

International Right of Way Association
"Spirit of the Heartland" – Iowa Chapter 41
Friday, March 9, 2007
Des Moines Public Library
1000 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 AM.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the December 1, 2006, business meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: A preliminary Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded and approved.

Membership committee: We currently have 68 members with the addition of Angela Sheely of Graham Land Acquisition Association. Hopefully everyone has renewed their membership to avoid the 10% late fee. After April 15th there is also a \$50.00 reinstatement fee. In the last issue of the newsletter, Don Corrigan requested that anyone who was considering not renewing please contact him, Don reports that so far no one has contacted him. Don also reports that he has not received any notices from International regarding anyone with late dues; these notices usually come sometime in April with the final roster sent May 15th. Don stated he may be calling on some members to help contact non-renewing members within Chapter 41.

Education Committee: Nancy Halvorson stated the Ethics course will be presented at the Fall Forum, to be held in Riverside, IA., David Layne will most likely be the instructor –if available. We will be contacting David Layne soon to check availability. Nancy also stated that two advanced relocation courses are proposed to be presented, possibly in August or September 2007. Nancy also requested that if anyone is interested in a particular course let her know and it can be considered.

Program Committee: Vicki Elscott reported she is working on the meeting for June 1, 2007, with the program to be a presentation by the City Manager regarding the new airport project in Pella, IA.; more details will be forthcoming in the future. Vicki is also working on putting together a fall meeting for Friday, September 14th, possibly in Dubuque, IA., details to follow. It was suggested that we might like to invite Illinois and Wisconsin to have a joint meeting in September as that has proved successful in the past. There was some discussion regarding the type of meetings preferred if anyone has any ideas please feel free to share those with Vicki Elscott. I think we are all very grateful for the work and planning that goes into the quarterly meetings thanks to the program committee.

Old Business:

2006 Fall Forum issues: Class Coordinator Course should be taken by all board members in all chapters. It was suggested that all board members get the course completed at their earliest convenience by June 1, 2007. There are chapter incentives if this directive is completed before any additional courses are offered.

Discussion regarding the RWIEF request for International Educational Foundation from Bruce Reed for a donation of \$2,000.00 per chapter above and beyond any other contributions that support the foundation. It was mentioned that Chapter 41 is quite generous for the size of the membership (68 members) as far as donations that are presently contributed. After some discussion regarding the fact that we give \$300.00 toward the Educational Conference golf outing and \$200.00 plus for an auction item for the Educational Foundation annually. It was suggested we should look at an additional \$500.00 donation. A motion was made to donate an additional \$500.00, the motion was seconded and carried, our chapter will present \$500.00 at the Spring 2007 Forum, to be held in Saint Louis, MO.

Iowa Chapter 41 is hosting the 2007 Region 3 Fall Forum. Details are being finalized at the Riverside Casino in Riverside, Iowa. Shelly Whiteing has brochures for the facility in Riverside, IA. Bernie Banker will hand out information regarding the Fall Forum at the Spring Forum in St. Louis, MO.

New Business:

INEC report Nancy Halvorson mentioned that we should nominate members for awards offered by the IRWA and the fact that we have members that are very qualified and deserving of awards. It appears we need to work on nominating members from our chapter. Nancy will be attending the INEC meeting in Biloxi, MS on the 31st of March. Our newsletter has been submitted as newsletter of the year for chapters with less than 100 members.

Don Corrigan mentioned that he had received an electronic query regarding the IEC regarding how they can better serve the members and organization.

2007 Committees, Bernie Banker reported that most of the committee members will remain for the chapter.

Newsletter—Shelly Whiteing would like to relinquish the duties of editing the quarterly newsletter, she stated she is experiencing some burnout with the position. Vicki Elscott graciously accepted the position of editor of the chapter newsletter. Please give Vicki your full cooperation as she assumes the responsibility. It will be extremely helpful to get reports, news and articles to her in a timely fashion.

2007 Spring Forum in Saint Louis, Mo is scheduled for April including the election of Region Officers. Voting will take place at the Spring Forum Craig Poorker for Chair, Rita Rassmussen for Vice Chair and two members from Chapter 78 for Secretary. They are Randy De George and Chris Pawloski. Bernie, Nancy, Rita, and Vicki will be attending from our Chapter. A motion was made seconded and carried that Vicki Elscott will act as our 2nd Director for the Spring Forum.

Bernie Banker submitted a request for Financial Assistance in the amount of \$106.00 toward his estimated cost of \$232.00 to assist with costs associated while attending the Region 3 Spring Forum in Saint Louis, Mo. A motion was made seconded and carried regarding the request in the amount of \$106.00.

Discussion of Directors for the Education Conference in Sacramento, CA, June 17-20, 2007. Directors are needed for the conference. Chapter would like to offer Don Corrigan the opportunity to represent Chapter 41 as a director. Don stated he would be pleased to accept that responsibility. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept Don Corrigan as Director and to offer Don the usual amount of \$1,000.00 as financial support. A motion was made seconded and carried that Rita Rassmussen be our second Director at the Education Conference in Sacramento, CA.

There was discussion regarding Spring Forum as far as voting goes and it was suggested that you need to vote for the person you feel will do the best for the needs of the organization based on knowledge of the candidates and the office they aspire to hold.

Door Prize Drawing: Amy Walter was the winner of the drawing for the \$50.00 door prize.

At 1:00 PM. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Martens
Vice President/Secretary
Spirit of the Heartland-Iowa Chapter 41