

International Right of Way Association
“Spirit of the Heartland” – Iowa Chapter 41
Friday, September 18, 2009
DOT Maintenance Facility “Training Center, Highway 30, Ames, IA 50010

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 A.M.

Program – Presented by James Diemer, **“Move That Pole”** A power point presentation that involves the City of Des Moines and MidAmerican Energy in a public agency project. This involves the relocation of an electric transmission line in Des Moines along what is now M.L. King Parkway. What went right? What factors could have had a different result? We want to thank Jim for the presentation it was interesting and informative for all of us. **Thank you Jim!**

Secretary’s Report: The minutes from the May 15, 2009, business meeting held at the DOT Maintenance Training Center, Ames, IA, which have been posted on the IRWA, Chapter 41 website for review. 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 presented by Nancy Halvorson, representing a current balance of \$14,223.82. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report the motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report: Amy Walter reported we currently have 78 members associated with Chapter 41.

Education Committee Report: Nancy Halvorson Chair of the Education Committee reported a request for Relocation Classes to be presented in the near future. Nancy stated all relocation courses will be presented except the Mobile Home course later this year. Nancy is making the final arrangements for the courses. Nancy also stated Course 900 will be presented, April 7th and 8th prior to the 2010 Region 3 Spring Forum, which Chapter 41 will be hosting.

Program Committee Report: Continuation of Best Practices will continue the next program will be Electric Line Routing. Other topics are being considered, if you have expertise that you would like to share please let us know.

Professional Development Committee: It has been noted that Joe Anderson has received his SRWA designation. Joe was presented with his SR/WA Pin and Plaque. **Congratulations Joe!**

Old Business:

Nancy Halvorson presented an update on the 2010 Spring Forum which Chapter 41 will be hosting April 7, 8, and 9, 2010 the location will be held at the Honey Creek Resort, Rathbun Lake, golf, Water Park and vacation destination, near Moravia, IA. The resort has a restaurant, cabins, guest rooms, fishing, boating, slips and activities. There will be a class on April 7th and 8th, an auction to benefit the region on Thursday evening and the Spring Forum will be on Friday, April 9th, 2010. More information will be available in the future.

New Business:

The Nominated Slate of offers was presented, the voting took place, a motion was made to accept the newly elected officers, and the motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

The Newly Elected Officers for 2010-2012 are as follows:

President – Don Corrigan, SRWA, R/W-RAC

President Elect – Tim Bunkers, SRWA, R/W-AC

Vice President/Secretary – Amy Walter

Treasurer – Nancy Halvorson, SRWA, R/W-RAC

Nominations for Professional of the Year for Chapter 41 were submitted, Mark Holm and Linda Martens were nominated. Ballots were cast and counted and Linda Martens was selected as Professional of the Year.

Annual Banquet for Installation of Officers –

The banquet will take place on Saturday, January 16th, 2010, at Baratta's Restaurant, 2320 South Union, Des Moines, IA 50315, Phone number is 515-243-4515, we will gather around 4:30 P.M. we will have a meeting room at no charge. Dinner will be \$10.00 per person attending and the Chapter will pick up the balance, extra drinks will be on your own.

Fall Forum for Region 3 – will be held at Harrah's Golf Club, in Council Bluffs, IA on October 1 and 2nd, 2009, the Hampton Inn Hotel is available for reservations. A discussion regarding the Chapter sponsoring a representative or Officer to attend the Region Forum each year took place. It was decided that \$150.00 would be offered to the Professional of the Year and an Officer to attend the Forum from Chapter 41. This issue will be discussed prior to future Forum meetings for the Region.

Newsletter for Chapter 41 – Discussion regarding a newsletter for the Chapter took place. There were many favorable remarks concerning having a newsletter again. Joe Anderson has graciously offered to put a newsletter together for our members.

Discussion regarding drawings at our meetings – We have drawings at each Chapter meeting, should we take a look at why we do the drawings and the results/benefits of the drawings. It was decided we could have further discussion at a future meeting.

Discussion regarding future meetings – We might want to look at setting up the complete schedule for meetings for a complete year and post them on the web site so members can plan further ahead and it might help more members to plan to attend the meetings. There are members that are very talented and have expertise regarding subjects that could be shared and add value to all members. Think about what you can do for yourself and other members and feel free to join in to help all succeed.

Chapter Drawing – Mark Holm was the lucky winner of the \$50.00 drawing! Mark decided to donate to the Toys for Tots, Thanks Mark!

Toys for Tots – Don't forget to make a donation to this organization, it is such a wonderful organization and so needed by so many children. You can give your donation to Nancy Halvorson via check or cash; you can give at our meeting or just send directly to our Treasurer, Nancy Halvorson, Toys for Tots, IRWA Chapter 41.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M. A motion was made and seconded and approved by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda R. Martens, R/W-RAC
Vice President/Secretary