

International Right of Way Association
“Spirit of the Heartland” – Iowa Chapter 41
Friday, January 9, 2009
DOT Maintenance Training Center, Ames, IA

A Big Thank You to Joe Anderson for the program presentation!

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 A.M.

Secretary’s Report: The minutes from the October 24, 2008, business meeting held at Snyder and Associates, Cedar Rapids, IA which have been posted on the IRWA, 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 indicated a total net balance of \$16,332.22. Treasurer, Nancy Halvorson reported that a \$500.00 donation had been sent to Toys for Tots for 2008. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee: Nancy Halvorson, brought to our attention that Course 209, Negotiating Effectively with Diverse Clientele will be presented February 26 and 27 in Cedar Rapids, IA class coordinator is Becky Kluesner. Please note Course 504 Computing Replacement Housing Payments will be presented on May 5th and 6th, 2009, in West Des Moines and Mark Holm is class coordinator and in September 2009 Course 400, Principles of Land Acquisition will be presented, Becky Kluesner will be course coordinator. Please review details as posted on Chapter 41 website.

Program Committee: Jim Deimer stated that he might be able to arrange a tour of the Colo, IA wind farm location for the May 15, 2009 meeting. Jim will work on the details for that event; watch the website for further details. Jim also stated that the “Best Practices” suggestions for future meetings is a great idea and offers interesting and informative information for our members regarding the different disciplines we work in. Jim is going to work with Rita to arrange for a program regarding Utilities for the September 2009 chapter meeting.

Professional Development: Shelly Whiteing wanted to make sure we mention that Mark Holm has achieved Certification in Negotiations, Congratulations Mark!

Legislative Review: The legislature may be reviewing borrows associated with public projects in the future.

Membership Committee: Amy Walter reported that we now have 75 members associated with Chapter 41, which is wonderful news for the Chapter.

Old Business: Status on Realignment of Region Boundaries. This issue will probably be discussed at the Spring Forum to be held in Overland Park, KS, Friday, March 27, 2009 and at the Annual Conference to be held in Indianapolis, IN, June 28 thru July 1, 2009.

New Business:

Introduction of New Members and Award Membership Pins: Although we have several new members this year, none of them were able to attend the meeting held January 9, 2009. Jim Deimer stated that members of Chapter 41 used to try to deliver certificates and pins to new members and it might be a good idea if we try to do that again. Jim stated that if possible he might try to do that again in the near future.

Dates for Remainder of Meetings for 2009: Dates were discussed for future meetings, Friday May 15,

2009 will be the next meeting date for Chapter 41. We discussed setting a meeting for mid September, 2009, the 18th might be a good date and then the Installation of Officers Meeting could be held in January 2010.

Spring Forum Dates and Place of Meeting: Region 3 Spring Forum will be held in Overland Park, KS, March 27, 2009 at the Holiday Inn & Suites, the hotel rate is \$84.00. Please plan to attend if it is at all possible. A social will be hosted by Twin Peaks Right of Way on Thursday evening. Also, check the website for further details. Course 200 will be held on Wednesday, March 25 and 26, 2009.

Directors and Votes for Regional Officers: Officers – Jim Deimer, President is a one year Director and Don Corrigan who is President Elect is a two year Director. Nancy Halvorson can do a proxy if necessary, but we must consider the fact that the proxy must be in place before the official meeting is called to order.

Collection for Toys for Tots: This is a very worthy cause and can add joy to many as we look forward to the Holidays in 2009. You have all been generous in the past and we want to do all we can this year to do as much as possible for those we can help. If you would like to send a check for your donation make it payable to Toys for Tots, Chapter 41 and you can get it to Nancy Halvorson, Treasurer. Thank you for your consideration and generosity to this worthy cause.

Drawing for Annual Prizes and Door Prize:

Drawing for the Annual Dues was held and Nancy Halvorson is the lucky member this year.

Drawing for the Annual \$1,000.00 Education Prize was held and Jim Deimer is the lucky member this year.

Drawing for the January 2009 \$50.00 Door Prize and the lucky member is Ken Boatwright. Ken asked that his winnings be donated to the Toys for Tots coffers.

At 12:12 P.M. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda R. Martens, R/W-RAC
Vice President/Secretary
Spirit of the Heartland-Chapter 41