

Region 3 Fall Newsletter

October, 2005

REGION CHAIR'S MESSAGE

by Jack C. Holt SR/WA

I hope all of you had a fun and a productive summer. I am assuming you are all looking for Region 3 to continue the path that has been established by my predecessors. They are a great bunch. I also have excellent people following me as new officers for our region.

Toronto was well attended and represented by Region 3 as well. The caucus was scheduled at a more reasonable time and we had great attendance there also. Region 3 provided children's books and funding for the same that should have surpassed any other region. The Canadians did an excellent job in making sure our needs were met.

Now that the fall forum is in our view, each of the chapter presidents shall provide a nomination of someone from your chapter for the next regional right of way professional of the year. This year we will be meeting in Minneapolis where Chapter 20 will be our host. Details regarding the fall forum are found in this newsletter.

I will be going to Salt Lake City in September for a joint region chair meeting with the IEC. I am very pleased to attend due to the fact I am new at my position. This will be the case with several other chairs as well.

Additionally we will have some new people serving on International Committees as Region 3 representatives. I have appointed two positions so far, Cynthia Gann from Chapter 37, Region 3 Representative for the Asset Management Committee and Ashley Robison also from Chapter 37, Region 3 Representative for the Local Public Agency Committee. The past Region 3 Committee Reps Judi Sorensen and Ed Opstein are ambitious people, who gave thorough reports at each forum and it was greatly appreciated by past Region 3 Chair, Nancy Halvorson, and the rest of our officers. I am sure our new reps will do the same. Region 3 still needs someone to serve as the Region 3 Representative for the Environment Committee. If anyone is interested please let me know. As the Region Committee Representative, it is a commitment that includes giving reports at the forum, passing information down to the chapter level and keeping up with the things that are going on in that field.

Chapter presidents: Please have your forum reports to me by September 30th. It is all done by e-mail and the forms are on line through the international website www.irwaonline.org. Send the reports to me at jholt@bepc.com.

A special thanks to Nancy Halvorson for her efforts. It was an honor to have her as a Balfour finalist in 2004 along with Jack Borgmeyer this year. It says a lot for Region 3.

Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns regarding IRWA.

Jack Holt, Region 3 Chair

The following five Region 3 Volunteers are serving in an IRWA International Committee leadership position for 2005/2006:

Judi Sorensen, SR/WA
Vice Chair of the International Asset Management Committee

Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA
Chair of the International Local Public Agency Committee

Joanie Miller, SR/WA
Vice Chair of the International Membership Committee

Jack Borgmeyer, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
Chair of the International Professional Development Committee

Dave Hingtgen
Vice Chair of the International Utilities Committee

Congratulations!!

REGION 3 FALL FORUM

Course 603: Understanding Environmental Contamination in Real Estate

Thursday, October 13, 2005 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Select

Minneapolis Airport – Mall of America

3 Appletree Square

Bloomington, MN

For more information contact Joanie Miller, SR/WA, Course Coordinator

Tel: 763-521-4609 or jmrightofway@aol.com

Thursday Night Social

Thursday, October 13, 2005 6:00-9:00 +/- p.m.

Hosted by Minnesota Chapter 20 at the hotel in the Pippin Room

Holiday Inn Select

3 Appletree Square

Bloomington, MN

Phone: (952) 854-9000

Fall Forum

Friday, October 14, 2005

8:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn Select

3 Appletree Square

Bloomington, MN

Phone: (952) 854-9000

*Please make your room reservations by **September 22, 2005.***

**A block of rooms is being held @ \$98.00 + 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.**

For more information: Sue Pariseau @ 651.463.6373 or spariseau@dakotaelectric.com

Meeting Minutes

Region 3 Spring Forum
Sioux Falls, SD
Friday, April 15, 2005

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

Welcome remarks from Ken Brilz, Chapter 72 President

Officer roll call, and vote roll call - all chapters represented

Chapter 5 – Bruce Reed, Melissa Wurtz (two votes)

Chapter 20 – Craig Knudsen, Paul Gustafson (three votes)

Chapter 37 – Sara Hernandez, Darryl Knobbe (three votes)

Chapter 41 – Shelly Whiteing, Jim Diemer (three votes)

Chapter 72 – Ken Brilz, Bob Krava, Mike Murray (three votes)

Chapter 78 – Jim Shotkoski (absent), Paul Farrell (one vote)

Fifteen (15) votes total

Introductions

Jim Finnegan, SR/WA, IEC Secretary/Treasurer, special guest

Juan Zaragosa, IEC Candidate, special guest

Region Secretary/Treasurer Report, Craig Poorker – balance of \$4475.43
Vote to approve

Chapter Reports

Should be on line www.irwaregion3.org in next few days

International Committee Reports

Nominations & Elections – Darryl Knobbe

Jack Borgmeyer, SR/WA, is candidate for Balfour Award.

Need nominees for SARPA scholarship.

Jack Borgmeyer, as Balfour finalist, and the Region Professional of the Year, will be recognized at Tuesday Awards Banquet in Toronto.

Education Foundation – Bruce Reed, SR/WA

New fund request from IEC and IPDC – proposal for rewriting 51 courses in next couple years - \$200,000

Professional Development Committee – Jack Borgmeyer, SR/WA

Also talked about rewriting of courses.

Conducting instructor initiative; reviewing qualifications of instructors;

Course delivery issues between HQ and Kinko's;

URA and Relocation courses are being updated;

Asset Management – Judi Sorensen

Region 3 is only region to have Asset Management Chair in every chapter;

They're preparing a canned presentation for chapters to use;

Need Region 3 representative to replace Judi, as she has been appointed International Asset Management Committee Vice Chair.

Environment – no report

Local Public Agency – Ed Opstein

Successful LPA Conference in Des Moines;

They're working on developing a presentation on "What is the LPA?"

Also encouraging outreach at different agency meetings, i.e. local chapter should have a booth at different events.

Membership Committee – Joanie Miller

Talked of the tele-conference of Membership Chairs;

Two presentations at International Conference in Toronto;

Pipeline – sent by Marvin DeJear

Relocation – Bob Merryman, sent report

Survey – Dan Shiflett; working on two IRWA survey courses;

Transportation – Don Corrigan, nine presentations in Toronto;

Utilities – Jim Diemer; looking at preparing courses for utilities;

Farm Bill affects utilities, and still trying to determine what the effects may be.

Valuation – no report; lack of communication at International level.

Region Education Report – Jack Holt

Need constant communication between Chapter Education Chairs and Region Vice Chair to eliminate conflict on course schedules. Courses are listed on Region 3 website (www.irwaregion3.org);

Try to maintain three-year tentative education schedule;

Nancy Halvorson talked of responsibilities of chapter officers;

Need to get tax information to HQ SOON after January of each year.

Report from IEC Secretary/Treasurer Jim Finnegan, SR/WA

Region Nominations and Elections – Pat Cairns, SR/WA

Proposed Region 3 bylaw change/amendment; last updated in 1996;

Pat Cairns makes motion to amend Region 3 bylaws to add a sentence at the end of Para VI:

"Should a chapter president not attend the Forum, that chapter may designate a person to vote in place of the president and thereby retain the three (3) chapter votes; however, the person voting in place of the president may not also vote as a Director." Motion by Bob Krava, seconded by Paul Gustafson; no further discussion, and passed unanimously.

Election of Region 3 Officers

Judi Sorensen has removed her name from running for Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer.

No nominations from floor. Nominations closed; Pat Cairns makes motion to close nominations, Judi Sorensen seconds, passed unanimously;

Candidate statements from Randy DeGeorge and Rita Rasmussen

Rita Rasmussen elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Election of Vice Chair – Pat Cairns moves to close nominations, second by Bruce Reed; Craig Poorker, elected unanimously

Election of Chair – Pat Cairns moves to close nominations, second by Bruce Reed; Jack Holt, elected unanimously.

Discussion of website; Nancy asks that we please check message board more often. Report from Vicki on updates of website design, and information; get information to Vicki as soon as possible.

Report from Jim Finnegan, SR/WA, IEC Secretary/Treasurer

Lunch break

Report from Jim Finnegan (cont.)

Funding of Committee Reps

One application so far; Ed Opstein is asking for funding – still has \$100 still available to him. We will discuss at Fall Forum increasing from \$250.00 for reimbursement.

Professional of the Year

Nominees:

Chapter 5 Melissa Wurtz

Chapter 20 Craig Poorker

Chapter 37 Tom Hewlett

Chapter 41 Dan Shiflett

Chapter 72 Bob Larson

Chapter 78 Joel Walker

Region 3 Professional of the Year – Craig Poorker

Education Foundation report – Bruce Reed

Funding request for examining every course

Review of education program – strategic direction of IRWA

Seeking increased contributions from chapters for the improvement of education programs.

Education Reform Plan

Instructor training, technology in classroom

Improve course materials

\$200,000 cost to rewrite courses, completed by end of 2006.

Donations to be voted on

Memorial for Howard Armstrong

Paws for Life and to Education Foundation

Request of \$250 per chapter

\$500 contributed by Chapter 78

Make checks payable to IRWA Region 3

\$500 from Region 3

One large check will be presented from Region 3

Golf Tournament

\$300 from each chapter; \$500 from Region 3; One large check will be presented from Region 3.

Children's Hospital Book drive at Conference in Toronto – bring books, videos for individual contributions, especially for teens.

Fall Forum 2005

Bloomington, MN, at Holiday Inn Select Minneapolis Airport Mall of America; October 14, 2005; Course 603 day before. On website soon.

LPA Conference review – Rita Rasmussen and Ed Opstein

Very successful conference

Available to chapters to put on themselves

Excellent feedback from attendees

Article forthcoming in *right of way*

IEC Candidates

Juan Zaragosa of Region 2, Chapter 39, made presentation

Auction last night brought in \$1725, presented by Chapter 72 President Ken Brilz. Thanks to auctioneer Ed Schwab.

Motion by Bruce Reed, second by Shelly Whiteing to adjourn. Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Region 3 Caucus – Meeting Minutes

**IRWA Region 3 Caucus
Monday, June 13, 2005
Toronto, Ontario**

At 7:30 a.m., Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, Region 3 Chair, called the Region 3 caucus to order. Roll call was taken and all chapters were represented.

Sandy Grigg stopped for a quick visit; running for the IEC, at-large position; running from the floor.

Introductions of attending members.

Region 3 has seven people serving as officers on different committees. A pretty good showing.

Daryl Knobbe explained election process for Thursday afternoon.

Juan Zaragosa stopped by for a visit. Juan has been nominated for IEC position.

Bruce Reed, Chapter 5, gave a report from RWIEF; he explained the difference between IRWA and RWIEF. RWIEF is a funding vehicle, providing moneys for IRWA courses. Balance of over \$1 million, spent over 100k on course initiatives. A lot will be spent on revisions of all IRWA courses. Jack Borgmeyer explained the IPDC's role in course revisions.

Break for photo op.

Clyde Johnson stopped by for a visit; also has been nominated for the IEC.

Ashley Robison and Sara Hernandez from Chapter 37 are both attending the Instructors Clinic for Relocation courses.

October 19-20, Course 701, Sandy Grigg teaching.

Region 3 attendees to 2005 Conference:

| <u>Chapter</u> | <u># of Members</u> | <u>Guests</u> | <u>Youth</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 5 | 7 | 1 | |
| 20 | 9 | 8 | 3 |
| 37 | 8 | | |
| 41 | 7 | 4 | |
| 72 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| 78 | <u>9</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Totals | 47 | 23 | 8 |

Bob Larson, Chapter 72, gave a plug for the book drive.

**Daryl Knobbe, Chapter 37, INEC member – needs to see Directors after caucus;
Balfour Award – Jack Borgmeyer is finalist.**

Chris Pawloski, Chapter 78 – Spring Forum in Omaha on April 21, 2006.

**The Fall Forum will be in Minneapolis, on October 14, 2005 with Chapter 20 as our host.
Course 602 will be offered on Thursday, October 13. More details will be coming.**

Rita Rasmussen, Chapter 41, LPA committee, informed us of the American Public Works Association (APWA) conference in Minneapolis, on Sept. 11-14, 2005. Booth space is available for \$500. She's hoping that IRWA (perhaps Region 3) will have a booth there.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

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

***TORONTO 2005
REGION 3 CAUCUS***



Treasurer's Report
IRWA Region 3 Fall Forum
Holiday Inn City Centre
Sioux Falls, SD
Friday, April 15, 2005

Balance 10/15/04 **\$5023.75**

Income since 10/15/04

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| Chapter 5 dues for 2005 | 85.00 |
| Chapter 20 dues for 2005 | <u>200.00</u> |
| Total Credits | 285.00 |

Debits since 10/15/04

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| Nancy Halvorson - postage | 19.20 |
| Nancy Halvorson - Fall Forum expenses | 502.72 |
| Jack Holt - Fall Forum expenses | 100.00 |
| Nancy Halvorson - postage, POTY plaque | 61.40 |
| Ed Opstein - ILPAC meeting reimbursement | <u>150.00</u> |
| Total Debits | 833.32 |

BALANCE as of 4/15/05 **\$4475.43**

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig R. Poorker

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

IRWA NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY

On behalf of IRWA, the International Local Public Agency Committee will be hosting a membership booth at the upcoming 2005 International Public Works Congress and Exposition in Minneapolis, MN, September 11-14, 2005. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the booth during the following scheduled exhibit dates and times:

*Sunday, September 11
Noon - 4:00 p.m.*

*Monday, September 12
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

*Tuesday, September 13
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help boost IRWA membership numbers and having some fun, please contact:

Rita Rasmussen, at 319/286-5807 or ritar@cedar-rapids.org

Craig Knudsen, at 651/463-6332 or cknudsen@dakotaelectric.com

Be sure to periodically check out the IRWA websites

Region 3 Website: www.irwaregion3.org

Coming Soon! A Photo Gallery will be placed on the Region 3 website for viewing of recent Region 3 events. Please send your favorite photos of Region 3 events to Vicki Elscott, Webmaster, for placement on website.

International Right of Way Association Website: www.irwaonline.org