

International Right of Way Association
“Spirit of the Heartland” – Iowa Chapter 41
Iowa State University Alumni Center

Minutes of Business Meeting – January 7, 2013

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

Introductions of meeting attendees started the business meeting with 26 members in attendance.

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

Treasurer’s Report: An error from last quarter was caught and corrected. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

Committee Reports:

Asset Management: please contact Joe Anderson if you are interested in chairing this committee

Education: Dwayne Myers, chair, Joe Anderson submitted the 2 – year education schedule of 10 classroom presentations of various courses. Nothing firm on the calendar except course 104 to be held prior to the Spring Forum in Altoona on March 14th. Planning the SRWA Study Session/Review for May but a coordinator is needed. If you are interested in being a course coordinator you need to go online and complete the course coordinator tutorial. Feel free to contact Dwayne or Joe for more information.

Vicki reported the Real Estate Commission has approved IRWA courses. David Batts must be contacted on an individual basis to get your IRWA coursework approved for continuing education credit as they will not grant a blanket approval for a class at this time. You can get approval either before or after taking the course.

Environment: please contact Joe Anderson if you are interested in chairing this committee

Local Public Agency: Mike Adams, chair, no committee report

Membership: Angie Sheeley, chair, we presently have 81 members; 23 have not renewed their memberships; 4 new members since September; 1 retirement: Dennis Schuster with Adam Bauman replacing him.

Newsletter: Joe Anderson, current chair with Ryan Gurwell in the process of taking over, please send any ideas or information for the next newsletter to Joe Anderson and Ryan Gurwell. Just some ideas to consider are any news items or article ideas, employment ads, new hire spotlights, birthdays, anniversaries, certifications, designations and kudos of any kind.

Nominations/Elections: Mark Holm, chair, presently seeking nominations for President Elect, Treasurer and Secretary. Rita encouraged us to review the website for the requirements for each award with nominations due early February. She also reminded us that the scholarship goes overlooked and to consider nominating a worthy student from your community.

International Nominations/Elections: Nancy Halvorson, Nancy also is encouraging us to be active in our nominations. This is an opportunity to recognize our chapter at the international level. If you fill out an application that is to be returned to Nancy, please make sure you send it with a return receipt to confirm she receives the email.

Professional Development: Paige Norris, MidAmerican Energy has her SR/WA pending approval. Sarah Cook, City of Cedar Rapids, is our first ARWP candidate. 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. Wisconsin requested that we consider a joint meeting with Dubuque or Prairie du Chien as a possible location. Chad Johnson will work on this and provide more details at a later date.

Relocation: Shelly Whiteing, chair, nothing to report at this time.

Survey: Chad Johnson, chair, they recently held their meeting in Florida. They are requesting plats be submitted for the survey competition.

Utilities: Dave Hingtgen, chair, the new utility course is completed and the final approval is pending then it will become a presentable course.

Valuation: nothing was reported at this time.

Professional of the Year:

Nominations were due to Joe Anderson by January 9, 2013 with voting, via email, to be completed by January 15, 2013.

Our 2011 Professional of the Year, Dave Hingtgen, received his award. Congratulations Dave!

Chapter Website:

Please contact Joe Anderson with any ideas how to proceed with our website or if you have any website skills. We need to renew the hosting agreement but that is on hold until we decide how we want to move forward with the website. It may go offline until a decision is made.

Please note our facebook...Iowa Chapter 41 of International Right of Way Association ...check it out, like it, share it!

Region 3 Forum Rotation:

Iowa will host the Region Forum in the following years:
Spring 2013, Fall 2016, Spring 2019 and Fall 2022

2013 Region 3 Spring Forum and Chapter 50th Anniversary:

Save the date: March 14-15, 2013 at Prairie Meadows Hotel, Altoona, Iowa.

Our chapter is hosting the forum and will need many volunteers for planning and holding the event. Please contact Joe Anderson to let him know how you can help. We will also be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our Chapter. Joe has contacted some of the retired members to speak and would like to have many of the retired or charter members in attendance. This is a great opportunity to show what the Spirit of the Heartland has to offer so please plan on helping in some way to make this event a success.

Other Business

Our next chapter meeting will be held in April so we can elect new officers and discuss matters related to the Annual Education Conference which will be held June 23-26 in Charleston, West Virginia.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Walter
Secretary