

**Region 3 Spring Forum
February 29, 2008
Deadwood, SD**

The meeting was called to order by Craig Poorker, Region 3 Chair.

Mike Murray, Chapter 72 President welcomed us to Deadwood, South Dakota and provided some "housekeeping chores" for the day.

Mike reported on the previous evening's social events to celebrate Chapter 72's 30th anniversary. The Silent Auction raised \$1,500 which was used help defray chapter expenses for the forum. The Live Auction raised \$3,454 to be donated to R.W.E.I.F.

Roll call by Craig, and all chapters were present. Chapter 41 attendees included Don Corrigan, Vicki Elscott, Shelly Whiteing, Nancy Halvorson, Dan Shiflett, Corie Erickson, myself and several companions.

Craig introduced two special guests:

Pat Pettito, SR/WA, is a candidate for International Executive Committee (IEC)
Randy Williams, SR/WA, from the International Executive Committee

Randy DeGeorge, Region Secretary/Treasurer presented his report and it was approved.

Each chapter president (I represented Jim Diemer) provided a report of their chapter activities/highlights since the fall forum held in Riverside, Iowa.

Craig reminded us that chapter reports for IRS needed to be sent to International by March 15, 2008, with copies to Craig and Randy.

PRES (Public Real Estate Education Symposium): Randy Williams provided a report on the event held February 12-14, 2008 in Dallas, TX. At the first symposium in 2007 there were 425 attendees and International lost money. In 2008, there were fewer attendees so they expect to lose money. International will take a long look at the viability of this event, but they are obligated to holding it one to two more years in Las Vegas, NV.

Various International Committee Reports were presented with most emphasis on Nominations and Awards. Region 3 representation on the International Awards Nominations is as follows:

Frank C. Balfour Award

A total of ten nominations including Craig Poorker and Rita Rasmussen.

Employer of Year (Less than 20 employees)

Otter Tail Power, Chapter 72 and Great River Energy, Chapter 20

Newsletter of the Year

Chapter 20

SARPA Scholarship

Twelve people nationally with a couple from our Region

The Region Vice-Chair Report was given by Rita Rasmussen. Reminded everyone that our region has a three year schedule in order to avoid duplication of courses and we need to offer core coursework every so that folks can work toward their SR/WA.

Region Chair Craig Poorker talked on a number of topics including:

- There are new chapters in Texas and Florida.
- International is trying to up-date chapter by-laws.
- Education chairs should survey their chapter members for class needs
- Course coordinators need to recertify every two years.
- This spring there will be an on-line learning center. International will be purchasing courses from various providers. We don't yet know what the fees will be at this time.
- Courses 103 and 215 are now on-line.
- In Austin there will be more items in the silent auction which should shorten the live auction.
- Sponsorship in the Conference Golf Outing to benefit R.W.E.I.F. was discussed. A motion was passed to have our region donate \$300 with each chapter to decide the amount, if any, to donate with hopes that Region 3 will raise enough money to again sponsor a hole.
- Directors should attend their Region Caucus and must be at the International Delegate Assembly before 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25th.
- Those vying for the 2013 Conference are Forth Worth, TX, Charleston, SC and Hartford, CN.
- Forum Powerpoint Presentation:
 - New membership recruitment includes a new brochure, ability to approve new members online (quickly we hope)
 - New members after October 1st will receive the rest of the year free with payment for the next year's dues.
 - Membership was 8,641 in 2006 and 8,721 in 2007 and 9,000 are anticipated for 2008.
 - In 2009, IRWA will be 75 years old and celebrations will be held in Indianapolis, IN.
 - The new Executive Vice-President is Mark Rieck.

IEC Report from Randy Williams

- Next year is IRWA's Diamond Anniversary.
- The IRWA is a chapter-driven and membership-driven organization from the bottom up rather than the top down.
- We have ten different disciplines with many courses offered in each.
- To serve 9,000 members, International has 22 paid employees with a myriad of volunteer leaders. We have web-X meetings...that is, teleconferences with video feeds.
- The IEC meets with Region Chairs several times a year. Inclusion of the Region Chairs has been a success so it's time to make it permanent.
- It will be proposed to meet three times per year (September, January/ February and June). The IEC and ten region chairs will have a vote. Vice chairs will attend but have no vote. The Executive VP and General Counsel will attend also, but have no vote.
- The title of Board of Directors Meeting will be changed to International Delegate Assembly in order to more accurately reflect the purpose.
- Each chapter will be asked to discuss a possible re-alignment and report at the Fall Forum.

Election of Officers

Craig Poorker, Rita Rasmussen and Randy DeGeorge were unanimously re-elected to Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer respectively.

Region 3 Professional of the Year

Craig announced that Cynthia Gan, SR/WA, from Chapter 37 was selected the 2007 Region 3 Professional of the Year.

The 2008 Fall Forum will be hosted by Chapter 20. Joannie Miller said they have not yet settled on a date but did say that since they have already set their education calendar, there will be no course offering prior to the forum.

The meeting was adjourned at around 2:00 p.m.

Thank you for assisting me monetarily to attend this very worthwhile meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Banker