



“Spirit of the Heartland”

Wednesday, March 23, 2016
Curris Business Building, University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Presentation: At 9:30 AM, prior to the chapter meeting, Arthur Cox, Director of the Center for Real Estate Education at the University of Northern Iowa, gave a presentation on the real estate education program at the university.

Welcome and Call to Order: President Rita Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

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
- Sarah Cook, Nominations and Elections Chair
- Shelly Whiteing, Membership Chair
- Rick Kullander
- Lawrence Bryant
- Megan Hudachok
- Christopher Happ
- Paul Gibson
- Craig Reischauer
- Ken Wunsen
- John Etheredge
- Jay Walton
- Tyler Buckingham
- Sandy Sells
- Keith Jones

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

Treasurer’s Report: Carrol McCracken stated that transactions were very light since the last meeting, and there was one deposit for an IRWA chapter incentive payment in the amount of \$258.54. A motion was made and seconded to approve with all in favor.

Chapter Officers: Brian Currie will move from President Elect to President, and Carrol McCracken has volunteered to move up to President Elect. Carol Morgan stated that she would give up the position as

Secretary if someone else would like to run, however, she would remain as Secretary if there were no one else interested in running for the position. The slate of officers up for election will be presented at the May or June meeting, and installations would take place at the August or September meeting.

Spring Forum, 2016: Will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, April 18 - 19, 2016, at Drury Plaza Hotel at the Arch. Chapter President, Rita Rasmussen, Chapter President Elect, Brian Currie and Membership Chair, Sarah Cook plan to attend the forum.

Fall Forum 2016: Fall Forum will be held on October 6 – 7, and the Grand Harbor Resort Dubuque hotel has been booked for this event. The rate for government employees will be \$55 per night, otherwise \$89 per night with Saturday and Sunday rates at \$109 per night. Rita is waiting for a call back regarding the American Lady Yacht Cruise. The yacht cruise holds 135 people, and 89 people have attended in the past. Cost is \$19.95 per person which includes beer, soda, sloppy joes and chips. Rita suggested that our chapter pay for members, and guests be responsible for their own costs. This is similar to how it is done at Spring Forum. Rick Kullander stated that we have to get our down payment in ahead of time. Brian Currie suggested that we reserve for a minimum of 40 people and confirm the final number at a later date. The Fall Forum plans will be announced at the Spring Forum in St. Louis. Dave Hingtgen suggested that we offer the utility course, if it's ready, at the fall forum.

IRWA International Conference: To be held June 12 – 15, 2016 in Nashville. There will be an auction as part of the RWIEF "Night in Downtown Nashville". Typically, we donate \$300 to sponsor a golf hole and \$200 – 300 for an auction item. A motion was made for a golf donation of \$300 and an auction donation of \$200 – 300 and all approved.

Committee Reports

PDC: Dwayne Myers reported that one member has renewed, Vicky Kitelinger has completed her ROW Environmental Certification. Chad Johnson has been recertified.

Nominations and Elections: Sarah Cook – the Treasurer's position is open, and anyone interested in a position on a committee should contact Sarah. Chris Happ volunteered for the Ethics Chair position.

Education: Dwayne Myers stated that he is always interested in working with anyone who wants to hold courses. Relocation courses have done well in the past (506/507). The Ethics course is available online.

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: The chapter has one new member, Karen Downs. Shelly Whiteing asked that all members please wear their badges to meetings.

Young Professionals: The next meeting is to be held on Sunday, April 17th at 5:30 PM. All Young Professionals are asked to meet in the lobby with networking to begin at 6:00. Also, there will be a class on Monday morning. YP has raised \$7,000 and funded scholarships two individuals for \$1,000 each. There are no age limits on Young Professionals, and Carrol McCracken suggested that the chapter have a conversation about more involvement in YP.

Chapter Program and Meeting Schedule: We may have an environmentalist speak at our next meeting on endangered species. Rita is also looking for other ideas on other programs.

Website: Joe Anderson was absent at this meeting, therefore, no update.

Other Discussion: Shelly asked if we are funding any more for the Region Forum. Carrol asked if there is anyone going to a conference and needs help. JCG has four people going to the Spring Forum, and in the past, we have funded up to \$1,000 per person. Rita and Sarah are both going to St. Louis and are fully funded.

At 12:02 PM, a motion was made to adjourn, and the motion was seconded with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morgan, Secretary