

**International Right of Way Association  
“Spirit of the Heartland” – Iowa Chapter 41  
Youngville Cafe, 2409 73rd Street, Watkins, IA**

11:00 Presentation by Katie Johnson of the IDOT regarding title issues.

Lunch immediately following presentation.

**Minutes of Business Meeting – 12:45 P.M., July 21, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Chad Johnson with 25 members in attendance.

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

**Secretary’s Report:** There was one revision to the minutes to correct the spelling of Dan Kovoichich’s name, and a motion was made and seconded to approve.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Carrol McCracken. The Chapter has \$9,100 in the bank. Carrol tries to keep between \$500 – 1,000 in checking. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report.

**Old Business:** The cost of converting from classroom courses to online would be between \$30,000 – 100,000.

**Annual Conference:**

- a. Steve Chapman won the free conference registration and attended.
- b. Community Practice Reports: None to report
- c. National meeting in 2019 will be in Portland which won by 7 votes. The 2020 meeting will be in Minneapolis. The vote was 14 to 1 to award the meeting to Minneapolis because Portland and Minneapolis were so close. Also, Minneapolis can house everyone in one hotel. The last time the meeting was in Minneapolis was in 1998.

**New Business:**

- a. MemberFuse- some people are catching on, some are not.
- b. If Course 100 - Principles of Land Acquisition were offered this fall, JCG would commit to sending 10 – 12 people, DOT could send 4, Alliant could send 4. This would be a 4-day course. There was discussion about holding this course in coordination with the September meeting. The City of Cedar Rapids could host the course; also, Alliant could host, but downtown parking is expensive. A Cedar Rapids location would be first choice, Ames would be second. Dwayne Myers stated that we need qualified course coordinators. Shelly Whiteing mentioned she had recently taken the course online and suggested that it was relatively easy to do.
- c. Through the end of August, Headquarters is offering \$50 off for online courses in an attempt to get more people to take online classes. Offering incentives to take classes is a good idea, and the Chapter is getting \$50 back for each participant. Dwayne Myers suggested that perhaps the Chapter look at matching this, this will be considered.
- d. It was suggested that a relocation class be offered after October, possibly at the beginning of 2015, at which time MAP-21 will be included in the courses.

**Installation of Officers:** Lou Ann Dollar, Region Vice Chair, was present from Jefferson City, Missouri to install the new officers: Shelly Whiteing as President, Rita Rasmussen as President Elect, Carrol McCracken as Treasurer and Carol Morgan as Secretary.

**Other Business:** We are looking for topics to present at our next meeting in September. Condemnation and mediation were suggested.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morgan, Secretary