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Spirit of the Heartland – Iowa Chapter 41
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Chapter 41 Update

Our chapter newsletter is back!

Joe A. Anderson - Newsletter Editor

Welcome to *Extreme Makeover – Newsletter Edition!* Okay, so calling this an extreme makeover might be a bit of an exaggeration. But those of us who remember our chapter's former newsletter, *The Heartlander*, will agree that an extreme makeover isn't necessary. Shelly Whiteing set the standard high in leading *The Heartlander* to IRWA's Newsletter of the Year honors for 2002.

Well, you don't mess with success! This is why much of the content you will find in upcoming issues of *Chapter 41 Update* will seem very familiar to you...just with an updated look. My goal is to make *Chapter 41 Update* feel comfortable and fresh...at the same time. Sort of like new drapes and a new coat of paint for the favorite room of your home.

The right of way projects we work on depend on the efforts of many talented individuals. And so will our reborn newsletter. Chapter officers, committee chairs, and the membership at-large will be called upon to help make *Chapter 41 Update* the best it can be. I look forward to serving as editor, and to working with all of you to revive a great Chapter 41 tradition!

A message from our President

James P. Diemer -Chapter President

I can't imagine that it's been two years since our membership chose me to be your chapter president. Several years ago I worked for a man with a very simple philosophy which has stuck with me to the present day. He always said "Always do the right thing, and do things right". I hope that I have done the right things for our chapter during the time I have been your president.

In January at our next meeting I will be handing the gavel over to Don Corrigan who I believe will keep us going in the right direction. It has been a privilege to be your president, and although the gavel goes to Don I will still be active in our chapter, and don't plan to fade off in the sunset.

I love our chapter and the people who are members are the ones who make it all work. We have an excellent and hard working core membership. I have enjoyed the educational opportunities, and also the networking by being a member which can be very rewarding. Forty years ago I couldn't imagine that I'd be doing right of way work, but I have found it to be rewarding and challenging. It however, always to goes back to the people you work and associate with which is where the true strength of IRWA comes from. We have an excellent chapter and I am proud to be a part of it.

What's New?

Officers elected
for 2010-2011

The following slate of officers was
approved during the September
chapter meeting in Ames:

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

2009 Professional
of the Year chosen
Congratulations to Linda Martens,
agent specializing in acquisition and
relocation for the Iowa DOT, for
being selected 2009 Professional of
the Year for Chapter 41!

Toys for Tots update
We have collected \$437 in our
annual drive to benefit Toys for Tots.
The goal of the U. S. Marine Corps
Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to
deliver, through a new toy at
Christmas, a message of hope to less
fortunate youngsters.

September
drawing winner
Mark Holm was the winner of the
\$50 door prize, drawn from the
names of those that attended our
quarterly chapter meeting in Ames in
September. Do you want to be a
winner? Come to our next meeting!

Did you know...
Chapter 41 is 78 members strong,
and growing! Be a part of future
growth by inviting a colleague to join
today!

IRWA on the web

www.irwaonline.org

www.irwaregion3.org

www.irwa41.org

ANNUAL BANQUET AND OFFICER INSTALLATION



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DES MOINES, IOWA

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010

4:00PM – CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING

5:30PM – SOCIAL HOUR WITH APPETIZERS

6:30PM – DINNER

CHOOSE FROM LASAGNA, TOP SIRLOIN, CHICKEN
PARMESAN, SHRIMP FETTUCCINI ALFREDO, OR CHICKEN
AMAGGIO. ALL INCLUDE SALAD, BREAD, AND BEVERAGE.
\$10 PER PERSON

**THE EVENING WILL CONCLUDE WITH
AWARD PRESENTATIONS AND
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

PLEASE RSVP TO
NANCY.HALVORSON@DOT.IOWA.GOV
BY JANUARY 6, 2010

Deadline is
February 1, 2010

Call For IRWA Award Nominations

Each year, IRWA recognizes outstanding members, chapters and companies for their valuable contributions to the Association and right of way profession. The International Nominations and Elections Committee (INEC) is soliciting nominations for the following international awards:

Frank C. Balfour

Professional of the Year Award

IRWA's highest honor recognizes individuals whose outstanding contributions have included leadership positions in the Chapter, Regional and International levels; fulfillment of educational courses/activities; participation in Association regional and international activities; and achievement of IRWA professional designations.

Eligible: Any active IRWA member in good standing who has made outstanding contributions to the Association

Submit to: INEC Chair, Charles Anderson, SR/WA

Employer of the Year Awards (2)

This award honors IRWA's associate companies for their strong employee support and commitment to the Association at the Chapter, Regional and International levels.

Eligible: Any employer who actively supports employee membership in IRWA

Categories: Employers with 20 or more employees
Employers with less than 20 employees

Submit to: INEC Chair, Charles Anderson, SR/WA

Chapter of the Year Awards (2)

This award honors IRWA chapters whose goals and accomplishments have focused on fulfilling their chapter responsibilities as outlined in the IRWA Strategic Plan, including membership growth, professional development, education courses, chapter meetings, chapter goals, new ideas/successes/recommendations and award nominations submitted.

Eligible: All IRWA Chapters

Categories: Chapters with 100 or more members

SARPA Scholarship Award (\$5,000)

Endowed by the State Association of Real Property Agency, this scholarship is awarded to active students majoring in a course of studies related to the right of way profession and/or public works administration. Preference to students majoring in property related fields such as law, real estate, civil engineering, property management, business and public administration, surveying, etc.

Eligible: Full-time students; must be an IRWA member or a family member of an active IRWA member.

Submit to: INEC Chair, Charles Anderson, SR/WA

Newsletter of the Year Awards (2)

This award recognizes IRWA chapters who exhibit exemplary qualities in communicating Chapter, Regional, and International news. Newsletters are judged on identity, content, graphic design and editorial consistency.

Eligible: All IRWA Chapter Newsletter Editors

Categories: Chapters with 100 or more members
Chapters with less than 100 members

Submit to: INEC Vice Chair, Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA

Submit 11 copies of your completed Balfour Award, Chapter Award, Employer Award or SARPA Scholarship application to:

Charles Anderson, SR/WA
INEC Chair
2475 Greens Crossing Road
Jackson, MS 39209

Or email your application to Charles at: mikea2475@yahoo.com

Submit Newsletter Award applications, along with 3 copies of each issue published from January 1 - December 31 (minimum of 3 issues) to:

Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
INEC Vice-Chair
3414 Eisenhower Avenue
Ames, IA 50010

Or by email: nancy.halvorson@dot.iowa.gov

Treasurer Report May 13, 2009 - September 17, 2009 2nd of 3

Net Beginning Balance \$15,855.42

INCOME

Toys for Tots – May Meeting Collection \$70.00

Savings Int. 1.30,1.44,1.40,1.40 \$5.54

Total Income \$75.54

EXPENSES

#3487 Hickory Park May Meeting Lunch \$218.38

#3488 Bernard Banker - May Door Prize Winner \$50.00

#3489 Steve Chapman, Conference auction Item - Garmin Navigator \$288.89

#3490 Don Corrigan - Conference expense as Director \$1,000.00

#3491 Steve Chapman - May sodas, water and ice \$12.47

#3492 IREAB CE Approval for Course 400 \$50.00

#3493 IRWA 400 Text for CE Approval \$50.00

Total Expenses \$1,707.14

Beginning Balance \$15,855.42

Plus Income \$75.54

Less Expenses \$1,707.14

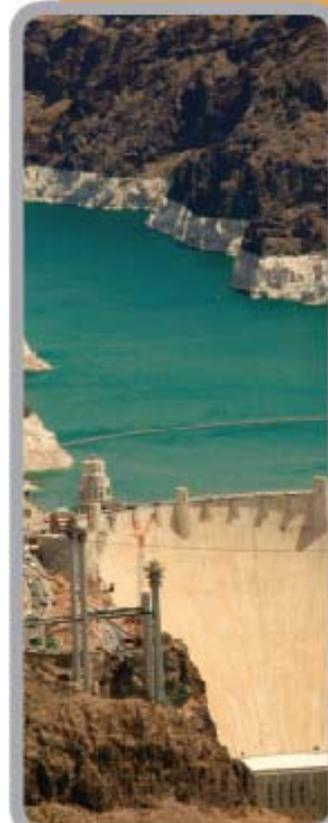
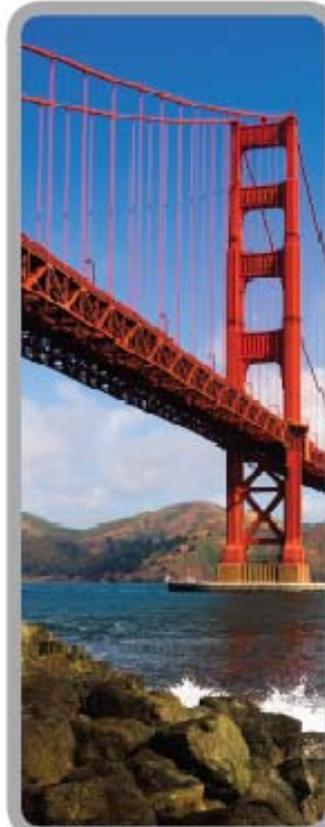
Current Balance \$14,223.82

Current Toys for Tots Donation Balance 182.00

Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA Chapter 41 Treasurer

Date Sept. 17, 2009

Nancy Halvorson 9-17-2009



After 75 years, the projects speak for themselves.

Since 1934 the International Right of Way Association has been providing the path to success and uncompromising professionalism for the Right of Way profession.

For 75 years we have been the central authority in the Right of Way domain, helping tens of thousands of **Appraisers, Asset (Property) Managers, Environmental experts, Negotiation/Acquisition and Relocation Assistance agents** advance in their careers. And we're just getting started.

Join our over 10,000 members worldwide for the next 75 years as we connect and make the world a better place to live in the 21st century.

Become a member today by visiting www.irwaonline.org or by calling 1-310-538-0233 ext. 134.



INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

International Right of Way Association
“Spirit of the Heartland” – Iowa Chapter 41
Friday, September 18, 2009
DOT Maintenance Facility “Training Center, Highway 30, Ames, IA 50010

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 A.M.

Program – Presented by James Diemer, “**Move That Pole**” A power point presentation that involves the City of Des Moines and MidAmerican Energy in a public agency project. This involves the relocation of an electric transmission line in Des Moines along what is now M.L. King Parkway. What went right? What factors could have had a different result? We want to thank Jim for the presentation it was interesting and informative for all of us. **Thank you Jim!**

Secretary’s Report: The minutes from the May 15, 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 Treasurer’s Report was presented by Nancy Halvorson, representing a current balance of \$14,223.82. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report the motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report: Amy Walter reported we currently have 78 members associated with Chapter 41.

Education Committee Report: Nancy Halvorson Chair of the Education Committee reported a request for Relocation Classes to be presented in the near future. Nancy stated all relocation courses will be presented except the Mobile Home course later this year. Nancy is making the final arrangements for the courses. Nancy also stated Course 900 will be presented, April 7th and 8th prior to the 2010 Region 3 Spring Forum, which Chapter 41 will be hosting.

Program Committee Report: Continuation of Best Practices will continue the next program will be Electric Line Routing. Other topics are being considered, if you have expertise that you would like to share please let us know.

Professional Development Committee: It has been noted that Joe Anderson has received his SRWA designation. Joe was presented with his SR/WA Pin and Plaque. **Congratulations Joe!**

Old Business:

Nancy Halvorson presented an update on the 2010 Spring Forum which Chapter 41 will be hosting April 7, 8, and 9, 2010 the location will be held at the Honey Creek Resort, Rathbun Lake, golf, Water Park and vacation destination, near Moravia, IA. The resort has a restaurant, cabins, guest rooms, fishing, boating, slips and activities. There will be a class on April 7th and 8th, an auction to benefit the region on Thursday evening and the Spring Forum will be on Friday, April 9th, 2010. More information will be available in the future.

New Business:

The Nominated Slate of offers was presented, the voting took place, a motion was made to accept the newly elected officers, and the motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

The Newly Elected Officers for 2010-2012 are as follows:

President – Don Corrigan, SRWA, R/W-RAC

President Elect – Tim Bunkers, SRWA, R/W-AC

Vice President/Secretary – Amy Walter

Treasurer – Nancy Halvorson, SRWA, R/W-RAC

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Nominations for Professional of the Year for Chapter 41 were submitted, Mark Holm and Linda Martens were nominated. Ballots were cast and counted and Linda Martens was selected as Professional of the Year.

Annual Banquet for Installation of Officers –

The banquet will take place on Saturday, January 16th, 2010, at Baratta's Restaurant, 2320 South Union, Des Moines, IA 50315, Phone number is 515-243-4515, we will gather around 4:30 P.M. we will have a meeting room at no charge. Dinner will be \$10.00 per person attending and the Chapter will pick up the balance, extra drinks will be on your own.

Fall Forum for Region 3 – will be held at Harrah's Golf Club, in Council Bluffs, IA on October 1 and 2nd, 2009, the Hampton Inn Hotel is available for reservations. A discussion regarding the Chapter sponsoring a representative or Officer to attend the Region Forum each year took place. It was decided that \$150.00 would be offered to the Professional of the Year and an Officer to attend the Forum from Chapter 41. This issue will be discussed prior to future Forum meetings for the Region.

Newsletter for Chapter 41 – Discussion regarding a newsletter for the Chapter took place. There were many favorable remarks concerning having a newsletter again. Joe Anderson has graciously offered to put a newsletter together for our members.

Discussion regarding drawings at our meetings – We have drawings at each Chapter meeting, should we take a look at why we do the drawings and the results/benefits of the drawings. It was decided we could have further discussion at a future meeting.

Discussion regarding future meetings – We might want to look at setting up the complete schedule for meetings for a complete year and post them on the web site so members can plan further ahead and it might help more members to plan to attend the meetings. There are members that are very talented and have expertise regarding subjects that could be shared and add value to all members. Think about what you can do for yourself and other members and feel free to join in to help all succeed.

Chapter Drawing – Mark Holm was the lucky winner of the \$50.00 drawing! Mark decided to donate to the Toys for Tots, Thanks Mark!

Toys for Tots – Don't forget to make a donation to this organization, it is such a wonderful organization and so needed by so many children. You can give your donation to Nancy Halvorson via check or cash; you can give at our meeting or just send directly to our Treasurer, Nancy Halvorson, Toys for Tots, IRWA Chapter 41.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.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 January chapter meeting)

City of Des Moines



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** RIGHT OF WAY PROFESSIONALS IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CITIZENS OF DES MOINES THROUGH THE BUILDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY; 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 DES MOINES TRANSPORTATION, WATER AND ENERGY PROJECTS, IMPROVING DES MOINES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF DES MOINES IS THE HOME OF MANY TALENTED AND HARD WORKING RIGHT OF WAY PROFESSIONALS. .
- 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, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2009, AS:

RIGHT OF WAY RECOGNITION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA TO BE AFFIXED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND NINE.


T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR
CITY OF DES MOINES



Chapter 41 President Jim Diemer (center) and President-Elect Don Corrigan (right) accept a certificate from Des Moines Mayor Frank Cownie, proclaiming October 2009 as Right of Way Recognition Month.



Upcoming Events

-  Chapter 41 Annual Banquet
January 16, 2010
Des Moines, Iowa
(see page 2 of this newsletter)
-  Federal Agency Update
January 26-28, 2010
Las Vegas, NV
(see page 10 of this newsletter)
-  Course 501
Residential Relocation Assistance
February 8-9, 2010
Coralville, Iowa
-  Course 502
Business Relocation
February 10-11, 2010
Coralville, Iowa
-  Course 504
Computing Replacement Housing Payments
February 15-16, 2010
Coralville, Iowa
-  Course 505
Advanced Residential Relocation Assistance
February 17, 2010
Coralville, Iowa
-  Course 506
Advanced Business Relocation Assistance
February 18-19, 2010
Coralville, Iowa
-  Course 900
Principles of Real Estate Engineering
April 7-8, 2010
Honey Creek Resort at Lake Rathbun
Moravia, Iowa
-  Region 3 Spring Forum
April 8-10, 2010
Honey Creek Resort at Lake Rathbun
Moravia, Iowa
-  Annual International Education Conference
June 27-30, 2010
Calgary, AB Canada
-  Region 3 Fall Forum
October, 2010
Hosted by Missouri Chapter 37

Chapter 41 Directory

Officers for 2008-09

President	James Diemer
President-Elect	Don Corrigan
Vice President/Secretary	Linda Martens
Treasurer	Nancy Halvorson
Director (2-year)	James Diemer
Director (1-year)	Bernard Banker

Committee Chairs for 2008-09

Asset Management	Ed Opstein
Audit	Rita Rasmussen
Education	Nancy Halvorson
Environment	Dan Shiflett
Legislative Review	Susan Albright
Local Public Agency	Ed Opstein
	Rita Rasmussen
Marketing	Tim Bunkers
Membership	Amy Walter
	Mary Ann Carnock
Nominations/Elections	Shelly Whiteing
Professional Development	Shelly Whiteing
Program	James Diemer
	Michael Moore
Relocation Assistance	(vacant)
Survey	(vacant)
Transportation	Bernard Banker
Utilities	(vacant)
Valuation	Russ Manternach



Federal Agency Update - A Public Real Estate Symposium

January 26 – 28, 2010
Las Vegas, NV

Sustainable Communities * Green Infrastructure * Transit Oriented Development

These are priorities for our Federal Partners and our nation. With billions of dollars tied to public projects, keeping up with regulatory changes is crucial. The Federal Agency Update gives attendees unparalleled access to the U.S. Federal agency representatives, consultants and other right of way entities.

