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# Chapter 41 Update

## Professionalism

*Don A. Corrigan*  
*Chapter 41 President*

In my last message as your President I would like to address professionalism. I have learned a lot about that term having the pleasure to write letters in support of Rita Rasmussen's bid for the Frank C. Balfour Award, Linda Martens's and Joe Anderson's bids for Regional Professional of the Year, the nomination of our newsletter as Small Chapter Newsletter of the Year, and in the letters I received in support of those who were nominated for Chapter Professional of the Year.

The one thing that stood out wasn't how well they did their jobs or the number of classes they took but how they chose to give back to the IRWA with their time and effort. We are a diverse organization in the types of jobs we do and the industries we serve. The easiest and most rewarding ways to understand and embrace this diversity is by getting involved with the chapter and interact with your fellow members. Coming to meetings is the first step, volunteering to share your talents and skills is the second. The result will be a well rounded professional and person.

Another key to professionalism is your employer, this year we had three nominees for Employer of the Year and it was one of my most difficult tasks was assisting with the selection of the winner. The nominees were Iowa Department of Transportation, City of Cedar Rapids and JCG Land Services Inc., the winner was the City of Cedar Rapids. Thanks to all employers who make our members participation in the IRWA possible.

I'll also take this opportunity say thanks to those officers who served before me for creating a great organization and a support system I knew I could count on. The current officers: Nancy Halvorson, Amy Walter and Tim Bunkers, Chairs of the active committees: Mark Holm, Joe Anderson, Mary Ann Carnock and Liz VanZomeran, Vicki Kitelinger for her work on the by-laws, Joe Anderson for a great newsletter, Vicki Elscott for her work on the website and the all rest who volunteered to take other chair positions, helped with a meetings, training sessions or coordinated an education course. You are showing us what true professionals look like.

In many ways the Chapter and leadership torch has been passed to a new generation of professionals, run with it.

- Don



# Chapter 41 Photo Album

Happy Birthday to Us!  
Chapter 41 will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday at the 2013 Region 3 Spring Forum here in Iowa. It was February of 1963 when the Iowa-Nebraska Chapter No.41 of the American Right of Way Association was born. Any volunteers to jump out of the cake?

The City of Five Seasons... and One Great IRWA Supporter  
The *City of Cedar Rapids* has been chosen Chapter 41 Employer of the Year! Other nominees were *JCG Land Services* and the *Iowa Department of Transportation*.

Officers for 2011-12  
A new slate of officers was installed at Chapter 41's annual banquet in Des Moines in June; *Tim Bunkers* (President), *Joe Anderson* (President-Elect), *Amy Walter* (Secretary), and *Mark Holm* (Treasurer).

Welcome new members!  
A hearty welcome to *Amy L. Ashbacker* (*ITC Holdings Corporation*), *Taylor O. Mann* (*Universal Field Services*), *Rebecca K. Orr* (*Site Right Unlimited*), and *Jane A. Pate* (*Ament, Inc.*). IRWA is stronger today because of YOU!

Win-win-win situation?  
Congratulations to these drawing winners from the June meeting and banquet: *Mark Holm* (\$1,000 IRWA bucks), *Amy Walter* (2012 membership dues), and *Joe Anderson* (\$50).



*Tim Bunkers presents "Electric Industry 101" at the April chapter meeting in Cedar Rapids.*



*Rita Rasmussen is recognized at the Annual Conference in Atlanta for her service as Region 3 Chair.*



*Randy DeGeorge congratulates Don Corrigan on his successful term as President of Chapter 41.*

*Chapter 41 members learned the finer points of "Negotiating Effectively with a Diverse Clientele" in Ames this spring.*



*Nancy Halvorson, INEC Chair, takes the podium at the awards banquet in Atlanta.*

**International Right of Way Association  
"Spirit of the Heartland" – Iowa Chapter 41  
Alliant Energy Tower  
200 First Street SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
Minutes of Business Meeting –April 1, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM following the presentation, "Electric Industry 101", provided by Tim Bunkers, Universal Field Services.

Introductions of meeting attendees started the business meeting with 23 members in attendance.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the January 7, 2011 business meeting held at Universal Field Services in Urbandale, Iowa, were reviewed. A reminder the minutes are posted on the IRWA, Chapter 41 website for review prior to the business meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was provided and showed a current balance of \$8,605.72. A copy of the report is also available to review in the latest edition of the "Chapter 41 Update". A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; the motion was seconded and approved by all.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership Report:** Our membership count stands at 77 with Rebecca Orr being #78 once her application is formally approved. There was a question if the 77 includes Tylor Mann, which we will check and report back. Nancy Halvorson raised the question about how many retired members didn't renew their membership this year. We will also check and provide more information at the next meeting.

**Education Committee:** Upcoming courses include:

- Course 209: Negotiating Effectively with a Diverse Clientele will be presented on April 12-13, 2011 at the IA DOT Materials East Conference Room, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa. Please contact Course Coordinator: Dwayne Myers at 515-239-1319 or [dwayne.myers@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:dwayne.myers@dot.iowa.gov) for more information or to register for the course.
- Courses 409: Integrating Appraisal Standards and Course 410: Reviewing Appraisals for Eminent Domain will be presented on May 16-17, 2011 at the IA DOT Materials East Conference Room, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa. Please contact Course Coordinator: Joe Anderson at 515-239-1744 or [joe.anderson@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:joe.anderson@dot.iowa.gov) for more information or to register for the course.

Please contact Mark Holm ([mark.holm@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:mark.holm@dot.iowa.gov)) to provide your course requests or for more information about coordinating a course.

Liv VanZomeran highly recommended the coursework available via CD or online through the IRWA website. She was very impressed with the quality of the information provided.

**Program Committee:** Liz VanZomeran will be working on the date and location for the June meeting with possible location suggestions in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines or Ames. The June meeting will include a brief business meeting along with the induction of officers. Look for more details to follow.

**Professional Development Committee:** PDC Chair Joe Anderson presented Chad Johnson with his SR/WA pin and plaque. Congratulations Chad!

Joe also noted there are currently six candidates for SR/WA and two candidates for R/W-NAC certifications.

**Other Committees:**

**Utility Committee:** Dave Hingtgen reported he spent two days in Chicago where they discussed certifications and the possibility of adding or eliminating them all together. He is still waiting for the final report from the meetings.

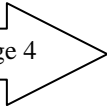
**International Nominations and Elections Committee:** Nancy Halvorson reported that the awards at the annual conference will be presented differently this year. It is now going to be a surprise to the award winner at the conference rather than being notified prior to the conference. All finalists will be notified and invited to attend the luncheon where the winner will be announced. Nancy did announce our Newsletter is a finalist for Newsletter of the Year!

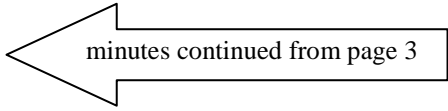
Nancy announced there will be a new award in memory of Howard Armstrong which will be a recognition for outstanding facilitators. She also stressed we should nominate our Chapter in the small chapter category (under 100 members) as the winner receives a \$500.00 award to the Chapter. There were no nominations this year in this category. We also need to submit a Balfour candidate.

Please keep in mind IRWA offers a \$5000 scholarship for education and members, their spouses and children are eligible to apply. See the website for more details.

**Old Business:**

**Mini Best Practices Session:** Tim Bunkers will be working with Rita Rasmussen to get more information from the previous seminar. He will then be working on an outline/game plan and will have it ready to present at the June meeting. Anticipating it will take almost a year to plan the event so they are looking to hold it in Spring of 2012. Please contact Tim Bunkers, Dave Hingtgen, or Liz VanZomeran if you are interested in helping or have ideas to share.

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**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2013:** We are planning to hold the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Chapter around the Spring Forum in 2013. A committee needs to be formed to help decide how big and what type of event to hold. It was decided that the Nebraska Chapter will be contacted to see if they would like to be a part of the celebration since we were originally formed as one chapter. Stay tuned for more details or contact Tim Bunkers if you would be interested in working on this committee

**Online Course Incentives:** Four members took advantage of the \$50.00 incentive to sign up for an online course. Our Chapter came in second to Las Vegas for the percentage of participants.

**Employer of the Year:** Joe Anderson inquired if we could use a nomination form similar to the form already available on the IRWA website. Joe will work on the form and send our more information in the near future so the award can be presented at the June meeting. Tim Bunkers, Don Corrigan and Nancy Halvorson will sit on the selection committee.

**New Business:**

**Election of Officers:** The following slate of officers was presented and elected:

- President: Tim Bunkers
- President-Elect: Joe Anderson
- Secretary: Amy Walter
- Treasurer: Mark Holm

The installation banquet will be held at the June meeting.

**Approval of Directors:** The following slate of Directors was presented and voted favorably:

- Tim Bunkers, 1-year
- Joe Anderson, 2-year

**Approval of Directors Funding for Atlanta:** A number of members are planning on attending the Atlanta Annual Conference and Tim Bunkers will be a Director with Ken Wunsch or Vicky Kitelinger as Alternate. It was voted favorably to fund up to \$1,500 of expenses for Vicky Kitelinger if her employer does not participate in funding. Tim Bunkers and Ken Wunsch are funded by their employer, Universal Field Services, to attend. Directors were reminded they must attend the Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday afternoon. They will also be voting for IEC Secretary, a Resolution to approve the proposed rotation through each Region as hosts for the annual conference, and voting for the location of the 2016 conference with the choices being Nashville, Virginia Beach and Omaha. If the Resolution is approved and Omaha is not chosen for 2016, then our Region will be the first up to host in 2017.

If you are planning on attending the conference you are asked to assist with the Omaha Booth to help promote Omaha as a worthy conference location. This is a Regional effort to showcase the heartland!

**Donations—Golf hole/Auction:** It was announced there will not be an auction at this year’s annual conference. Instead, it was decided to hold a Casino Night as the fundraiser for the Education Foundation. There will still be a few specialty items available for auction. The Regions were asked to participate in a vacation package that will be raffled off. The vacation packages will be prepared by IRWA and are estimated to be valued at \$1,500 each. The golf tournament is still being held as it has in previous years. It was voted and approved to donate \$300 towards the sponsorship of a hole during the tournament. It was also voted that we will donate up to \$300 towards the vacation raffle pending the outcome of the rest of the Region’s decision to participate. There are some chapters considering their participation in this event.

**Installation Banquet in June:** Tim Bunkers requested input for a date and location. It was decided either June 4<sup>th</sup> or June 25<sup>th</sup> with the location still to be determined. Stay tuned for more details...

**Region Forum Report from Deadwood:** Guess what...it Snowed at the Spring Forum on March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Deadwood! Rita Rasmussen reported there was a good turnout and they really had a good time. Chapter 72 held a Mardi Gras themed welcome reception and raised around \$5,000 at their auction. There were 40 attendees at the Region Forum. We are reminded to promote the online courses as the Chapter receives \$50 for every online registration. It was voted on and favorably approved to reimburse Don Corrigan an additional \$167.50 for his expenses in attending the Forum.

Fall Forum is scheduled for October 13-14, 2011 at the Radisson Mall of America Hotel in Bloomington, MN. You are encouraged to make your room reservation soon to get the block rate.

**Dual Signature of Checks—Annual Budget:** The President and Treasurer need dual signature on checks or approval by the President in writing before a check is issued. Tim Bunkers will create an approval form and process to set up a paper trail for auditing purposes.

The IEC is requiring an annual budget. Tim Bunkers will put together a Budget/Audit Committee.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made and seconded and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 11:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Amy J. Walter  
Vice President/Secretary

Treasurer Report December 31, 2010 - March 31, 2011 Report #1 Chapter Year 2011

Net Beginning Balance \$9,412.64

**INCOME**

Savings Int. .28, .25 \$0.53

**Total Income** \$0.53

**EXPENSES**

#3549 Joe Anderson On-Line Course Incentive \$50.00  
#3550 Joe Anderson - Pre-pay Exp. For Spring Forum \$200.00  
#3551 Vickey Kitelinger - On-line Course Incentive \$50.00  
#3552 Vicki Elscott - Web Host Fee and Domain Name Fee \$209.95  
#3553 Liz Van Zommeren On-line Course Incentive \$50.00  
#3554 IRWA Refion 3 - Dues \$1/80 members \$80.00  
#3555 Joe Anderson - Balance Forum Expenses \$167.50

**Total Expenses** \$807.45

**Beginning Balance** \$9,412.64

**Less Expenses** \$807.45

**Plus Income** \$0.53

**Net Current Balance** \$8,605.72

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Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA Chapter 41 Treasurer March 31, 2011

**Treasurer Report April 1, 2011 - June 24, 2011 Report #2 Chapter Year 2011**

**Net Beginning Balance** **\$8,605.72**

**INCOME**

Interest Income Savings .28,,.26,.29	\$0.83
Interest Income Checking .16,.21,.23	\$0.60
Stop payment #3559 Baratta's	\$100.00
DOT #209 & \$100 CHAPTER REBATE	\$6,990.00
Burlke - tuition 409 \$330 & Chapter rebate \$1,400	\$1,730.00
DOT #409 & #410	\$2,510.00

**Total Income** **\$11,331.43**

**EXPENSES**

#3556 Don Corrigan Forum Expenses	\$367.50
#3557 Vicky Kitelinger Conference Stipend	\$1,500.00
#3558 Dwayne Myers - Refreshment cost Course 209	\$96.57
#3559 Baratta's - deposit for June mtg	\$100.00
#3560 and #3561 both voided due to misspellings - operator error!	
#3562 Deanna Loewenhagen Instructor Exp #209	\$635.61
#3563 Region 3 Golf Hole and Casino Night Donation for Conference	\$600.00
#3564 Baratta's Deposit (See income stop payment on #3559)	\$100.00
#3565 IRWA Billing for #209	\$4,075.00
#3566 HyVee Refreshments Courses 409 and 410	\$95.36
#3567 Frank Cirillo Instructor Expenses #409 & #410	\$969.53
#3568 IRWA Plaques and Past Pres Pin	\$148.00
#3569 Cyclone Awards Engraving and Employer of Year Plaque	\$73.30
#3570 IRWA Course 409 & 410 Billing	\$1,423.00

**Total Expenses** **\$10,183.87**

**Beginning Balance** **\$8,605.72**

**Less Expenses** **\$10,183.87**

**Plus Income** **\$11,331.43**

**Net Current Balance** **\$9,753.28**

*Nancy Halvorson* *JUNE 24, 2011*  
 Nancy Halvorson, SRWA Chapter 41 Treasurer June 24, 2011

# Upcoming Events

## Chapter 41...Region 3...and beyond

Course 803 – Eminent Domain Law Basics  
for Right of Way Professionals  
August 8-9, 2011  
Maple Grove, Minnesota

Course 410 – Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain  
August 10, 2011  
Maple Grove, Minnesota

Course 600 – Environmental Awareness  
August 15, 2011  
Omaha, Nebraska

Course 604 – Environmental Due Diligence and Liability  
August 16, 2011  
Omaha, Nebraska

Course 200 – Principles of Real Estate Negotiation  
August 25-26, 2011  
Kansas City, Missouri

Chapter 41 Quarterly Meeting  
September, 2011  
More information coming soon!

SR/WA Review, Study Session, & Exam  
September 14-16, 2011  
Omaha, NE

Course 503 – Mobile Home Relocation  
September 19, 2011  
Collinsville, Illinois

Region 3 Fall Forum  
October 13-14, 2011  
Bloomington, Minnesota

Course 400 – Principles of Real Estate Appraisal  
September 27-28, 2011  
Lee's Summit, MO

Course 402 – Intro to the Income Capitalization Approach  
September 29, 2011  
Lee's Summit, MO

Course 403 – Easement Valuation  
September 30, 2011  
Lee's Summit, MO

Region 3 Spring Forum  
March, 2012  
hosted by Kansas City Chapter 5

# Chapter 41 Directory

## Officers for 2010-11

President	<i>Don Corrigan</i>
President-Elect	<i>Tim Bunkers</i>
Secretary	<i>Amy Walter</i>
Treasurer	<i>Nancy Hallvorson</i>
Director (one-year)	<i>Don Corrigan</i>
Director (two-year)	<i>Tim Bunkers</i>

## Committee Chairs for 2010-11

Asset Management	<i>(vacant)</i>
Audit	<i>Rita Rasmussen</i>
Education	<i>Mark Holm</i>
Environment	<i>(vacant)</i>
Legislative Review	<i>(vacant)</i>
Local Public Agency	<i>Mike Adams</i>
Marketing	<i>Tim Bunkers</i>
Membership	<i>Mary Ann Carnock</i>
Newsletter	<i>Joe Anderson</i>
Nominations/Elections	<i>Mark Holm</i>
Professional Development	<i>Joe Anderson</i>
Program	<i>Liz Van Zomeren</i>
Relocation Assistance	<i>Shelly Whiteing</i>
Survey	<i>Chad Johnson</i>
Transportation	<i>(vacant)</i>
Utilities	<i>David Hingtgen</i>
Valuation	<i>Russ Manternach</i>



# 2011 Fall Forum

## October 13 - 14, 2011

Hosted by Chapter 20

### Thursday October 13, 2011

#### Enbridge Energy, Line 6B Incident - Speaker / Presentation (Noon - 5 pm)

Enbridge Energy will present on the Line 6B incident in which oil was released from the pipeline and entered a tributary to the Kalamazoo River in Michigan on July 26, 2010. This five-hour seminar will include a luncheon buffet at noon, followed by the presentation. Chapter 20 will apply for IRWA recertifying credits, Minnesota real estate, appraisal and legal credits.

#### Evening Social & Silent Auction (6 - 10 pm)

Bring an item for the silent auction to benefit the Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF) and join us for an evening of socializing, beverages and wonderful appetizers as we raise money to support our organization.

### Friday October 14, 2011

#### Forum Meeting (7 am - 4 pm)

Region 3 Fall Forum Meeting will be held. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Come and have a voice.

**Location:** Radisson Hotel Bloomington by Mall of America  
1700 East American Boulevard, Bloomington, MN 55425  
1-800-333-3333 [www.radisson.com/bloomingtonbymoa](http://www.radisson.com/bloomingtonbymoa)



Blocks of rooms are being held until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mention IRWA to receive the following discounted rates:

Deluxe King Bed Rm \$89 + tax Large room can sleep one or a family up to 6; with sleeper sofa and hidden bunk beds.



Two Queen Beds Rm \$99 + tax Spacious room with two queen beds and sleeper sofa.



Discounted rates will be extended for those wishing to arrive early or stay longer. Hotel Water Park passes are available at a 20% discount for those interested. Hotel also includes an Arcade with over 100 games for all ages to enjoy.



Amenities include: Complimentary high speed wireless internet access throughout the entire hotel; Complimentary shuttle to & from the airport and the Mall of America; In-room coffee maker, fridge & microwave; 24-hour fitness center; On-site spa, Café and Bar & Grill.

Stay Tuned for Registration Details on Our Chapter Website: [www.irwa20.org](http://www.irwa20.org)

