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Spirit of the Heartland – Iowa Chapter 41
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Chapter 41 Update

New ideas for the new year

Don A. Corrigan
Chapter 41 President

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and found lots to be thankful for.

As I look at the new year there are some new ideas coming out of the IRWA Headquarters that will be positive for our members and chapter. We will make you aware of those as they happen. There are a number of new courses that will be available online, what a great idea for a cold Iowa winter's day. At our January meeting we will be discussing possible incentives for those of you taking online courses. Perhaps a cash drawing for those who have taken a course or.... if you have an idea please let me know.

This is also that time of year to renew your membership. If you haven't done so please do. If you aren't renewing because the chapter isn't meeting your needs, please let me know and we can discuss it. There are currently some short term membership deals for new members and past members whose membership has lapsed. If you know anyone who could benefit please have them contact Mary Ann or me. For those of you who are newer members, some have received their certificates by mail and not their pin, others have received neither. Our tradition is to hand those out at the meetings. Please contact me if you wish to make alternative arrangements.

At our January meeting we will be taking nominations for next year's officers. If you are interested in being an officer please contact Mark Holm, Tim Bunkers, or myself. The election will be held at our April meeting. Our April meeting is tentatively scheduled to be in the Amanas, the topic will be in the utility field. Please contact Tim Bunkers if you would like to help with the program. Tim and his committee are also working on a mini Best Practices Workshop. If you have ideas, or wish to help, please contact Tim.

This is the first time our installation banquet will be held in the spring. It is tentatively scheduled for early June. If you have any creative ideas for the banquet please contact Liz Van Zomeren, Tim Bunkers, or I. We are thinking of making this a family friendly event. We are still looking for volunteers to help Liz with the Program Committee and people to serve on a committee to help the chapter celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2013.

I wish you all the happiest of holidays and hope to see you all at a meeting in 2011.

Don



Welcome new members!
Chapter 41 has gained three new members recently:

*Michelle McLaughlin
PAETEC*

*Kenneth Wunsch
Universal Field Services*

*James Deppe
Iowa DOT*

Welcome to IRWA, and to Chapter 41! We're lucky to have ya!

Alive and kicking in
Deadwood

Dakotas Chapter 72 is hosting the 2011 Region 3 Spring Forum in Deadwood, South Dakota on March 3-4. Watch your inbox for more info, or visit www.irwaregion3.org.

The average high temperature in Deadwood on March 4th is "41" degrees. Coincidence? I think not!

Big love from Big Lug
Governor Chet Culver knows right of way professionals are talented and hard-working, and all-around great folks. So he proclaimed October *RIGHT OF WAY RECOGNITION MONTH*. Click here to read more!



Educational Challenges

*by Mark Holm
Chapter 41 Education Chair*

The past year I have enjoyed scheduling classes to provide educational opportunities for Chapter 41. It takes a lot of effort to schedule a class and unfortunately it only takes an email to International to cancel, which has happened.

Our schedule of courses is set for the next two years based on the survey results from our membership participation. Thank you very much for the high response to that survey. It makes scheduling much easier.

As International continues to roll out more online courses, please take advantage of this opportunity. I offer this challenge, if you desire a certain course please request it! Recruit at least 10 people to enroll and we'll do it. Please send your requests to me at mark.holm@dot.iowa.gov.

The Iowa DOT has requested Course 209 (Negotiating Effectively with Diverse Clientele). Along with this request the DOT has offered its facilities at no cost and has committed to sending at least 10 participants; please look for Course 209 in April 2011.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at mark.holm@dot.iowa.gov.



ARTICLE VI DUES

Section 1. Annual dues of the active members of this Chapter shall be such sum as is provided by the International Bylaws of this Association as and for the annual per capita assessment plus the sum of for Chapter dues, established by the Executive Board, which may from time to time be adjusted by the Executive Board.

Section 2. In addition to the dues required herein, all applications for active membership shall be accompanied by an initiation fee of \$20.00

Section 3. Annual dues of Associate Members of this Chapter shall be \$20.00.

Section 4. Annual dues of Retired Members of this Chapter and Association shall be \$20.00 if said member does not have a subscription to the Right of Way magazine, or \$40.00 if such subscription is desired by the Retired Member.

[click here to view by-laws](#)

CHAPTER MEETING

Friday, January 7, 2011

9:30am

Smart Planning in Iowa

presented by Aaron Todd, Rebuild Iowa Office

Aaron Todd is a community planning specialist for the State of Iowa's Rebuild Iowa Office. His work focuses on researching and developing state policy regarding sustainable local and regional planning, watershed management, and cultural resources. He was the lead author of the Iowa Smart Planning bill that was passed during the 2010 Iowa legislative session. He has also worked with many disaster-impacted communities in eastern Iowa to develop rebuilding plans that incorporate sustainability and resiliency concepts. He previously worked at the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and worked on affordable housing and economic development initiatives in New York City. Aaron is also the founder and president of a nonprofit organization focusing on commercial revitalization of north Des Moines. Aaron has a bachelor's degree in community and regional planning from Iowa State University and a master's degree in public policy from Rutgers University.

10:30am(±)

Chapter 41 business meeting

hosted by



3815 NW 109th Street
Urbandale, Iowa
[\(click here for directions\)](#)

This meeting will have video conference capabilities.
Please contact Tim Bunkers at tbunkers@ufsrw.com for information and to sign in.

Treasurer Report June 15, 2010 - September 9, 2010 3rd of Chapter Year 2010

Net Beginning Balance **\$6,793.44**

INCOME

Toys for Tots –June Meeting Collection	\$65.00
Savings Int. 1.19,1.08, 1.12	\$3.39
Course 504 and 506	\$3,945.00
Refund IRWA Course 501	\$2,700.00
June Meeting Lunch Receipts	\$365.00

Total Income **\$7,078.39**

EXPENSES

#3535 Cyclone Engraving	\$90.42
#3536 Void	
#3537 Hampton Inn - Meeting Room & Refreshments 504, 506	\$716.75
#3538 Ronnenberg Restaurant - June Mtg Lunch	\$289.03
#3539 Vickie Kitelinger - June Door Prize Winner	\$50.00
#3540 IRWA Course 504	\$906.00
#3541 IRWA Course 506	\$255.00
#3542 Pinnacle Consulting - Lisa Harrison Exp. 504, 506	\$1,228.91

Total Expenses **\$3,536.11**

Beginning Balance **\$6,793.44**

Less Expenses **\$3,536.11**

Plus Income **\$7,078.39**

Net Current Balance **\$10,335.72**

Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA Chapter 41 Treasurer September 9, 2010

Professional Development Update

SR/WA Recipient
*Chad Johnson **

SR/WA Recertified
Shelly Whiteing, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

** pending final approval*



New SR/WA Candidates
Rebecca Kluesner
Brian Knights
Carrol McCracken
Justin Wise
Robert Young

Congratulations!

[Click here for more information
on how you can get started on
IRWA's Career Path](#)



For 76 years the IRWA has been the central authority of the Right of Way profession. With 76 chapters throughout the U.S. & Canada and a growing list of online courses, preparing yourself for a career in Right of Way is convenient and at your fingertips.

Expand your professional network with Chapter, Regional and International Committee Leadership Opportunities. Get involved at the chapter and international level sharing your experience in the Right of Way profession by contacting your local chapter or International Headquarters today.

Advance in your career by earning certification in **Appraisal; Asset (Property) Management; Environmental; Negotiation/Acquisition and Relocation Assistance** our new **Uniform Relocation Act** and the prestigious **SR/WA designation** (Senior Right of Way Professional).

**Advance your career.
Join the IRWA today.**

Find out more by visiting www.irwaonline.org
or by calling 1-310-538-0233.



**International Right of Way Association
“Spirit of the Heartland” – Iowa Chapter 41
Snyder & Associates, Inc., Ankeny, Iowa
Minutes of Business Meeting –September 10, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM following the presentation provided by Ed Opstein entitled “Making A Positive Connection”. Please let Tim Bunkers know if you would be interested in copies of the presentation in PDF form.

Introductions of meeting attendees started the business meeting with 14 members in attendance.

Secretary’s Report: The minutes from the June 18, 2010 business meeting held at The Ronnenburg Restaurant, in Amana, Iowa, were reviewed. A reminder the minutes are posted on the IRWA, Chapter 41 website for review prior to the business meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurers report was presented by Nancy Halvorson, representing a current balance of \$10,335.72. Also provided were the financial reports for the courses held this year:

- Courses 501 and 502 held February 8, 9, and 10, 2010 in Coralville: Net Profit: \$1,115.01
- Courses 504 and 506 held June 2010 in Ames: 504 Net Profit \$823.48; 506 Net Profit: \$17.16
- Course 900 held in conjunction with the Spring Forum: Net Profit: \$1,283.68

Lisa Harrison waived her instructor’s fees only requesting we donate \$400 per class to the Foundation; when it was learned that we had such small classes, she agreed to hold off until we see if we had any income from the classes. It was agreed to donate a total of \$500 in her name to the Foundation. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented; the motion was seconded and approved by all.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report: Mary Ann Carnock reported our membership count stands at 80. It was reported Universal Field Services may have three employees interested in joining our chapter.

Education Committee: Courses 600 and 603 which Alliant Energy offered to host have been cancelled. Iowa DOT has requested Course 209 be held early in 2011, stay tuned for more details.

Please contact Mark Holm (mark.holm@dot.iowa.gov) to provide your course requests or for more information about coordinating a course.

Program Committee: The next meeting and program will be on January 7, 2011 with a program presented by the Rebuild Iowa staff on Smart Planning. Look for more information in the newsletter or on our website.

Professional Development Committee: PDC Chair Joe Anderson reported on the New Career Path and referred us to the website for the specific details and future reference. Don Corrigan is replacing Jim Diemer on the committee.

Old Business:

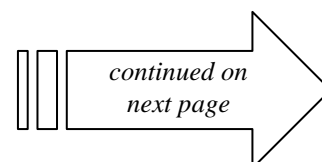
New Career Path: Refer to the IRWA website for details or the information provided in the Right of Way magazine.

Facilitator Classes: Free training was offered but no one took advantage of it due to the change in the requirements to be a facilitator such as retired members are no longer qualified and you must have a four year education.

Mini Best Practices Session: Tim Bunkers attended Chapter 20’s Utility Conference which provided ideas for our upcoming conference which is currently in the planning stages. Please contact Tim Bunkers, Dave Hingtgen, or Liz VanZomeren if you are interested in helping or have ideas to share.

Governor’s Proclamation: Don Corrigan sent the required information in July and is still waiting for a response.

Application for Class Deficits: Our classes this year ran in the black so we did not need to apply for assistance for any possible class deficits.



Annual Conference: The annual conference in Calgary was well attended by our Chapter. Rita Rasmussen's session on the Cedar Rapids response to the flood was well received. Rita also represented our Chapter as a finalist for the Balfour Award—thanks Rita for making us proud! We need to submit our Chapter newsletter for the newsletter of the year category

Employer of the Year: It was discussed that we would like to present and Employer of the Year with a certificate acknowledging their support of our industry and Chapter membership. Other possible ideas are to include an employer as a Spotlight in our newsletter as recognition for their continued support.

New Business:

Next Meetings: Our next meeting will be held on January 7, 2011 with a program about Smart Planning, look for more information as to the location and time. The spring meeting will be held on April 1, 2011 in the Amana's with our election of officers and a program from the Utilities Best Practices. June 3, 2011 will be our Annual Meeting, look for more information as to location, time and program.

Retired Members: Dues for a retired member are \$50 with the Right of Way magazine and \$30 without the magazine. Please submit your application to Mary Ann Carnock, Chapter Membership Chair. It was discussed that IRWA has put limitations on the amount of income (\$5000 in ROW related work) a retired member can make during the calendar year in order to remain retired status.

Region Chair Request: Please provide Rita Rasmussen any outstanding concerns for Region consideration. There was a discussion about the change of facilitator qualifications and we hope to hear a response from Region regarding our concern that many qualified instructors will now not meet the new qualifications and what a loss that will be to our education program. Shouldn't experience count as much, if not more, than a 4-year degree?

Our Region still needs a LPA Representative and Survey Representative—please contact Rita Rasmussen if you would like more information or are interested in either of these positions.

Region Forum in St. Louis: To be held October 1, 2010—please visit our Chapter or Region website for the details.

Reminder of Nominations for Officers: Please contact Don Corrigan, Tim Bunkers or Mark Holm if you are interested in running for an Office next year.

Professional of the Year election: Congratulations to Joe Anderson, Iowa DOT, who is our Chapter Professional of the Year! Thanks to Joe and all of his time and hard work in resurrecting our newsletter and Chairing the PDC. Keep up the good work! Kudos to Vikki Kitelinger of Alliant Energy and Amy Walter of Snyder & Associates for also being nominated.

Chapter Drawing: Ryan Gurwell is the lucky winner of the \$50.00 drawing.

Shelly Whiteing, Iowa DOT, completed the crossword puzzle from the recent Newsletter and received a prize for her efforts.

Please keep in mind IRWA offers a \$5000 scholarship for education, members, their spouses and children are eligible to apply. See the website for more details.

Donations for Toys for Tots: If you can't attend a meeting this year, please consider sending in a monetary donation to Nancy Halvorson, every donation helps make the difference to the children helped by this program. In 2009 Chapter 41 donated \$500.00 to Toys for Tots...lets help make 2010 even more successful by sending in your donation or increasing your contribution when the hat is passed! Thank you!

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Walter
Vice President/Secretary

(Editor's Note: These minutes are pending, subject to corrections and approval at the January chapter meeting)



Calling all young professionals!

The IRWA Young Professionals Group is made up of individuals 30 and under currently in the Right of Way profession or individuals who are new to the right of way profession and would like to start their careers off in the right direction.

It is critical at the beginning of a right of way career that a path is mapped out through credentialing, targeted coursework and leadership opportunities at the chapter, regional and international levels.

Involvement in key committees from members of this group will be strongly encouraged as the IRWA leadership develops the strategic direction of the organization for the next 75 years.

The IRWA is connecting young right of way professionals through our Linked In Young Professionals sub-group of the Official International Right of Way Group as a place to network on unique challenges they face.

A 2 ½ day meeting of Young Professionals will be held in Las Vegas, March 23 - 25, 2011. The preliminary agenda for the event has been created by a committee of IRWA Young Professionals currently working in Right of Way and consists of:

- Introduction to Right of Way
- Right of Way Business Ethics and Etiquette
- Changing Industry Standards and Regulations/How does Congress affect the ROW Industry?
- IRWA Career Path, Designations and Certifications
- How You Can Get Involved with IRWA Leadership and What Does it Entail?
- Tips and Tricks of the ROW Industry

Special activities at the Annual Education Conference for Young Professionals as well as other events will be planned as the group expands.

Anyone interested in learning more and joining the IRWA Young Professionals group can visit the IRWA Young Professionals webpage at: http://www.irwaonline.org/eweb/dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=irwa_young_pro

You can also contact Jade Yoong at IRWA Headquarters. Contact Information Below.

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Upcoming Events

Chapter 41...Region 3...and beyond

Chapter 41 Quarterly Meeting
January 7, 2011
Urbandale, Iowa

Course 100 – Principles of Land Acquisition
February 28 – March 3, 2011
Deadwood, South Dakota

Region 3 Spring Forum
March 3-4, 2011
Deadwood, South Dakota

Chapter 41 Quarterly Meeting
April 1, 2011
location TBD

Course 209 - Negotiating Effectively
with a Diverse Clientele
April, 2011
Ames, Iowa

Course 409 – Integrating Appraisal Standards
May/June, 2011
sponsored by Iowa Chapter 41

Chapter 41 Quarterly Meeting, Installation
of Officers, and Annual Banquet
June 3, 2011
location TBD

Annual International Education Conference
June 12-15, 2011
Atlanta, Georgia

Region 3 Fall Forum
September, 2011
hosted by North Star (MN) Chapter 20

Course 803 – Eminent Domain Law Basics
for Right of Way Professionals
October, 2011
sponsored by Iowa Chapter 41

Course 804 – Skills of Expert Testimony
October, 2011
sponsored by Iowa Chapter 41

SR/WA Review, Study Session, & Exam
December, 2011
sponsored by Iowa Chapter 41

Chapter 41 Directory

Officers for 2010-11

President	<i>Don Corrigan</i>
President-Elect	<i>Tim Bunkers</i>
Vice President/Secretary	<i>Amy Walter</i>
Treasurer	<i>Nancy Halvorson</i>
Director (one-year)	<i>Don Corrigan</i>
Director (two-year)	<i>Tim Bunkers</i>

Committee Chairs for 2010-11

Asset Management	<i>(vacant)</i>
Audit	<i>Rita Rasmussen</i>
Education	<i>Mark Holm</i>
Environment	<i>(vacant)</i>
Legislative Review	<i>Susan Albright</i>
Local Public Agency	<i>Mike Adams</i>
Marketing	<i>Tim Bunkers</i>
Membership	<i>Mary Ann Carnock</i>
Newsletter	<i>Joe Anderson</i>
Nominations/Elections	<i>Mark Holm</i>
Professional Development	<i>Joe Anderson</i>
Program	<i>Liz Van Zomeren</i>
Relocation Assistance	<i>Shelly Whiteing</i>
Survey	<i>Chad Johnson</i>
Transportation	<i>Jerry Floyd</i>
Utilities	<i>David Hingtgen</i>
Valuation	<i>Russ Manternach</i>


State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** RIGHT OF WAY PROFESSIONALS IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF IOWA THROUGH THE BUILDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE RIGHT OF WAY PROFESSION CREATES NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT REFLECT A WIDE RANGE OF DISCIPLINES AND SPECIALTIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** RIGHT OF WAY PROFESSIONALS PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN THE IMPROVEMENT AND ADVANCEMENT OF IOWA'S TRANSPORTATION, WATER AND ENERGY PROJECTS, IMPROVING IOWA FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE STATE OF IOWA IS THE HOME OF MANY TALENTED AND HARD-WORKING RIGHT OF WAY PROFESSIONALS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH CHAPTER MEMBERS THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA, HAS ORGANIZED A NEW INTERNATIONAL OBSERVANCE CALLED RIGHT OF WAY RECOGNITION MONTH, WHICH WILL HENCEFORTH BE CELEBRATED ANNUALLY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

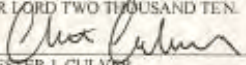
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER, 2010, AS

RIGHT OF WAY RECOGNITION MONTH

IN IOWA.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TEN.


CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE