

Region 2 Forum Meeting
Thursday, August 5, 2010
9:00 AM
48th Annual Region 2 IRWA Refresher Seminar
College Station, Texas
Texas A&M Rudder Tower, Room 601

Steven Beck, SR/WA called the meeting to order at 9:10 am

- Steve introduced Georgia Snodgrass, SR/WA, R/W-NAC as the Region 2 Vice Chair and Ana Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC as Secretary/Treasurer
- Ana called roll for all the chapters in attendance:
Attendees:
 - ✓ Chapter 8 - Houston
 - ✓ Chapter 33 - Oklahoma
 - ✓ Chapter 35 – El Paso/Midland
 - ✓ Chapter 36 – Dallas/ Ft Worth
 - ✓ Chapter 39 – South Texas
 - ✓ Chapter 39 A- Rio Grande Valley
 - ✓ Chapter 43 – Baton Rouge
 - ✓ Chapter 51 - Arkansas
 - ✓ Chapter 74 - Austin
 - ✓ Chapter 75 - Shreveport
- Steve said that the minutes from Calgary will be emailed to the Chapter Presidents for their approval and vote.
- Steve asked the chapters if there are any missing speakers or if they need any help with any part of their presentations. Steve announced that John Mc Lerran, SR/WA, R/W-NAC will give the invocation at the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony.
- Steve requested each of the Chapter Presidents to provide a list of the names to be recognized at the awards luncheon this afternoon. We will ask those in attendance to stand and be recognized. The Professional of the Year will also be awarded at the luncheon.
- Steve reminded everyone that John Eaves, Housman & Associates will arrange a ride to Duncan Dining Hall for the Awards Luncheon.
- Steve said that the region website, www.irwaregion2.org is being updated and confirmed with Donna Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC.

- Steve introduced Steve Benson, SR/WA to update the group on the Region 2 Winter Forum.
 - Winter Forum will be held in Tulsa
 - Feb 1-4, 2011
 - Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.
 - There is a block of rooms at \$99/night.

- Steve mentioned that the FAU (Federal Agency Update) next year will be held in Washington D.C. January 27-28, 2011.

- Steve introduced Larry O’Neal, SR/WA Region 2 Representative for International Elections and Nominations Committee.
 - Applications for Newsletter of Year, Balfour Candidates, Chapter of the Year, Employer of the Year, and SARPA Scholarship are now due.
 - Applications are due by due by Feb 1, 2011.
 - Canadian education foundation is allowing \$1000 scholarship which are open to anyone.

- Georgia Snodgrass, Region 2 Vice- Chair introduced Randy Williams, SR/WA, International President-Elect, he discussed:
 - Webcast regarding the new career path
 - Realty Specialist with the federal government

- Steve said that the Region is currently doing well financially

- Steve said that the two classes that we had yesterday were well attended.

- Donnie Sherwood, SR/WA, MAI discussed that Chapter 36 is having their 50th anniversary celebration
 - October 16, 2010
 - Marriott Las Colinas.
 - Tickets are on sale on their website:
 - www.irwchapter36.org.

- Doc Weathers with Chapter 35 – discussed their Fall Education Seminar at the end of September
 - Sept 30th –Golf Tournament
 - \$250 per hole – hole sponsorship
 - Education Classes the following day
 - They also give out college scholarship, their goal is \$15,000 this year
 - Irwachapter35.org

- Liz Norris discussed The Eminent Domain Seminar sponsored by Chapters 39 & 74 - September 10, 2010
 - \$100 Cost includes continental breakfast and lunch
 - Golf Tournament on Sept 9th Make a Wish Foundation
 - Quail Creek in San Marcos

- \$100/hole – hole sponsor
- Chapter 33 Golf Tournament
 - September 24, 2010
 - Cushing Country Club
- Steve adjourned the meeting at 9:40 AM for the General Session and the Opening Ceremonies

General Session

August 5, 2010

10:00 AM – 11:50 AM

Texas A&M Rudder Tower, Room 601

- Steve opened the general session at 10:10 AM
- Gary Mailer – led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the group to Texas A&M University
- Steve gave the state of the region- The region is doing well financially and the chapters are doing well
- Randy Williams MAI, SR/WA, FRICS gave a state of International
 - Over 1000 attendees in Calgary
 - Membership is down slightly
 - We have partnered with HUD, Federal Highways, FTA, FAA, BLM
 - We are putting on 3 courses for the US Navy in Guam for Realty Specialist
 - There was \$50,000 shortfall in the overall budget
 - There are 14 courses online. There will be five more added by the end of the year
 - The new career path – a webinar will be for the presidents, region officers next week
 - If you are a candidate for SR/WA the deadline is Sept 1st to be in the existing plan
 - Leadership Development is a new focus for the IEC
 - Saudi Aramco would like to bring courses for 20 members. They asked if they could become a chapter
 - Mexico's appraisal group is reaching out to us for possible membership
 - Thailand asked to get more information on the IRWA and its courses
 - China wanted their MAIs certified as SR/WAs
 - World Congress of Real Estate – FIAPSI would like us to put on classes.
 - Real Estate Center will send out emails regarding real estate matters to the memberships
- Lisa R Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC discussed
 - Marketing our designation to our employers and decision makers
 - We are working with AASHTO to better market the SR/WA
 - FAU will be held in Washington in 2011
 - January 27 and 28th
 - One room in one location with revolving speakers from each federal agencies
 - Day and a half meeting with a reception
 - In 2012 at the World Congress in Washington, we will invite all the possible IRWA partners from around the world to participate
 - In 2013 Grantees will come to the IRWA in Washington

- Steve brought up Georgia who introduced each chapter and their officers
- Steve brought up Sue Findley, who announced that this seminar will count toward 8 hours of TREC continuing education. Sue will have those who need it sign the form on Friday afternoon.
- Steve brought up Kelli McMahon who introduced Randy G. Pennington, our Keynote speaker, “Make Change Work”
- Steve brought up John Mc Lerran for the invocation
- Steve adjourned the meeting for lunch at 11:50 AM

IRWA Region 2 Awards Luncheon

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11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

Duncan Dining Hall

- Officers complete meal before opening awards portion of luncheon.
- Steve greeted everyone and introduced head table, recognized past region officers and past International Officers
- Ernie Housman, Housman & Associates gave out the golf awards from this years' golf tournament
- Georgia Snodgrass, Region 2 Vice-Chair called each Chapter president to present designations and certifications to their members
- Steve announced and presented the Region Professional of the Year for 2010 – Tamara G Benson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC.
- Steve adjourned the awards luncheon at 1:00 PM to the remainder of the afternoon sessions to follow.

Seminar Debriefing Luncheon

August 6, 2010

12:00 PM

Rudder Tower

- Steve opened the debriefing Session at 12:10 PM
- There were a few audio visual issues in both rooms this year.
- We had approximately 30 sign the TREC form for continuing education
- The Student hall will still be closed next year, so next year the lunch will still be at Duncan Dining Hall
- We discussed with June Housman, Housman & Associates planning something special for the 50th anniversary, which is just 2 years away.
- The results of the draw for Speakers and Chapters for next year
 - ✓ Key Note Speaker – Chapter 8 – David Bethel
 - ✓ Relocation Workshop – Chapter 74 – Austin – Teri J. Morgan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC
 - ✓ Environmental Workshop – Chapter 33 – Oklahoma - Bill Sanders, R/W-NAC
 - ✓ Utilities Workshop – Chapter 39 – San Antonio – Bruce Haby
 - ✓ Highway Workshop – Chapter 43 – Baton Rouge - Sharon Yates
 - ✓ Valuation Workshop – Chapter 36 – Dallas/Ft Worth -Craig Brandt, R/W-AMC, R/W-NAC
 - ✓ Texas Real Estate Center Workshop – Chapter 75 – Shreveport – Wayne Goss, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
 - ✓ Pipeline Workshop – Chapter 35 – El Paso/Midland- Doc Weathers
 - ✓ Local Public Agency Workshop – Chapter 51 – Arkansas – Kip