

International Right of Way Association
“Spirit of the Heartland” – Iowa Chapter 41
Marshalltown Community College

Minutes of Business Meeting – May 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order at by President Joe Anderson.

Introductions of meeting attendees started the business meeting with 21 members in attendance.

Introduction of new member, Sandra Schneider, a certified general appraiser relocated to Iowa from Colorado. Sandra presented her credentials as a commercial appraiser and project manager with a vast range of experience. We also welcomed Jeff Sogge, Clapsaddle Garber, in attendance at this meeting.

Secretary’s Report: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.

Treasurer’s Report: Mark Holm explained there are bank service charges that appear on our account that have been reversed and will be shown on the next report. There are three pending deposits from International not included in the latest Treasurer’s Report but will be shown on the next report. They are noted at the end for informational purposes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

Committee Reports:

Asset Management: no report

Education: Dwayne Myers, chair, planning to offer the SR/WA course in late August/mid-September in either Ames or Des Moines. They also have multiple appraisal courses planned for this fall, including the pilot course Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions. Please contact Dwayne if you are interested in coordinating one of the upcoming courses.

Environment: no report

Local Public Agency: Mike Adams, chair, no report

Membership: Angie Sheeley, chair, Joe explained we have had many new members since the January meeting so our membership is around 85 members.

Newsletter: still undecided what direction this committee will take, contact Joe Anderson if you have an interest in assisting with future newsletters.

Nominations/Elections: Mark Holm, chair, see later in the meeting for the proposed slate of officers.

Professional Development: Paige Norris, MidAmerican Energy has her SR/WA approved. Sarah Cook, City of Cedar Rapids, is our first ARWP and is rapidly advancing towards the next designation. Brian Currie, MidAmerican Energy received his recertification. Please contact Joe Anderson if you have any questions about the certification or designation process.

Program: Liz Van Zomeren, chair, please provide Liz any ideas for future meeting topics, speakers, locations or tours. Liz is working on a presentation by Iowa Finance Authority to discuss resolving difficult title issues at a future meeting.

Relocation: Shelly Whiteing, chair, no report

Survey: Chad Johnson, chair, they will be judging the mapping contest and have received numerous entries.

Utilities: Dave Hingtgen, chair, the new utility course is completed and at International for review of consistency and formatting. They are hoping to wrap this up at their meeting in Charleston.

Valuation: Joe Anderson reported Yellow Book Courses will be held in Altoona in October 2013. It has been many years since Yellow Book Courses have been offered in Iowa.

Region 3 Spring Forum Recap:

Joe Anderson reported we had a great turnout and Prairie Meadows Event Center was very accommodating providing a great facility to host this event. We had over 15 past presidents at our Thursday evening dinner and it was interesting hearing each one provide their thoughts about their time leading our Chapter. The course held on Thursday had 24 in attendance and aided in keeping our overall budget within reason. International presented a commemorative plaque for our 50th year Anniversary and the ROW magazine wants to do an article on our Anniversary and celebration.

Region 3 Fall Forum:

The St. Louis Chapter is hosting the Fall Forum on October 10-11, 2013 in Chesterfield, MO at the Drury Plaza Hotel. Course 901 is being planned for the Thursday prior to the Forum. They are planning a game night for Thursday night and are seeking donations for prizes.

Annual Education Conference:

The Annual Education Conference will be held June 23-26 in Charleston, West Virginia. The resolutions are fairly basing "housekeeping" type issues. There will be no increase to dues. It was voted to contribute up to \$1,800.00 to assist Joe Anderson to attend the conference. Chad Johnson is employer funded. They will be attending and voting as our Directors.

Election of Chapter Officers for 2013 – 2014:

The following slate of officers was accepted and passed:

President (Director 1-year): Chad Johnson, SR/WA

President-Elect (Director 2-year): Shelly Whiteing, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

Treasurer: Carrol McCracken

Secretary: Carol Morgan

The next Chapter meeting will be held in July with installation of Officers. Let Chad know if you have any ideas about locations for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Walter
Secretary