

IRWA Region 3

2015 Spring Forum Review

I was pleased to be one of 8 representatives from Chapter 41 to attend the Region 3 Spring Forum in Kansas City on April 24, 2015.

Penny Rolf, SR/WA from Chapter 20 was elected as Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

A good discussion followed the election regarding travel funding as had been proposed at last fall's Region Forum. The proposal for Region 3 to help fund the Secretary/Treasurer with costs associated with required travel (Forums and International Conference) by increasing member dues to \$1 member was passed. This will be assessed next Fiscal Year. There was good discussion and many of us agreed that the bulk of financial assistance for this position should come from the Chapter level when they have an elected Officer – let's help promote our own members to go for leadership positions.

The Region 3 Young Professionals group grew to 30 members attending the event on Thursday. This was up from the 14 who attended in October. It was proposed to me that the Region would like to see increased assistance from the Chapter Level for one of our members to attend the Event prior to the International Conference. Both Sarah Cook and Dwayne Myers are active in the Young Professionals and both represent the government side of our industry. Perhaps Chapter 41 could assist the one of these individuals with financial assistance to attend. Dwayne has declined at this time, but Sarah would be pleased to represent us in San Diego. This would require her to attend their Educational Event on Saturday – Monday, June 13-15 in San Diego. More information is available at www.irwaonline.org.

Since Chapter 41 is so well represented with interested members I would like to have them form a Chapter Committee – they could be a great asset to recruiting new members to our chapter and mentoring for professional development.

The Monday Night Auction Event was discussed and Chapters were reminded to send the checks to Daniel Stekol at IRWA HQ. I was pleased to present our Golf Tourney check to RWIEF Vice President, Craig Poorker.

Region 3 Professional of the Year was awarded to Kelly Anderson, SR/WA Chapter 72.

Make plans now to attend the 2015 Fall Forum in Omaha at the new Hampton Inn (72nd and Pacific) Tuesday, October 20. Course 503 Relocation of Mobile Homes will be offered the day before (Monday, October 19).

Thinking ahead the 2016 Spring Forum will be in St. Louis, and Iowa Chapter 41 is up for hosting the 2016 Fall Forum!

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