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**Chapter Meeting**

**Friday, Sept. 23**

**Cedar Rapids**

# Chapter 41 Update

## Passing the Gavel

*Tim Bunkers, SR/WA, R/W-NAC  
Chapter 41 President*

On June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Chapter 41 Installation Banquet held at Baratta's in Des Moines, the gavel was passed from our Past President Don Corrigan to me as the new President of Chapter 41. This is a distinct honor and privilege, and I'm grateful for this opportunity to serve. I would like to thank Don for his leadership over the past 18 months, which was 6 months more than he originally volunteered for due to the bylaws change that moved our fiscal year. As the President Elect serving with Don, it was apparent that Don's years of IRWA involvement paid off in many ways, and he handled this extended assignment with grace and value even though it took a considerable amount of his time. Thank you Don! I will continue to look your way for guidance this year and we'll all value your continued presence.

The past two months this summer have been busy for everyone, including me. My family and I have moved to another state! Our time has been spent selling a house and purchasing a house, along with getting my son and wife settled in prior to the new school year in a new school, new home, and new state. My employer has provided me the opportunity to do my job from the corporate office in Tulsa, OK. They have also encouraged me to continue existing work requirements in Iowa and my responsibilities serving as President of Chapter 41. This will allow for my full attention and resources to serve my term and I am looking forward to doing so.

First on our Chapter activity list will be getting the word out on our next meeting. It is scheduled for Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be held at ITC Midwest office in Cedar Rapids. Once again as we have tried on a few past chapter meetings, we will make this meeting available through video conference and voice conference. We will require prior RSVP from all to set up the number of attendees.

I have asked Joe Anderson (President Elect) to provide a report showing the past meeting locations along with membership location. It was apparent that the highest concentration of our membership is in the Des Moines/Ames and Cedar Rapids regions and our meeting locations were also concentrated in these regions. But with the technology today Chapter 41 should be able to reach out to the other parts of Iowa to allow for more participation and benefits to those that don't get the opportunity to attend the Chapter meeting and events.

Second on the list will be asking for volunteers to become committee chairs and to serve in various ways. Chapter 41 leadership is comprised of all volunteers and so are the committees that support our Chapter. And speaking of membership, please feel free to invite someone to a meeting or event and even invite them to join. If you don't ask, they won't join.

We are looking forward to seeing you or hearing from you at our September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. As usual we encourage those who have recently joined the chapter to come to the next meeting to receive your membership pin and certificate.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please contact me at [tbunkers@ufsrw.com](mailto:tbunkers@ufsrw.com) or call me at 515-314-1900. Also please visit our Chapter website at [www.irwa41.org](http://www.irwa41.org) to keep up to date with Chapter 41 happenings.

- Tim

**International Right of Way Association  
"Spirit of the Heartland" – Iowa Chapter 41  
Baratta's Restaurant - Des Moines, IA 50315  
Minutes of Business Meeting – June 25, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Secretary's Report.** The minutes of the April 1, 2011, business meeting were approved as posted on the Chapter 41 website. 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 shows a current balance of \$9,753.28. A copy of the report is also available for 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 current membership is 71 members.

Education Committee Report. There is an online course discount. Don't forget to take advantage of the savings.

Program Committee Report. Liz VanZomeren will continue to serve as Chair for Chapter 41. Please contact Liz if you have any ideas you wish to share regarding a future meeting.

Professional Development Committee reports no changes.

### **Old Business**

Mini Best Practices Session. Tim will have additional information at the next meeting. Tim will be working with Rita Rasmussen to obtain additional information for the meeting.

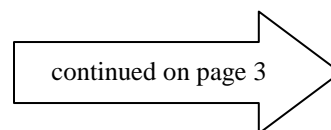
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2013. Chapter 41 will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013 and would like to celebrate the event at the Spring Forum that year. It would be wonderful if Nebraska Chapter would like to be a part of the celebration. Tim Bunkers would like anyone interested in helping with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration to contact him with any historical information or ideas that might make the event extra special for all! There is time to get information together before the 2013 Spring Forum! Remember, it is a wonderful time to learn more about your chapter and the history associated with it!

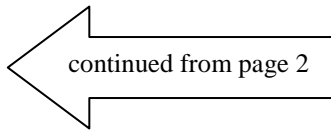
### **New Business**

Nominations for Professional of the Year need to be submitted soon.

### **Atlanta Conference Report**

Vicky Kitelinger reported that she enjoyed the experience. Vicky reported that Casino Night was well received by attendees; auction results were very beneficial, too. Three of the prizes went to Chapter 72; a puppet representing their incoming President went for around \$3,500; and the hunting knife went for around \$1,500. Next year will probably consist of only the Casino Night event, and there will probably not be an auction.





Nashville, TN, beat out Omaha and Virginia Beach for the location of the 2016 Conference. They really did a great presentation!

New IEC member elected, who ran from the floor, was Wayne Gross of Shreveport, LA. He ran against Mary Ann Marr.

An increase in dues was passed.

Vicky went to a seminar on "How to Get Your SRWA." Experience could be used for credit.

The 2012 Conference will be held in Seattle, WA.

### **Local Chapter News**

Don Corrigan, President of Chapter 41, stated how much he enjoyed his term as President and all those who helped make the experience a true pleasure. Don also was presented with his Past President Plaque.

Tim Bunkers will be moving to Tulsa, OK, soon. Good luck, Tim! Tim stated he will be a part of Region 3 for two more years.

### **Chapter Drawings**

The lucky winner of the drawing for the \$50.00 door prize was Joe Anderson. Joe is our new President-Elect; he is also Chapter 41 Professional of the Year 2010. Congratulations, Joe!

Winner of a drawing for a free year of membership dues was Amy Walter. The \$1,000.00 Educational Assistance prize went to Mark Holm.

Employer of the Year was the City of Cedar Rapids, IA. Congratulations!

Our next meeting will be held in the Cedar Rapids area and is planned for September 2011.

A motion to **adjourn** the meeting was made at 6:40 p.m., seconded, and approved by all members present.

**Installation of new officers** was performed by Randy DeGeorge, Chapter 78 of Omaha, NE. Thank you, Randy!

### **New Officers**

Tim Bunkers, President  
Joe Anderson, President-Elect  
Amy Walter, Secretary  
Mark Holm, Treasurer  
Director (1-year), Tim Bunkers  
Director (2-year), Joe Anderson

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda R. Martens for  
Amy J. Walter, Secretary



## IC train plans derailed

BY KATHRYN STINSON | JANUARY 29, 2010 7:30 AM

## Some question worth of Iowa City-Chicago rail service

BY MITCHELL SCHMIDT | NOVEMBER 11, 2010 7:20 AM



## Rail funds pulled from other states transferred to Iowa

BY DI STAFF | DECEMBER 10, 2010 7:10 AM



## Iowa to receive high-speed rail funding

BY NINA EARNEST | MAY 10, 2011 7:20 AM

## Branstad kills Iowa involvement in high-speed rail

BY DI STAFF | AUGUST 22, 2011 7:20 AM



### Meeting location and host

ITC Midwest  
1123 5<sup>th</sup> Street, SE  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

### Date and time

September 23, 2011  
9:45am (Arrive 15 minutes early for our 10:00am start time)

### Agenda

- 10:00am ITC Midwest introduction
- 10:10am Employer of the Year Award presentation  
– City of Cedar Rapids
- 10:15am Iowa City-Chicago high-speed rail presentation  
– Amanda Martin, Iowa DOT Office of Rail Transportation
- 11:00am Chapter 41 meeting

*This meeting will be available through video conference and voice conference. Scheduling the services for the online conference will require RSVP from all who would like to join the meeting prior to setting up the logins and conference phone number.*

*Please RSVP to [tbunkers@ufsrw.com](mailto:tbunkers@ufsrw.com) by Friday, September 16 if you are interested in attending the meeting via video or voice conference.*



# Upcoming Events

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

Chapter 41 Quarterly Meeting  
September 23, 2011  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
*see page 4 for details!*

Region 3 Fall Forum  
October 13-14, 2011  
Bloomington, Minnesota  
*see page 7 for details!*

Course 901 – Engineering Plan Development & Application  
October 17, 2011  
Maple Grove, Minnesota

Course 902 – Property Descriptions  
October 18, 2011  
Maple Grove, Minnesota

Course 501 – Residential Relocation Assistance  
October 24-25, 2011  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Course 502 – Business Relocation  
October 26-27, 2011  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Course 801 – U.S. Land Titles  
October 27-28, 2011  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Course 700 – Introduction to Property/Asset Management  
October 27-28, 2011  
Kansas City, Missouri

Course 803 – Eminent Domain Law Basics  
for Right of Way Professionals  
November 7-8, 2011  
Omaha, Nebraska

Course 701 – Property/Asset Management Leasing  
November 16-17, 2011  
Kansas City, Missouri

Course 703 – Real Property Asset Management  
November 18, 2011  
Kansas City, Missouri

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

# Chapter 41 Directory

## Officers for 2011-12

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| President           | <i>Tim Bunkers</i>  |
| President-Elect     | <i>Joe Anderson</i> |
| Secretary           | <i>Amy Walter</i>   |
| Treasurer           | <i>Mark Holm</i>    |
| Director (one-year) | <i>Tim Bunkers</i>  |
| Director (two-year) | <i>Joe Anderson</i> |

## Committee Chairs for 2010-11

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Asset Management         | <i>(vacant)</i>         |
| Audit                    | <i>Rita Rasmussen</i>   |
| Education                | <i>Rick Skinner</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/bloomingtonbymoaa](http://www.radisson.com/bloomingtonbymoaa)



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)

