



“Spirit of the Heartland”

Friday, January 22, 2016
Iowa Valley Continuing Education Facility
Marshalltown, Iowa

Presentation: At 9:00 AM, prior to the chapter meeting, Pete Buckingham, Director of GIS and GPS at JCG Land Services, gave a presentation on the uses of GIS and GPS in right-of-way.

Welcome and Call to Order: President Rita Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 10:50 AM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Secretary Carol Morgan confirmed the following members and guests in attendance:

Members:

- Rita Rasmussen, President
- Brian Currie, President-Elect
- Carrol McCracken, Treasurer
- Carol Morgan, Secretary
- Dwayne Myers, Education Chair, PPC Chair
- Joe Anderson, PDC Chair, Website Manager
- Sarah Cook, Nominations and Elections Chair
- Shelly Whiteing, Membership Chair
- Chad Johnson
- Brian Jennings
- James Diemer
- Rick Kullander
- Lawrence Bryant
- Heather Dee
- Jami Hill
- Vicky Kitelinger
- Mary Montgomery
- Megan Hudachok
- Cliff Barker
- Christopher Happ
- Paul Gibson
- Amy Schirm
- (Additional members present who did not sign in)

Secretary’s Report: There were no revisions to the June meeting minutes, and a motion was made and seconded to approve with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Carrol McCracken stated that there was \$4,160.08 in the bank, and Course # 604 yielded approximately \$400 for the chapter. The Chapter has \$1,484.44 in checking and \$13,183.64 in a money market account for a total of \$14,668.08. A motion was made and seconded to approve with all in favor.

Region 3 Fall Forum: Was held in Omaha in October, 2015. Brian Curry, Shelly Whiteing and Sarah Cook attended. Brian reported that the auction was very well attended. Sarah reported that the Young Professionals met and discussed professional development and education, and 30 people attended the event.

New IRWA Region 3 Website: Dave Hingtgen stated that one change on the website is that the Industry Committee is now posted on the region website. Dave would like to see more reporting on at forums because posting on the website is not doing justice and thoroughly communicating information. Rita stated that the forums still need to be somewhat of a business meeting, and Sarah reported that many consultants come to the auction and other events but do not stay for the meeting, therefore, the reason for reformatting the forum to include interactive sessions. Region 3 has a new website and new web address: www.irwaregion3.com, and classes are being posted on the website.

Spring Forum, 2016: Will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, April 18 - 19, 2016, at Drury Plaza Hotel at the Arch. The Chapter President Elect and Membership Chair are recommended to attend. March 17th is the deadline in order to obtain the \$123 room rate.

Chapter 41 Professional of the Year: Sarah Cook, SR/WA is Professional of the Year and will represent the chapter at the Spring Forum. There are 6 chapters in the region, and all have a Professional of the Year.

Fall Forum 2016: Planning Committee – Dave Hingtgen, Rita Rasmussen, Shelly Whiteing, Brian Curry. Shelly reported that Dubuque has been selected as the location, and a contract has been signed with Grand Harbor Resorts. Rooms have been blocked for Wednesday through Saturday at \$55 (single), \$89 (not the government rate) and \$109 for Friday and Saturday nights. A meeting room has been blocked for September 30th. Shelly will provide more information to Joe Anderson for posting on the website.

IRWA International Conference: To be held June 12 – 15, 2016 in Nashville. Rooms are \$254 per night, and conference registrations are due by March 11th. Rates go up after that date. Dave reported that the rooms are almost gone at the conference hotel, so room reservations need to be made as soon as possible.

They are bringing the auction back this year as part of the RWIEF "Night in Downtown Nashville". Our chapter needs to vote on a dollar amount to donate, and we usually sponsor a golf hole. Rita stated that we will talk about this at our next meeting. Brian said that there is a video link on the website to downtown Nashville. In the past, donations have been made as follows: \$100 for the auction and \$300 for the golf hole. At the next chapter meeting, the chapter shall vote on a golf donation of \$300 and auction donation of \$200 – 300.

Committee Reports:

PDC: Dwayne Myers and Joe Anderson are on the Professional Development Committee. Brian Curry and Tyler Buckingham have been certified for SRWA. Vicky Kitelinger has completed her ROW Environmental Certification. Headquarters has sent out the new credentialing program which aligns the credentialing programs with industries (examples are utilities, oil, gas)

Nominations and Elections: Sarah Cook stated that February 1st is the deadline to run for

Education: Dwayne Myers is working on getting Course 506 Advanced Business Relocation set up. We had looked at holding this by video conference, and Headquarters was supportive. Kansas City is holding this course, however, so we may not offer Course 506 now. Also, there have been requests for Course 100 again which is a 4-day course. Headquarters would like to see us hold courses every year but we don't have any scheduled at this time. Rita asked if it's time to hold the ethics course again since it has been 2 – 3 years since it was last offered.

Ethics: Mark Holm has volunteered to be the Ethics Chair, but he may not continue his membership. We may need someone to fill this role.

Membership: Shelly Whiteing reported that Jennifer Hoglund in Wisconsin is a new associate member.

Young Professionals: Dwayne Myers reported on the 2016 Fall Forum YP possible locations - Stone Cliff Winery or Brazen. The meeting may be held on Tuesday, October 4th or Wednesday, October 5th. YP has no age limit and is for professional development, networking, discussion and talking about what other YP's are doing. The next meeting is to be held on Sunday, April 17th at 6PM with the location to be determined. YP's raised \$7,000 in 2015 and have established a scholarship.

Chapter Program and Meeting Schedule: (Committee Members – Liz, Rita, Dave H, Brian and Joe) Next meeting will be in the first part of March, 2016 at the UNI Center for Real Estate Education. Joe has contacted Art Cox at UNI for information regarding a presentation. After our March meeting, we will meet again in May or June. We may hold a presentation on Cedar Rapids' post flood recovery and the levee system. Also suggested were a program on bats, a presentation by the Iowa Utilities Board regarding pipeline through Iowa and State ruling and a mock condemnation.

Website: Joe Anderson updated the website to include 10 scheduled courses and keep the calendar up to date. The lists of all Chapter 41 presidents and all professionals of the year have also been posted.

Other Discussion: LuAnn Dollar sent a request to Rita for a list of infrastructure projects that are impacting the quality of life. She would like to use this list for publication in ROW magazine, social media and beyond.

At 11:50 AM, a motion was made to adjourn, and the motion was seconded with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morgan, Secretary