



INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

**Region 3 Newsletter**  
**Fall 2009**

Greetings IRWA Region 3,

As I write this message and reflect on the past 4 years I wonder where the time has gone. It seems not so long ago that I attended the forums as a member participant while the past Region 3 Chairs governed, informed us about IRWA mission and vision. So now it is my turn to follow the footsteps of chairs before me and continue IRWA's mission as we evolve with the ever so changing times. Last June at the Annual IRWA Education Seminar in Indianapolis, I was honored by being installed as the new Region 3 Chair. Randy De George, SR/WA, R/W-NAC was also sworn in as Region 3 V. Chair. At the Spring Forum the Region members elected Mike Murray, SR/WA, R/W-NAC as the new Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer. I look forward to working with both Randy and Mike and the challenge of leading our region through the next 2 years.

The Indy conference was a great time and Region 3 was well represented. Region 3 has always been an active region and it shows by the leadership roles taken by its members.

Congratulations to the new appointments; Nancy Halvorson, V. Chair of the International Nominations & Elections Committee; Chris Pawloski, V. Chair of the International Transportation Committee; Joanie Miller, Member of the International Professional Development Committee; and Cynthia Gan for continuing as Chair of the International Asset Management Committee.

At the [Fall Forum](#), we will look forward to the year ahead of us. In order for Region 3 to remain successful, we must bring the Chapters together, work as a team to identify challenges they may be experiencing and attempt to resolve them. We will roll our sleeves up and together as a region we will strive to meet the goals of growing membership and continue to provide quality education.

I encourage all Region 3 members to attend the [Fall Forum](#) scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2009 at the Riverside Grille in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Chapter 78 will be hosting the forum with a social-mixer meet and greet Thursday evening followed by a live benefit auction. The auction proceeds will be donated to RWIEF. The social event and auction is always a good time not to be missed!

“To Do’s” for Chapter Presidents:

- Please provide your selection for Chapter Professional of the Year by the Fall Forum. The nominees will be announced at the Fall Forum. The Region Professional of the Year will be announced at the Spring Forum in 2010.
- Prepare and provide your chapter reports to the Region Chair no later than one week prior to the Fall Forum.
- Region 3 has the following positions open for the Int’l Survey Committee and the Int’l Valuation Committee. Please continue to seek volunteers and encourage participation. Participating on an international committee is a wonderful opportunity for personal and professional growth.

As your region leadership, Randy, Mike and I are your conduit with International. Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have any questions, need assistance with an issue or need more information.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to thank Craig for his outstanding leadership over the past years. Thank you Craig for all your hard work, mentorship and friendship, and preparing me for the next two years as Chair of Region 3.

Respectfully,



Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA, RW-NAC  
Region 3 Chair





Message from Craig Poorker during his last days as Region 3 Chair!

June 8, 2009

Greetings Region 3!

Well, it's nearly here. My final days as a Region 3 officer are racing past. I don't find myself at all wondering what I've accomplished, as one person alone doesn't accomplish anything in an organization like the IRWA. Rather, I look back at what Region 3 has accomplished - and that's you! The chapters in Region 3 have come so far and accomplished so much in the past six years that I couldn't (and wouldn't) even attempt to list all that you've achieved.

But, here's an attempt to thank those that encouraged me along the way. Thanks to **Pat Cairns**, my mentor and former supervisor at Great River Energy, for nominating me for Region Secretary-Treasurer, way back in 2003, and to those that elected me! I also have to thank **Gary Ostrom**, my good friend and current supervisor at Great River Energy, for his support and encouragement, for without employer support and lots of it, it's very difficult to be involved in the IRWA. And, of course, thank you to Joanie for her support, for understanding, the donated quilts, for putting up with the travel, and for being involved in her chapter and region as well. Region 3 got a "two for one."

Being involved at the Region level for a number of years (dating back to the previous millennium), I've had several Region Chairs to observe and learn from. But for those Region 3 Chairs that I served with - **Nancy Halvorson** and **Jack Holt**, and for the current Region officers - **Rita Rasmussen** and **Randy De George** - thank you all for your dedication and service to your Region. And best of luck to **Mike Murray** in his next six years of service.

Although I said I wouldn't attempt to list all the accomplishments of our chapters and members, a few things need mentioning right now. The highlights of 2009:

- **Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, has announced that she's been asked to be the Vice Chair of the International Nominations and Elections Committee for the coming year.**
- **Dakotas Chapter 72 will receive the Gene L. Land Award at the International Education Conference in Indianapolis**
- **Otter Tail Power Company will be recognized as the 2008 Employer of the Year (with fewer than 20 right of way employees) at the Conference.**
- **Joanie Miller, SR/WA, has been appointed to the International Professional Development Committee.**

Is there more that we haven't heard about? Congratulations and best of luck to all of you! For a small region, we're one of the most active and most respected in the IRWA for all we do and all we've achieved. As Nancy has called us in the past - "the little Region that could."

By now you've read about big changes in the credentialing area. A new, better organized, and more sequential method of achieving your SR/WA designation and certifications will soon be implemented. For those of you that are pursuing your designation or certification, take a look, and if you need assistance at all, see your Chapter Professional Development Chair or Region 3 Vice Chair **Rita Rasmussen**. The new credentialing is indicative of the enhanced degree of professionalism that is the IRWA.

There will also be the budget to approve and two bylaws amendments submitted at the Board of Directors meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>, so please read about them, consult with your Chapter Board members, and make an informed decision. And on that note - **DIRECTORS - PLEASE** be sure to check in with Randy De George at the Region 3 Caucus at 6:45 a.m. on June 29<sup>th</sup>, and you must also **sign in for the Board of Directors meeting by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1st!**

There has been a lot of change the past few years, and it's happening fast. However, these changes are all going to make us well-positioned for the next 75 years and I look forward to it with anticipation. It's been fun to be a part of it.

Congratulations and thank you to all the past and present chapter presidents and board members, Professionals of the Year, committee chairs and representatives, Region 3 officers, Balfour finalists, Employers of the Year, golf outing planners, region forum hosts, International Directors, and every Region 3 member!

Best Wishes to all and thank you again for a memorable six years!

Craig Poorker, SR/WA, R/W-NAC

Region 3 Chair



#### **NOTE FROM CRAIG POORKER**

Region 3 members,

On August 27, 2009, Gary Ostrom, SR/WA, Great River Energy Manager of the Land Rights Department, lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. We are greatly saddened by this loss and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

On July 24, 2009, Gary retired from Great River Energy after more than 30 years of service. Over that time, he consistently demonstrated extraordinary ability to connect to people and to find win/win solutions. We cannot express enough the sense of great respect we have for the many talents and contributions Gary made to our company, the International Right of Way Association and countless others in our industry. Over the last several months Gary continued to demonstrate his passion for life and his commitment to Great River Energy and his family.

Gary will be truly missed but never forgotten.



**Stephen Shanholtzer named Lifetime Chapter Member of Region 3,  
Chapter 5 of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA)**

Stephen Shanholtzer, SR/WA; SRA; SRPA was recently awarded a Life Membership to Chapter 5, Region 3 of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) at a joint meeting with Saint Louis, MO Chapter 37 at the Willmore Lodge in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Stephen is one of the longest standing; most dedicated members of Chapter 5 and has served Chapter 5 for an astounding five decades.

Stephen currently holds the position as the Chapter 5 Professional Development Committee Chair and has held this position for over 2 decades. He has held all executive positions within Chapter 5, including President and has been awarded the Gene L. Land Award for professional of the year and the Robert J. Gordon Membership Award for recruiting the most Chapter members. Additionally, Stephen has been an approved instructor for IRWA courses for 21 years and has repeatedly donated his time instructing classes for the Chapter's benefit. He also has been published numerous times in various trade magazines.

Chapter 5's current President, Matt J. Armfield, RW/NAC stated that "I could not think of any other member more deserving of this award" as he nominated Stephen for his Life Membership to Chapter 5.

\*\* Next Chapter meeting: Wichita, KS Friday, September 11, 2009.

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE IRWA REGION 3 WEBSITE FOR  
REGIONAL EVENTS, COURSES, AND NEWS AT: [www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org)**

**AND**

**IRWA MEMBER SERVICES CENTER WEBSITE FOR ASSOCIATION  
EVENTS AND NEWS: [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org)**



2009 IRWA REGION 3 FALL FORUM  
HOSTED BY CHAPTER 78



**Please join us in Council Bluffs, Iowa on Thursday & Friday, October 1-2, 2009 at:**

**Riverside Grille  
2 Harrahs Blvd (I-29 & Harrahs Blvd)  
Council Bluffs, IA 51501  
(712) 328-7079**

**Hotel Reservations at Hampton Inn (712) 328-2500 for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at \$102.95 per night (room)**

**Make your reservations early as the block of rooms will be held only till Mid September**

**All of the Events below will be held at the Riverside Grille**

**EDUCATIONAL OFFERING: 802 Legal Aspects of Easements, Thursday, October 1, 2009 from 8am-4pm at the Riverside Grille (address same as above)**

**Course Coordinator: Jacob Farrell, [jfarrell@oppd.com](mailto:jfarrell@oppd.com)**

**SOCIAL/MIXER/MEET & GREET/FINGER FOOD: Thursday, October 1, 2009, 5:30pm-6:30pm**

**LIVE AUCTION WITH FUNDS BEING DONATED TO RWIEF: Thursday, October 1, 2009, 6:30pm-9:00pm**

**Donated Items are welcomed**

**REGION 3 BUSINESS MEETING: Friday, October 2, 2009, 8am-4pm**

***GET TOGETHER FOR A FUN ROUND OF GOLF***

*A "Fun Round of Golf" has been set up for anyone that is interested on Thursday, October 1st at Dodge Riverside Golf Club, (attached with the Riverside Grille) with tee time will be around 10am (tentative) Cost for the round of 18 holes will be \$32.00 per person (which includes cart). Those golfers wishing to play, please email Todd Muehlich at [todd.muehlich@nebraska.gov](mailto:todd.muehlich@nebraska.gov)*

**If you plan to attend the 2009 Fall Forum, please RSVP to:**



**[julie.westergren@nebraska.gov](mailto:julie.westergren@nebraska.gov)**





**Meeting Minutes**  
**IRWA Region 3 Spring Forum**  
**Friday, March 27th, 2009**  
**Overland Park, KS**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m., by Craig Poorker, SR/WA, Region 3 Chair  
Welcome remarks from Matt Armfield, Chapter 5 President.

**Introductions** Pat Pettito, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, of the International Executive Committee and attending members roll call was taken and all chapters were represented with Chapter Officers.

**Region Secretary/Treasurer Report – Randy De George, SR/WA, R/W-NAC**

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,396.34 in the Region account, and a motion to approve was submitted by Bruce Reed, SR/WA, and seconded by Chris Pawloski, SR/WA, with the motion being approved. Minutes from the Region Caucus held in Bloomington, MN at the Education Seminar were read and a motion to accept the minutes as written was submitted by Gerald Johnson and seconded by Methuria Rashad, motion was approved.

**IEC Report by Pat Pettito:** Pat talked about the FAU in Las Vegas with a good attendance and thought the conference was a good one and will be held there again next year. Pat was asked about the Megabucks program and whether it is still in effect and where it had been changed so that you could only use it at the IRWA Store. Pat checked at the break and said it is still in effect but has gone back to the old way where you can use them for anything and not just the company store. Dave Burgoyne will sing the national anthems at the Conference; Daniel Steekeol is new at HQ; Hartford, Connecticut is the only one vying for the 2014 Seminar. Two new membership brochures are coming out soon, the branding endeavor program is also coming out soon from HQ. International outreach strategies have Faith Rowland and Mark Reick meeting in China, Japan and Asia and are looking at South Africa and Mexico Chapters trying to join or partnership as well.

**Chapter Updates:**

**Chapter 78, Nebraska:** Currently 101 members and have a new transfer with ¼ of the members holding their SR/WA designation. Chapter to hold 6 to 8 courses this year and Joel Walker, SR/WA, completed Facilitator training and is available to teach Course 400. As the host Chapter for 2009 Fall Forum a location of the Riverside Grill has been selected with October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> being the dates. The Chapter by-laws have been approved by Member Services Center and are on the Chapter web site as well. The Chapter cosponsored a Course 403 with the Ag Farmers Association in January.

**Chapter 72 Dakotas:** Chapter membership is now 97 with 26 new members gained this last year due to membership drive. The average class size attendance is 34 people; Deadwood usually has 45 for its class. The economy is a problem in the area.

**Chapter 41 Iowa:** Membership is up as well, the 2010 Spring Forum is to be held in Honeycreek, Iowa and more information will be out later. Chapter has been putting on classes and they are doing well.

**Chapter 37 Missouri:** Membership is stable at 85 and 13 percent are SR/WAs The Chapter will hold seven courses this year. They are having these courses put on in companies' rooms to hold costs down. Sometime in May are scheduled to have a duel meeting with Chapter 5. Surveys are being sent out to find out why members are not rejoining. The by-laws are being updated and the Chapter will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

**Chapter 20 Minnesota:** Membership is at 220; they are revising their web site so you can pay online for classes and meeting attendance. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year. Always looking for younger members, and are planning a summer outing for the Chapter.

**Chapter 5, Kansas & Missouri:** Chapter membership is 109 currently and the Chapter will be celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March. They have revamped their Chapter newsletter and update the web site regularly. They have four meetings a year with one or two guest speakers, Bill Wright is their education chair and has done an excellent job of putting on courses. Membership is gaining more new, younger members. Chapter to have course 901 on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Kansas City Water Department.

**International Committee Reports (view reports on line at ([www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org)))**

**Asset Management** – Report submitted by Jack Holt, SR/WA, and he talked about the sessions coming up for the Seminar.

**Environment** – Craig reported that they discussed their upcoming sessions for Indianapolis as well and will hold a joint session with the Utilities committee.

**LPA** – Report given by Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA.

The ILPAC met in is planning its sessions for the Indianapolis Seminar with four sessions this year. Some of the topics include looking beyond the right of way, Advanced Appraisal & Real Estate Acquisitions for Blue Water Bridge Project, Detroit International Bridge Crossing, and 2019: Two visions of the future of Eminent Domain & Public Acquisition Program.

**Nominations and Elections** – Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

Nancy informed the Region that the International Executive Committee has the Slate of Officers for this year with Lisa Harrison running for IEC Member. Nancy talked about the process of selecting certain categories like the magazines and reading all from front to back several times. She was also disappointed that Region 3 did not have anyone submitted for the Balfour Award and thought that the Region has many candidates to offer for this prestigious award. Other submitted categories are from Chapter 20 for Newsletter of the Year, The Communiqué, Sarpa Scholarship applications with two from Chapter 20 and one from Chapter 37. Chapter 20 for over 100 members and 72 for fewer than 100 members are both in the running for Chapter of the Year. Employer of the Year award is also

again being submitted by Otter Tail which was runner up last year. She was very proud that we had won so many of the top awards this last year and asked that we submit again. The committee will meet in Portland, Maine to discuss the Balfour and other awards.

**Election of Region Officers:** Nancy opened the floor for the slate of Region Officers with Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA, for Region Chair, Randy De George, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, for Vice Chair, and Mike Murray, SR/WA, for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. A motion was made to accept the slate of officers by Chris Pawloski and seconded by Jason Alt with the motion voted on and carried.

**Pipeline:** – Nancy Greer, SR/WA: Reported that the committee meets four times a year with the last one being at the FAU in Las Vegas in January. They are to meet again in Santa Barbara in April. They are looking to put on four sessions at the Conference. Texas State Statutes 1404 & 1405 are trying to make changes to how pipeline is appraised and that they would have to be certified through the State.

**Relocation:** – Report available at [www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org)

**Professional Development:** – No report given.

**Survey:** – Report available at [www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org).

**Transportation:** – Chris Pawloski, SR/WA reported that they plan to put on seven sessions in Indianapolis. Chris also attended FAU in Las Vegas and met with the committee there. He has been put in charge of the sessions. Committee looking to nurture roles of its members on the committee, and Chris asked what effect the stimulus package has had on Chapters and wants to hear how it's being used. The report is also available online at [www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org).

**Utilities:** – Report given by Larry Hagan, SR/WA  
Committee to put on seven sessions which would include Wind Generation, Renewable Portfolio Standards, Storm water Permitting Requirements, How to Be an Expert Witness, Utility Roundtable.

**Valuation:** – Report available online at [www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org).

### **Region 3 Professional of the Year:**

The following members were selected by their peers from each Chapter, and they are: Nancy Greer, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC - Chapter 5; Jason Alt – Chapter 20; Gerald Johnson – Chapter 37; Don Corrigan, SR/WA, R/W-NAC - Chapter 41; John Boheman, R/W-NAC – Chapter 72; David Lane, SR/WA, and Jake Farrell – Chapter 78.

**The winner is Don Corrigan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, from Chapter 41.  
Congratulations Don!!**



### **Region 3 Vice Chair report on Education by Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA**

Rita thanked all the Education Chairs for all their hard work and commitment helping to put on so many courses throughout the Region. IPDC met in January in Las Vegas and she said discussion is ongoing to raising the bar for certifications and that a new certification classification for SR/WA Management certificate would need a degree. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> members will be required to take designation exams also or comprehensive exam takers will need to take specific exams to qualify for certifications. The Chapter Presidents will have access to course history for their members. Online Course 103 taken by Chapter members will get \$100 for any member in their chapter taking the course online. A report is being created for Presidents so they know who took it. Facilitators' certification looking at making them take extra classes. There will be no facilitator clinic this year at the conference. There is also talk of a Train the Trainer Facilitator who is level 4 to attend or apply for this class. Course 602 is in inactive status and needs revamping due to problems.

### **Region Chair Report by Craig Poorker, SR/WA, R/W-NAC**

Craig talked about the IEC meeting on January 15-16, 2009, held after FAU in Las Vegas. The IRWA Talking Points were presented showing the IRWA Budget for the fiscal year July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of which the Directors will vote on. Craig also talked about Credentialing for SR/WA and Certifications and some changes are coming for these designations. At the education conference in Indianapolis there will be two By-Laws Amendments with one being the Advisory Council resolution and the other International Governing Council resolution. More information can be found by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.irwaonline.org/EWEB//DynamicPage.aspx?Webcode=BOD>

Craig also mentioned the Book Drive and also asked that we bring items to the Auction. He also talked about Chapter sponsorship of the Foundation Golf Tournament and asked that the Chapters at least match the \$300 that they have given in the past.

### **Education Foundation: – Report given by Bruce Reed, SR/WA**

The RWIEF is again hoping to get the support from members donating on their renewals for membership and also a \$75 donation for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IRWA. Bruce also asked the Chapters to donate \$750 in keeping with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Over \$91,000 is needed for commitment to course revisions. The golf fee for the outing has been raised to \$125. The auction netted a profit of \$9,982 in Austin with the golf bringing in a total of \$21,036.06. Money goes into CDs, nine now with three rolling over each year. PayPal has been approved for members to donate online. A motion was made by Chris Pawloski and seconded by Craig Bennett to have the Region donate \$750 to RWIEF in keeping with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, motion was carried and a check was presented to Bruce from Region 3.

**Fall Forum Update: -** by Jake Farrell of Chapter 78, with the date for this to be October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Riverside Grill in Council bluffs, Iowa. More details to follow.

**Open Forum Roundtable:**

Craig complimented the Chapter Treasurers for getting their taxes to HQ in a timely manner. Pat Petitto said there is a travel site for IRWA and Jade Yoong is in charge of it at HQ, they get 4% for fees. Rooms are already gone in Indy so you will have to book at the outlying hotels.

Craig thanked the Region for their support over the past six years and he still plans to attend the forums.

Drawing for two \$50 checks went to Paul Bles and Amy Spillman. Twin Peaks brought an extra gift and Don Corrigan won that.

A motion was made to adjourn the Forum by Bruce Reed, SR/WA, and seconded by Dave Rein; with that the meeting was adjourned.

**Minutes submitted by Randy De George, SR/WA, R/W-NAC  
Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer**





**International Education Conference  
Meeting Minutes  
IRWA Region 3 Caucus  
Monday, June 29, 2009  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Meeting called to order at 6:45 a.m. by Craig Poorker, SR/WA, Region 3 Chair

**Introductions** were given by attending members and a roll call to make sure that there were voting members for the Board of Directors Meeting. Craig reminded the Directors to see Randy De George who was substituting for Nancy Halverson on the INEC who could not be at the conference.

**Region Secretary/Treasurer Report – Randy De George, SR/WA**

Minutes from 2009 Region Spring Forum in Overland Park, Kansas, were brought forward to attendees noting that they were sent via email to the Chapters. A motion was made to approve by Chris Pawloski, SR/WA, and seconded by Ed Dirck, SR/WA, with the motion carrying.

**Vice Chair report – Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA**

Rita said that everything seems to be going well with the classes that the Region Chapters are putting on. She thanked the Chapters for their hard work on putting on the courses.

**Chapter Reports were given**

**Chapter 5: Matt Armfield, R/W-NAC**, Chapter President, reported that they had 11 members present with three guests. Membership is down 8% and they think that is due to the economy.

**Chapter 20: John Foster, SR/WA**, Chapter President, reported that they have eight to 12 members in attendance; their membership is up and they are to have many education sessions this fall.

**Chapter 37: Angela Lawson-Hagins, SR/WA**, Chapter President, said they had a joint meeting with Chapter 5 and they had 51 people attend. They have 10 new members with lots of classes coming this fall. The Chapter bylaws have been revamped and are awaiting approval from Member Services. The Chapter is 25% complete for their 2009-2010 Strategic Plan they have in place.

**Chapter 41: James Diemer, SR/WA**, Chapter President, reported that membership had been down due to retirements and so forth but that it is coming back up. The Chapter has few attendees at the seminar due to budget cuts. The Chapter is looking at best practices to help retain and maintain their membership.

**Chapter 72: Don Hellman**, Chapter President, reported that through their membership drive they gained, from 61 members to over 90 now. They are financially sound and doing well and getting over 30 members to the Chapter meetings.

**Chapter 78: Joey Kramer, SR/WA**, Chapter President, reported that the current membership is 107, a slight increase from last year. Joel Walker, SR/WA, will be facilitating Course 400 for Chapter 41 (Iowa). The Fall Forum is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Riverside Grille in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Course 802 will be held on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> along with those that would like to play a round of golf if not attending the course. That night there will be an auction with the proceeds going to the RWIEF. The [flyer](#) for the forum is located on the [Region](#) and [Chapter](#) websites with all the specifics.

**Lisa Harrison, SR/WA**, stopped in to introduce herself as the candidate running for the IEC and she gave her bio. She is running unopposed at this time and asked for our votes.

Pause for Region photos by Member Services Center.

A presentation was made by Hartford, Connecticut for the 2014 Education Conference with no one else making a bid. They asked that we come and enjoy.

**Treasurer's Report:** Randy De George, SR/WA, reported that this report was sent out with the minutes to the Chapter Presidents previously and reported the income as \$4,895.00 and expenses of \$5,308.56, leaving a balance of \$2,982.78 in the account. A motion was made Jim Diemer and seconded by Craig Bennett with the motion carrying to approve.

**Voting Process for the Board of Directors meeting:** Randy asked that all Directors sign in the book before they left the Caucus, and that they would have to initial again on Wednesday to receive their voting chip. Randy said the check-in time is from 12:15 to 1:15 at the hall outside Marriott 6 Foyer where the meeting will be held.

Randy also reported that Otter Tail Power was the winner for small company support of the association, Chapter 72 for the most numerical increase in membership for the Gene Land Award. And the Balfour Finalists for this year are Jeff Jones, SR/WA, Donnie Sherwood, SR/WA and Kevin Stout, SR/WA. The SARPA was awarded to Mason Harry.

Craig also discussed the two resolutions to be voted on. He suggested that the Region vote yes on the governance that would give the Region Chair a voice *and* vote when meeting with the IEC and on matters of the association. The change would go into affect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The second resolution deals with the Past Presidents Advisory Council not being able to vote should they not be active in the association in the previous three years.

**Key measures:** Craig also discussed the key measures for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and total income is nearly right on budget (as of April 2009), but the net income is double the proposed budget with membership up, course presentations up, and attendance up as well.

**RWIEF Report:** Bruce Reed, SR/WA, gave the background of what the [RWIEF](#) is, that it has been around for 30 years and that education is what it's built on. He said it's like a savings account for your future. They will have about 31 classes available online this fall. They are building a separate website since they

are not aligned with IRWA. They had collected \$56,000 in 2008 from the check off on dues when members paid. This year to date they have received \$55,000 in 2009.

**Spring Forum update:** Jim Diemer, SR/WA, reported that Chapter 41 has a venue at a new lodge on Lake Rafton but all details have not been finalized as of yet for 2010.

**Open Forum:** Bruce Reed asked when the Chapter Professional of the Year is to be turned in. Randy thought that they were due by November. Craig asked if there were any items up for discussion and with hearing none asked for a motion to adjourn. Bruce Reed made the motion, Mike Murray seconded, and the motion was carried.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Minutes submitted by Randy De George, SR/WA, R/W-NAC  
Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer



**2009 REGION 3 CAUCUS ATTENDEES**



INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

**IRWA Region 3 Treasury Report  
Education Seminar Caucus Indianapolis, Indiana  
Monday June 29th, 2009**

**BALANCE AS OF March 24, 2009** \$3,396.34

**Income**

Region Dues from Chapters 5, 20, 37, 41, 72, 78 \$ 695.00  
Golf Hole Sponsorship to RWIEF 5, 20, 37, 41, 72, 78 \$1,800.00  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Donations from Chapters 5, 37, 72 \$2,400.00

Total Income: \$4,895.00

**Expenses**

Engraving for plaque \$ 58.56  
Region 3, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to RWIEF \$ 750.00  
RWIEF Donations for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from Chapters 5, 37, 72 \$2,400.00  
Golf Hole Sponsorship to RWIEF Chapters 5, 20, 37, 41, 72, 78 \$1,800.00  
Amy Spilman for Spring Forum drawing winner \$ 50.00  
Paul Bles for Spring Forum drawing winner \$ 50.00  
Vicki Elscott for Region Web Site Hosting \$ 200.00

**Total Expenses:** **\$5,308.56**

**BALANCE AS OF June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009** \$2,982.78

Respectfully Submitted

*Randy J. De George*

Randy J. De George, SR/WA, R/W-NAC  
Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer

## **KUDOS**

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**Cynthia Gan continues as the Chair of the International Asset Management Committee**

**Chapter 72 for receiving the Gene L. Land Award for highest percentage gain in 2008 membership**



**Don Hellman and Mike Murray accepting Gene L. Land Award on behalf of Chapter 72**

**Ottertail Power Company for receiving the Employer of the Year Award for 2008**



**Bob Krava accepting the Employer of the Year Award on behalf of Ottertail power Company**

**All of Region 3 for another successful year and a strong presence within the International Right of Way Association**

## MORE 2009 SPRING FORUM AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE PHOTOS



Look out Tiger Woods!



Great job of hosting by Twin Peaks, Inc.  
Spring Forum Social



