 3 a check in the amount of \$4,101.00 which includes a 1 week vacation donated Jim Diemer, Website Design, and 1 paid Course Registration.

Children's Book Drive

Encourage the Chapters to donate to the book drive.

Cash donations accepted to IRWA, c/o 2006 Book Drive Fund for Tsunami relief.

Goal is to collect 5000 books and \$5,000 for shipping. **IRWA Talking Points** –

Report given by Jack Holt

Spring 2006 Region Forum IRWA Update on the following:

- Membership Trends
- Education and Professional Development
- Annual Conference/Uniform Act Symposium/Federal Agency Update
- Communications/Marketing
- Financial Update
- General Issues/Bylaws Amendments

Contact Rita Rasmussen for a copy

Education Foundation – Report given by Bruce Reed

- Revamp will cost another \$500,000
- Region 3 is 100% in donation
- Need \$13,000 each year from each region
- Net profit from 2005 Golf Tournament was \$11,951.00.
- For the Mile High Classic in Denver, the Education Foundation is requesting a donation for each hole.
- Requesting donations besides what is donated to Golf Tournament
- To fund Course 601 redevelopment will cost \$20,000.00
- Dennis Stork signed contract for another 2 years.

The motion for Region 3 to donate \$300.00 to sponsor a hole at the conference golf tournament was tabled for vote by e-mail (lack of quorum)

The motion for the Region 3 Spring Forum Auction proceeds to be used for Nancy Halvorson's IEC campaign fund was also tabled for a vote by e-mail (lack of quorum).

Meeting Adjourned