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# Chapter 41 Update

## New faces, new ideas, new incentives

*Don A. Corrigan – Chapter President*

My first month as your new President has been interesting. First we had to cancel a couple of relocation classes due the low attendance. This decision was based on several factors but largely due to the lack of interaction and sharing of knowledge and experiences that occurs when only five people are in class. My next duty made up for that in writing a letter of recommendation for Rita Rasmussen as a part of her application for the coveted Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year award.

My next task is appointment of committee chairs. Several of the chairs have been filled because they are the more complicated and vital. However; many of the chairs that correspond to Regional and International areas of expertise have been left open and I'm calling for volunteers for those chairs, listed as vacant in the newsletter. The main function of these chairs is to provide up/down down/up communication between the Chapter, Region and International levels. They require very little effort and are a good starting point for your involvement in the organization. I also need people to help Jim Diemer with planning of programs/meetings and people to serve as members of the Nominations and Elections and Education Committees. Please contact me if you are interested in any of these positions. I would really like to see some new faces on committees and at our meetings.

Speaking of meetings I need input and new ideas from all of you. We currently have four meetings per year, usually on a Friday morning and early afternoon and we are planning a "best of practices" short educational program for all of our meetings. Our next two topics will be Personalty vs. Realty and the Floods in Cedar Rapids. I am looking for topics of interest, volunteers to put on 2 to 3 hour programs and any input you may have on meeting times and locations that would make it easier for you to attend a meeting. Currently there is a drawing of \$50 for those attending our meetings, it doesn't seem to be working and I would like ideas for new incentives that would work for **you**.

With the assistance of Vicky Kitelinger we are in the process of proposing changes in our bylaws. Most of the proposed changes are technical and will bring us in compliance with the uniform bylaws International wants us to adopt. The major changes are the elimination of the Vice President position, going back to one year terms for officers and changing our administrative year to a calendar year.

I hope to see all of you at our next meeting and at the Region 3 Forum at Honey Creek Resort

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas please feel free contact me at [donindsm@msn.com](mailto:donindsm@msn.com). And please use our website [www.irwa41.com](http://www.irwa41.com) to stay up to date with Chapter activities and news.

Don



**New members springing up**  
Let's give a big "Spirit of the Heartland" welcome to our newest members, Chad Johnson and Dwayne Myers! Chad is a land surveyor for Missman, Stanley, & Associates. Dwayne, an agent for the Iowa Department of Transportation, transfers to Chapter 41 from Ohio Chapter 13.

**Leadership binders**  
Outgoing officers are reminded to update their leadership binders and transfer them to incoming officers.

**Going once, going twice...**  
SOLD! That is what we need to hear at next month's Region 3 Spring Forum at Honey Creek Resort. Please consider donating items for the auction benefitting the Region 3 treasury. We also need small items to put in the goodie bags for forum attendees. Please provide goodie bag donations to Nancy Halvorson by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Items for the auction will be accepted at the forum on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Just don't call him Tiger**  
Contact Bernie Banker at [bbbanker@msn.com](mailto:bbbanker@msn.com) or (515)232-3745 to take part in the Region 3 golf outing held in conjunction with the Spring Forum at Honey Creek Resort. Here is your chance to play one of Golf Digest's Top 10 New Public Golf Courses of 2009. A rough count of golfers is needed by March 29th.

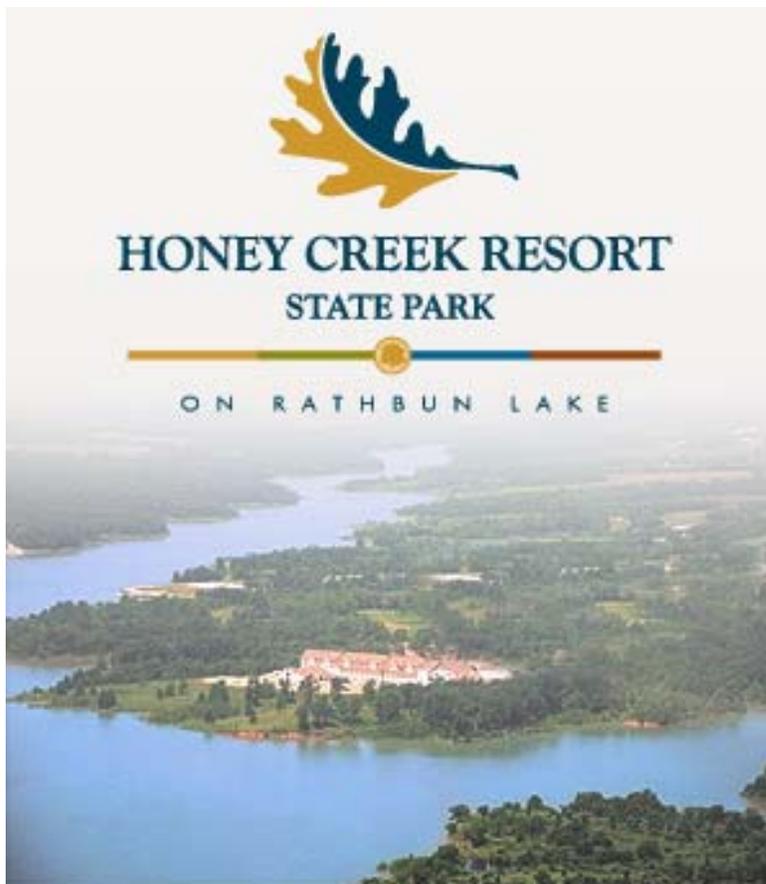
**Totally tremendous Toys for Tots tally**  
Thanks to the generosity of our members, Chapter 41 donated \$500 to the 2009 Toys for Tots campaign. Now that's the "Spirit of the Heartland" in action!

**Lucky ducks**  
Patti Simons and Joe Anderson split the \$1,000 Grand Prize Drawing at the annual banquet in January. Their loot is redeemable toward IRWA functions and/or products of their choosing. Linda Martens won the drawing for one year's membership dues. Jim Diemer won the \$50 door prize drawing.

**Face it, it's cool to be a member of IRWA!**  
To join friends and colleagues at IRWA's official Facebook page, visit...

[www.facebook.com/pages/International-Right-of-Way-Association/88967538052](http://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Right-of-Way-Association/88967538052)

# Region 3 2010 Spring Forum



Visit [www.honeycreekresort.com](http://www.honeycreekresort.com) to learn more about Iowa's newest outdoor destination!

**April 7-8**

~ Course 900 – Principles of Real Estate Engineering ~

**April 8**

~ golf outing ~

~ evening social & auction to benefit Region 3 ~  
(hors d'oeuvres provided)

**April 9**

~ Region 3 Forum ~  
(lunch provided)

Please RSVP to  
[Nancy.Halvorson@iowa.gov](mailto:Nancy.Halvorson@iowa.gov)

**Make plans to join friends and colleagues from across the upper Midwest!  
Watch your inbox. More information soon to come!**

**To advance in my career,  
does it matter who I  
associate with?**

**Absolutely.**

For 75 years the IRWA has been setting the standard in education for the Right of Way profession. We have chapters throughout the U.S. & Canada and a growing list of online courses, preparing for a career in Right of Way is convenient and at your fingertips.

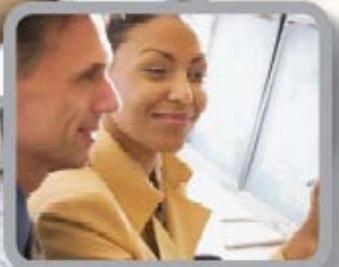
Demonstrate your commitment to success and uncompromising professionalism by earning your Certification in 5 Right of Way disciplines; **Appraisal; Asset (Property) Management; Environmental; Negotiation/ Acquisition and Relocation Assistance**, our new **Uniform Relocation Act** and the prestigious **SR/WA designation** (Senior Member, International Right of Way Association).

**Learn. Lead. Advance.**

Become a member today by visiting [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org) or by calling 1-310-538-0233 ext. 134.



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**Treasurer Report September 17, 2009 - January 15, 2010 3rd of 3 Chapter Year 2009**

Net Beginning Balance **\$14,223.82**

**INCOME**

Toys for Tots – September Meeting Collection	\$115.00
Savings Int. 1.35,1.35,1.40,1.39	\$5.49
Chapter Rebates	\$120.00
Banquet Reservations 3@10.00	\$30.00
Lunch Income - Sept. Meeting	\$32.00
Course 100 - Direct pays	\$2,775.00
Course 100 International Refund	<u>\$602.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,679.49</b>

**EXPENSES**

#3494 Hickory Park - Sept Lunch	\$126.93
#3500 Baratta's - Installation Banquet Deposit	\$100.00
#3501 IRWA Store - Plaques	\$315.00
#3502 Hampton Inn Course 100 Refreshments	\$224.00
#3503 Hampton Inn - Instructor Hotel Room 4 nights	\$456.05
#3504 Don Corrigan - Fall Forum Travel Expense	\$150.00
#3505 Linda Martens - Fall Forum Travel Expense	\$150.00
#3506 Al Donaho - Course 100 Instructor Expenses	\$391.41
#3507 Honey Creek Resort - Spring 2010 Forum Deposit	\$450.00
#3508 Toys For Tots Donation	\$500.00
#3509 IRWA Store - Plaque	\$59.00
#3510 Cyclone Awards - Engraving Plaques	\$75.97
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,998.36</b>

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$14,223.82</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,998.36</b>
<b>Plus Income</b>	<b><u>\$3,679.49</u></b>
<b>Net Current Balance</b>	<b><u>\$14,904.95</u></b>

**Checks 3495 - 99 Skipped and destroyed**  
 Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA Chapter 41 Treasurer Jan. 15, 2010



# Scenes from an Italian Restaurant

Annual Banquet and  
Installation of Officers  
January, 2010



**International Right of Way Association**  
**“Spirit of the Heartland” – Iowa Chapter 41**  
**Baratta’s Restaurant, 2320 South Union, Des Moines, IA**  
**January 16, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 P.M.

Introduction of new Members and Guests, Vicki Kitelinger and Husband, Rob Emmerson, Jerry Floyd and Wife, it was delightful to have all of you attend our meeting and we welcome you as new members or as guests. Membership in IRWA can offer support to you and your professional educational development.

**Secretary’s Report:** The minutes from the September 18, 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 Treasurers report was presented by Nancy Halvorson, representing a current balance of \$14,904.95. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented; the motion was seconded and approved by all.

**Membership Report:** Amy Walter reported we have two new member applications approved which brings our chapter membership to 80 members.

**Education Committee:** Mark Holm expressed concern regarding upcoming classes to be presented during February, 2010 in Coralville, IA. Mark stated there are not enough students registered to make the classes profitable and if there are not enough students registered our Chapter Treasury will have to make up the difference which could be costly. There was further discussion and it was decided to wait until the close of business on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 and see how many have signed up for the four 500 series classes. If there are still not enough students registered by January 19, 2010 some of the classes might have to be delayed until a future date. In the future maybe we can think about offering an incentive to attend classes.

**Program Committee:** Jim Diemer expressed a need for help with Program Committee planning. We want to offer programs that help improve the quality of all meetings and valuable experiences and information that can improve knowledge regarding our different disciplines. We should look at having three to four members to assist Jim with future programs. If you are willing to help the Program Committee please feel free to contact Jim Diemer.

**Professional Development Committee:** We are in need of a new chairperson for the Professional Development Committee. Joe Anderson volunteered to be the new Professional Development Committee Chair person. Thank you Joe!

*(Secretary’s minutes continued on following page)*

**Old Business:** Nancy Halvorson reported the latest developments regarding the Spring Forum to be held April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Honey Creek Resort State Park on Rathbun Lake, 12633 Resort Drive, Moravia, IA, 52751. Total cost of the Spring Forum is estimated at \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00. Class 900 will be presented prior to the actual Spring Forum, more information will follow soon. Bernie Banker will work on setting up the Golf Event. Nancy has secured a Hotel Room rate of \$59.00 for the Spring Forum which is a great value for the resort. We need a good showing of support from our local Chapter. Please plan to attend as you can learn valuable information regarding IRWA from attending the Forum. Further discussion will take place at the March 19, 2010 Chapter meeting. Please consider helping in any way possible to make the Forum a success for our Chapter and the other Chapters that will be attending. It is a great opportunity to meet other members from the Region and expand your horizons. It is tradition to assemble "Goodie Bags" to present to all attendees at the Forum, they serve as a gift of appreciation to all and a fun memory and information regarding our Great State of Iowa and Chapter 41. Think about items you might be able to find to add to the "Goodie Bags" if you have ties to a company, organization or if you just want to donate a trinket for the "Goodie Bags" please get them to Nancy Halvorson. Nancy thought we would probably need 30 plus bags.

**New Business:** Dates for meetings in 2010 will be March 19, 2010, location Ames, IA, June 18, 2010, Cedar Rapids, IA, September 10, 2010, Ankeny, IA. More details will follow regarding meetings in the near future.

Report from INEC, International Nominations and Election Committee, Nancy Halvorson reported there are two new candidates for the IEC Committee they are Terry Gamble of Canada and Lee Satterfield Hamre of Colorado. Rita Rasmussen from our own Chapter 41 and Region 3 is a candidate for the Balfour Award, good luck Rita. Remember IRWA has a Scholarship Award (\$5,000.00) you can find out more details on the IRWA website look under SARPA. There are many awards that Chapter Members can work towards as well as Newsletters published by Chapters you might take a look at the IRWA website to find out more about awards and the criteria needed to achieve these awards. The IRWA website is very user friendly and a wealth of information.

Report from Rita regarding IRWA changing the fiscal year to July 1, the current fiscal year has a January date. The annual conference which is held in June each year would coordinate with new committee/officers/region chairs starting with the annual conference. Another issue the Chapter bylaws would need to be changed to reflect the fiscal year change in order to be current. There has been discussion that Region Representatives to International Committees should be nominated by the Region Chairs as they know their Region Members and their individual abilities and values.

Don Corrigan, President Elect reminded us that Chapter bylaws will need to be updated to reflect any changes that take place to coincide with the International guidelines. Vicki Kitelinger offered to serve with Don to review the by-laws.

***(Secretary's minutes continued on following page)***

**Awards and Pins Presented:**

Jim Diemer received his plaque as Past President

Don Corrigan received his plaque as Professional of the Year for 2008

Linda Martens received her plaque as Professional of the Year for 2009

Jay Peterson received his plaque for SRWA

Mark Holm received his plaque for Certification in Negotiations

Rita Rasmussen received her plaque for Certification in Negotiations

**Installation of Officers for 2010-2011 by Rita Rasmussen:**

President: Don Corrigan

President-Elect- Tim Bunkers

Secretary/Vice President- Amy Walter

Treasurer- Nancy Halvorson

**Report on Donation to Toys for Tots for 2009:** Nancy Halvorson reported that Chapter 41 donated \$500.00 to Toys for Tots for 2009. Remember this is a very much needed donation to children that might not receive a gift if it were not for the willing support from all members. Thank you for donating and being thoughtful and generous in your continued gifts to Toys for Tots! You can give your donations at meetings if you desire or you can send a check to Nancy Halvorson.

**Semi Annual Chapter Drawing:** The drawings for the \$1,000.00 Educational Assistance went to Patti Simons, since Patti was not present the drawing is split between Patti and another member that was present and that lucky person is Joe Anderson. The drawing for a free membership went to Linda Martens. We are thankful and appreciative of the gifts received from the drawing.

**Chapter Drawing:** Jim Diemer is the lucky winner of the \$50.00 drawing.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M. A motion was made and seconded and approved by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda R. Martens, R/W-RAC

Vice President/Secretary

*(Editor's Note: These minutes are pending, subject to approval at the March chapter meeting)*

# Upcoming Events

-  Chapter 41 Quarterly Meeting  
March 19, 2010  
Ames, Iowa  
(more info below)
-  Course 900  
Principles of Real Estate Engineering  
April 7-8, 2010  
Honey Creek Resort at Lake Rathbun  
Moravia, Iowa  
(see page 2 of this newsletter)
-  Region 3 Spring Forum  
April 8-9, 2010  
Honey Creek Resort at Lake Rathbun  
Moravia, Iowa  
(see page 2 of this newsletter)
-  Chapter 41 Quarterly Meeting  
June 18, 2010  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
-  Annual International Education Conference  
June 27-30, 2010  
Calgary, AB Canada
-  Chapter 41 Quarterly Meeting  
September 10, 2010  
Ankeny, Iowa
-  Region 3 Fall Forum  
October, 2010  
Hosted by Missouri Chapter 37



## Quarterly Chapter Meeting of IRWA Chapter 41



Friday, March 19  
9:00 am

Iowa Dept. of Transportation  
Conference Center  
Ames, Iowa

# Chapter 41 Directory

## Officers for 2010-11

President	Don Corrigan
President-Elect	Tim Bunkers
Vice President/Secretary	Amy Walter
Treasurer	Nancy Halvorson
Director	
Director	

## Committee Chairs for 2010-11

Asset Management	
Audit	Rita Rasmussen
Education	Mark Holm
Environment	
Legislative Review	Susan Albright
Local Public Agency	
Marketing	
Membership	Mary Ann Carnock
Newsletter	Joe Anderson
Nominations/Elections	
Professional Development	Joe Anderson
Program	James Diemer
Relocation Assistance	
Survey	
Transportation	
Utilities	
Valuation	

\* Help Don fill in the blanks! Volunteer to lead a committee by emailing [donindsm@msn.com](mailto:donindsm@msn.com)

# IRWA International Surveying & Engineering Committee

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Right of Way Mapping Competition

Held in conjunction with IRWA's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual International Education Conference, June 27-30, 2010 in Calgary, AB, Canada.

**Eligible:** All professionals employed by city, county, state and federal agencies; private consultants; and the utility/pipeline/telecommunications industry are invited to sponsor maps for this competition. Entries must be maps used in the acquisition of right of way associated with the appraisal, acquisition, relocation or vacation of right of way projects. Entrants need not be IRWA members.



### Entries are Judged on:

#### Orientation

Is the user oriented quickly by the north arrow, scale, legend, position and style of the lettering?

#### Graphics

Is there a proper balance between line weights, letter size and style?

#### Presentation

Is the map easy to interpret? Are the property interests to be acquired clearly shown?

#### Standalone

Does the map sheet contain the legends and symbols necessary to explain all aspects of the sheet without relying on information from another source?

#### Use of innovative methods or symbolism

Have new symbols been used to better depict objects or details?

### Competition Rules & Entry

- One entry per member
- Map sheet size may not exceed 24" x 36"
- IRWA members must sponsor the map and their name must be noted on the entry form
- Each participant may submit only one sheet
- Submit two prints of the sheet with the entry form
- Submit a .pdf file of the map
- Entries may be freehand, machine or computer drafted
- Winners in each category will be announced in Right of Way magazine. Winning maps will be displayed at IRWA's Annual Education Conference in Calgary, AB, Canada in June.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Right of Way Mapping Competition Official Entry Form: Please print or type (Limit one form per registrant)

IRWA Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name or Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone  
Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Category:

- Highway     Pipeline     Utility     Telecommunications  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for this entry to be displayed in Right of Way magazine, on the IRWA website and at the 2010 IRWA Annual Education Conference in Calgary, AB, Canada, in June.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### Mail entries to:

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