

# *Region 3 Spring Newsletter*

## *March, 2005*

### REGION CHAIR'S MESSAGE

*By Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, RW-RAC*

Greetings,

As I prepare this message and realize there will only be one more as your Chair, I am reminded of how much has happened in the 6 years I have served as a Region officer. From the national terror of September 11<sup>th</sup> to the more pleasant mental replay of the past five Annual conferences and all the good memories many of us bring home each year. During this time our Region has hosted the 2003 Conference in Kansas City and we were all proud Midwest hosts along with Chapter 5.

I recently attended the IEC-Region Chair meeting in New Orleans and have again come away energized and excited about the direction our organization is headed. At our Forum we will go into much more detail from this meeting. We are all excitedly working together to continually improve on all levels and I must remind you that it is truly a "chain reaction" in that it takes all of us to promote change and improvement. Every member is important and a viable source of presenting the professional image of what we are all about. In attending the various chapter meetings and installations the past few months, there have been many reasons to be proud of our Region as I see most of you moving ahead and letting go of what used to be.

Our Spring Forum on April 15<sup>th</sup> will be a very exciting one – for the first time we have three members running for Secretary-Treasurer. The equally qualified candidates are: Randy DeGeorge, SR/WA of Chapter 78; Judi Sorensen, SR/WA of Chapter 78; and Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA of Chapter 41. I would absolutely encourage you to go to the Region website ([www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org)) and read their individual candidate statements. I would further encourage you to phone or email any of them with any issues you would like their feelings on to assist you in your voting. A reminder - each chapter has three votes: President (or designee) and two Directors. If a President is also a Director, he or she has 2 votes. If you have any questions on voting procedures, please contact our Regional Election and Nominations Chair Pat Cairns at [pcairns@grenergy.com](mailto:pcairns@grenergy.com). Additionally, we will be open to nominations from the floor for any of the three Region offices.

Another exciting event of our Forum will be the announcement of the winner of the Regional Professional of the Year for 2004. The candidates are:

- Chapter 5 Melissa Wurtz
- Chapter 20 Craig Poorker, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
- Chapter 37 Thomas Hewlett, SR/WA
- Chapter 41 Dan Shiflett, SR/WA, RW-NAC
- Chapter 72 Robert Larson
- Chapter 78 Joel Walker, SR/WA

Chapter 72 is our host for this Forum being held at the Holiday Inn City Centre, 100 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD. A block of rooms is being held until April 6<sup>th</sup> at a rate of \$69.00 – you must mention IRWA to receive this rate. The phone for reservations is 605-339-2000. On the 14<sup>th</sup> the Chapter is presenting Course 902 – Property Descriptions with our own Secretary-Treasurer, Craig Poorker as instructor. That evening from approximately 6:00 – 8:00, our hosts are treating us to a social at the hotel and we will be having another mini-auction to benefit the Region treasury. We use these funds to assist our Regional reps to International Committees with the funds needed to attend meetings. If any reps would like to request funds to assist them with attending the Toronto Conference, please get that request in to me prior to the Forum so we may vote on it that day. I will also call for requests during the Forum but would appreciate if you could get it in before then.

If anyone has an item for the Agenda to be discussed, please let me know. We want to talk about all the things that are important to you and your Chapters.

Last, but certainly not least, Chapter Presidents and Regional Reps, please get your reports into me no later than Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to seeing you in Sioux Falls.

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

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                                 Sioux Falls, SD  
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## **2005 SPRING FORUM INFO**

Course 902: Property Descriptions - Thursday, April 14, 2005

Social Hour hosted by Chapter 72 at Hotel Lounge

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Spring Forum – Friday, April 15, 2005

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Phone: 605-339-2000  
Mention the IRWA for this special rate.

Please plan on a full day Friday for Forum. We have much business to discuss. We plan to begin **promptly** at 8:30 a.m. and hope to conclude by 4:30 p.m.

**Chapter Presidents and Region Committee Representatives:** Please email your report to me no later than Monday, March 28th. If anyone has any items for the agenda, please email those to me also at:

[nancy.halvorson@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:nancy.halvorson@dot.iowa.gov)

Please remember to check our Region website and the message board for any issues or updates at [www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org)

Thanks everyone,

Nancy

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*Holiday Inn City Centre*

*100 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street*

*Sioux Falls, SD 57104*



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### ***Thursday Night Social and Auction***

*Thursday, April 14, 2004 6:00-8:00 +/- p.m.*

*Hosted by Dakotas Chapter 72 in the Hotel Lounge*

*Holiday Inn City Centre*

*100 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street*

*Sioux Falls, SD 57104*

*Phone: (605) 339-2000*

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*Please make your room reservations by **April 6, 2005.***

**A block of rooms is being held @ \$69.00 + tax, and are going FAST!  
Anyone needing a room should call the hotel listed above and mention the IRWA to get the stated room rate. Call-ins are the preferred method of reservation.**

**Meeting Minutes**  
Region 3 Fall Forum  
Maryland Heights, MO  
Friday, October 15, 2004

Meeting called to order 8:30 a.m. by Region Chair Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, R/W-NAC

Introductions

Welcome message from Alicia Sanford, Chapter 37 President

Treasurer's Report - balance of \$5023.75

Chapter Roll Call

Chapter 5 – Bruce Reed  
Chapter 20 – Paul Gustafson  
Chapter 37 – Alicia Sanford  
Chapter 41 – Shelly Whiteing  
Chapter 72 – Bob Krava  
Chapter 78 – Chris Pawloski

Spring Forum 2005 – Bob Krava invites us all to Sioux Falls, April 15, 2005.  
Course 902 the day before.

Committee Reports

Asset Management – Judi Sorensen, SR/WA

Environment – no report

LPA - Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA

Membership – Joanie Miller, SR/WA

- Powerpoint presentation on IMC meeting

International Nominations and Elections Committee – Daryl Knobbe

- Looking for nominees for Balfour, IEC, etc.

Region Nominations and Elections – Pat Cairns, SR/WA

- Three candidates have expressed interest in running for Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer (see [www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org))
- Reviewed Region 3 bylaws and voting procedures

Pipeline – Marvin DeJear, SR/WA, absent, submitted to Nancy

Relocation – Bob Merryman

- New courses to update of Uniform Relocation Act, also upcoming symposiums.
- Locations in Kansas City and Minneapolis; need coordinators

Survey – Dan Shiflett, SR/WA

Transportation – Don Corrigan, SR/WA

IPDC – Jack Borgmeyer, SR/WA

- Working with industry committees to create and update courses

Utilities – no report

Valuation – no report

Region Education Schedules – Jack Holt

- Wants periodic conference calls with Chapter Education Chairs to discuss schedules.
- Check Region website [www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org) for education schedules. Keep Jack Holt informed of courses and any changes so that he can update website.
- Jack wants to keep updated 5-year course history.

Chapter Professionals of the Year

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International Presentation – by Jim Struble, SR/WA, International Executive Committee

Guest – Juan Zaragosa, SR/WA, Region 2, past Chair of Nominations and Elections Committee. Considering a run for IEC.

Sara Hernandez –

Prizes awarded to Pat Cairns, longest serving member – 36 years  
to Jack Borgmeyer, most forums attended  
to Jack Holt, furthest traveled

Break for lunch

Nancy made a presentation on the **Chapter Assistance Program**. Chapters can apply for funding to assist for courses that may be losing money; use it for paying instructors, materials, hotel meeting rooms, etc. \$1500 per Region, and going up in coming years. This money is budgeted by RWIEF. Apply by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Candidates for Region office (see [www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org) for candidate profiles)  
Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA  
Judi Sorensen, SR/WA  
Randy DeGeorge, SR/WA

Video and PowerPoint presentation - Celebrate What's Right with the World. Discussion followed, discussing what our chapters and region have done well.

Rita Rasmussen gave an update on upcoming LPA presentation – “Effective R/W Practices for Successful Public Projects.” To be held on Friday, April 1, 2005. Ed Opstein is also working on this.

### **Open Forum**

Juan Zaragosa, Douglas “Sandy” Grigg, and possibly two others, are running for IEC.

Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Craig Poorker, SR/WA, RW-NAC  
Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer*



*Juan Zaragosa, considering  
a run for IEC*



*IEC Member Jim Struble  
discusses HQ items*



*Candidates for Sec/Treasurer:  
Rita Rasmussen  
Judi Sorensen  
Randy DeGeorge*

**Treasurer's Report**  
IRWA Region 3 Fall Forum  
Best Western Westport Park  
Maryland Heights, MO  
Friday, October 15, 2004

Balance June 21, 2004	<b>\$4838.75</b>
Income since 6/21/04	
Chapter 5 dues 2004	85.00
Chapter 5 Golf Contribution	300.00
Book Drive Contributions	600.00
 TOTAL Credits	 <b>5823.75</b>
Debits since 6/21/04	
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	800.00
 TOTAL debits	 <b>800.00</b>
 <b>BALANCE as of 10/15/04</b>	 <b>\$5023.75</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig R. Poorker

Craig R. Poorker, SR/WA  
Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer

**Chapter Presidents** – please remember that your Chapter’s Region 3 dues are due at the Spring Forum. Dues are \$1 per member. Checks can be made payable to *IRWA Region 3* and mailed to me at:

**Craig Poorker  
Great River Energy  
P.O. Box 800  
Elk River, MN 55330**

**or you can submit them at the Region Forum.  
Chapter 5 has already paid – thanks!**

**Also, please remember to bring items for the auction to be held during the Thursday night social event. The auction is one of our main sources of funding. And please bring cash for bidding high!**

**Thank you, and we’ll see you at the Forum!**

**Craig Poorker, SR/WA, RW-NAC  
Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer  
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**Region 3 Website: [www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org)**

**International Right of Way Association Website: [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org)**

**See you in Toronto!**

