

International Right of Way Association
“Spirit of the Heartland” – Iowa Chapter 41
City of Cedar Rapids, City Services Center, 500 15th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

Minutes of Business Meeting – 9:00 A.M., April 28, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Chad Johnson.
The business meeting with 17 members in attendance.

Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

Secretary’s Report: There were no revisions to the minutes, and a motion was made and seconded to approve.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Chad Johnson as Carrol McCracken was unable to attend the meeting. Carrol transferred \$2,200 from checking to savings. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report.

Region 3 Update/IRWA Alignment: We have had excellent membership renewal of 93% with 91 members and will receive one free conference registration. It was suggested the names of the people going be put in a pool, and one name drawn to receive free registration.

Professional of the Year: Joe Anderson has been voted the Region 3 Professional of the Year, and Chad presented the plaque to Joe.

Committee Reports

Asset Management: No report.

Education: Course coordinators are needed.

Environment: No report.

Local Public Agency: No report.

Membership: No report other than the discussion reported during the Region 3 update.

Nominations/Elections: Shelly Whiteing to be new President, Rita Rasmussen will be President Elect, Carrol McCracken will continue as Treasurer and Carol Morgan will continue as Secretary.

Professional Development: No report.

Relocation Assistance: No report.

Survey: Mapping contest with 21 entries will be reviewed next week.

Utilities: No report.

Valuation: No report.

Newsletter: No updated report.

Region 3 Spring Forum: New member incentive program will start July 1, 2014.

Nomination Committee for Chapter Officer:

Other Business: Tax filing data must be in my August 16th.

Course participation incentive: (We will receive) 70% of online course income averaged over the current fiscal year or \$10 per participant for all classroom AND online courses, whichever is greater. Our chapter does not currently have courses on the books and does not have anyone to coordinate the courses. Looking at 501 and 502 in Ames in August or October. The DOT will be sending 3 – 5 people. Also, we can look at having it in Ames or Marshalltown, as that’s more centrally located. The City of Cedar Rapids would be willing to host a relocation class; no relocation classes are offered online. Class is free to the coordinator. It was mentioned that the online courses take less time.

IRWA key financial data for FY 2013 – 2014 was discussed. Total income - \$2,151,473. Sheets were handed out with data. Total assets - \$5,246,760.

Board resolutions were discussed as per the handouts, including the International Bylaws Amendment and increase in dues. Dues are very reasonable for the size of the organization, and the group voted for an increase in dues.

Member Fuse – there has been frustration with emails every few minutes. Joe Anderson suggested that we get that changed to be sent in digest form.

There was a request for volunteers at Minnesota for the annual conference.

Rita, Chad and Shelly will attend the conference in Hartford on June 21 – 25th. Minnesota is trying to get the 2019 conference, running against Las Vegas and Portland.

Rita stated that a resolution failed to rotate annual forums around the regions. Region 3 hasn't had a conference since 2004. We would have to help Minnesota since we're such a small region. Minnesota has hotels that are large enough to host the entire conference. Usually over 1000 – 1200 people in attendance. Very expensive to campaign for it, and Minnesota says they won't campaign again next year.

Region 3 cookbooks are for sale at \$5 per book.

Local Public Agency – Region 3 is looking for an LPA.

Region 3 Fall Forum – Course October 20th, Skills of Expert Testimony with Forum Meeting on October 21st in Sioux Falls.

Discussion regarding how much we want to donate to the foundation for the golf outing - \$100 for higher end prizes and \$300 for golf hole, vote was taken, seconded to approve and passed.

Discussion concerning cost of converting courses from class room to online. Chad will check with HQ on cost.

New career path that was instituted allows for nonmembers to get RWA certifications and designations. Also, Vicky Kitelinger earned her RWA certification in February. Dan Kovochich is recertified. Joe Anderson – people are showing interest in the career path.

Rita asked for topics for Chapter meetings – discussed were title issues, condemnations, foreclosures that are causing problems and obtaining clear title.

The next Chapter meeting is expected to be in Prairie du Chien, June 4 – 5, and Class 400 will be offered. Installation of new officers to be at the June meeting if we can get a quorum.

Joe Anderson presented Don Corrigan's \$75 textbook (he is a past president) to the youngest member, Sarah Cook.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned, and lunch was served by HyVee Catering.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morgan, Secretary