



Region 2 Forum Meeting
Thursday, August 11, 2011
9:00 AM
Texas A&M University
Rudder Tower

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

- Steve Welcomed everyone to the 49th Annual Region 2 Refresher Seminar
- Steve introduced Wayne Goss SR/WA, Lisa Harrison, SR/WA and Randy Williams, SR/WA who are currently serving on the IEC. He also introduced Daniel Stekol, Business Development
- Steve introduced, Ana Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC the Region Secretary. Ana said that she emailed the minutes to all the chapter presidents last week again for their review. Ana asked for a motion to approve the minutes from Atlanta in June 2011. Bill Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes and Doc Weathers seconded the motion.
- 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 39A – Rio Grande Valley- South Texas
 - ✓ Chapter 43 – Baton Rouge
 - ✓ Chapter 51 - Arkansas
 - ✓ Chapter 74 - Austin
 - ✓ Chapter 75 – Shreveport
- Steve introduced Georgia Snodgrass, SR/WA, R/W-NAC. Georgia discussed the awards luncheon today. She encouraged the Chapters to please make all nominations on time. No nominees for Region Professional of Year were submitted this year.
- Doc Weathers, discuss the scholarships which were made from the proceeds of the golf tournament. The Golf Tournament and the scholarships made the local news. They were able to present 22 scholarships for a total of \$16,000. The chapter has presented \$37,000 in scholarships in the last 3 years.
- Steve said that the awards luncheon today will be at Duncan Dining Hall, Room 111. We will have a Debriefing luncheon for Chapter officers tomorrow afternoon. Steve recognized all the sponsors for

their participation. The classes this year were well attended. The speaker gift can be picked up at Room 308.

- Georgia discussed the Winter Forum which will be held in San Antonio at the Drewry Hotel on the Riverwalk. Date will be available online for the Winter Forum.
- Steve said that there is currently \$24,900 in the bank.
- Steve introduced Daniel Stekol to discuss the updates from International. International will start having conference calls for Chapter Presidents and membership chairs to discuss LPA participation, new dues renewal process, discuss that the dues went up this year by \$10. Reg Dues \$195- \$205. Headquarters is willing to split the dues renewal in ½ to make it easier to pay. Pay ½ plus chapter dues at the end of the year and the remaining ½ will be billed in July. Payment by credit card only so it can be billed in July. In the US we have 8,270 members; total membership is over 10,000 members with the affiliates.
- Sue Findley, SR/WA, R/W-AMC, R/W-NAC said that we are not offering TREC credit for the seminar this year. Georgia mentioned that it is difficult to credit TREC if you don't have the agenda and speakers ready well in advance. It takes TREC a while to approve seminars of this kind.
- Georgia said the 800 level classes have been approved by TREC for Real Estate continuing education credit.
- Steve adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

There were 60 members in attendance.

Region 2 General Meeting
Thursday, August 11, 2011
10:00 AM
Texas A&M University
Rudder Tower

Steven Beck, SR/WA called the meeting to order at 10:15 am

- Steve Welcomed everyone to the 49th Annual Education Seminar
- Steve introduced Charles Gilliland to discuss Texas A&M's Real Estate Center and conduct the Pledge of Honor
- Steve mentioned that we have \$24,900. The Region is not expecting to lose money from this conference.
- Steve will extend the nomination period for Region 2 Professional of the Year. The cut off is December 31st for application to be sent to Georgia. We will announce in January who won Region 2 Professional of the Year. The Region will be present the plaque to the winner at the Winter Forum in San Antonio in February 2012.
- Steve introduced Randy Williams, MAI, SR/WA, FRICS to give a state of the IEC
 - The membership is static
 - IRWA raised our yearly renewal dues by \$10
 - Headquarters has 20 employees
 - Partnerships with FHWA, FTA, FERC, GSA, BLM
 - Principles of Right of Way will be coming out in hardback as a reference book
 - IEC met with the University of Denver to bring some of our programs to the college level
 - Send our education materials outside for proof-reading
 - The Pipeline Committee is revamping the 215 Course. We are also developing a one day Energy Course
 - We have an advocacy group that will be meeting with the House Transportation Committee
 - Provide more leadership institute sessions to our Chapter and Region Officers
 - We are trying to expand the International Industry Committees
 - This year in South Africa they are building 7000 miles of transmission lines with three 765 kV lines running parallel.
 - Randy is going to China to teach 5 days of courses to their MAIs
 - There is more interest in International participation from countries in Europe, Asia and Africa
- Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC discussed the certification process
 - Specialty Task Force – identified number of pathways for individuals to stand out in the work force based on their skills and experience
 - IEC has hired a marketing firm to talk to users of our services to see if the market wants to see more certifications
 - If the marketing firm discovers that there is a need. The specific certifications will need additional courses to support these certifications

- The courses already in existenance still needs proof-reading. IEC is working with the Industry Committees to go over these courses to make sure that the material is still current. The 900 series is the first on the list. Relocation will start on the 500 series shortly.
- IEC is looking at the facilitators to make sure they are still qualified and able to teach courses. Two stage introductory facilitator presentation course along with a detailed facilitator clinic. All facilitators are required to do continuing education once every 5 years.
- The World Congress will be held in March in Washington DC – 1st week of March, 2012
- Georgia wanted to recognize the Presidents of each Chapter in attendance from the Region
- Steve mentioned that the lunch is after the key note speaker
- David Bethal introduced our key note speaker Mary Sue Koontz Nelson
- John McLaren gave the invocation
- Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Region 2 Forum De-Briefing Meeting Luncheon
Thursday, August 12, 2011
12:00 PM
Texas A&M University
Koldus, Room 111

- Steve said that the conference went well this year.
- Once the chapter draws, they can exchange to make sure that they can get the speaker for the topic they end up with
- Ana Rausch called chapter roll

Attendees:

- ✓ Chapter 8 – Houston: David Bethel , Kelli McMahon, SR/WA, Gary Bland, Sue Findley, SR/WA, R/W-AMC, R/W-NAC
- ✓ Chapter 33 – Oklahoma: Bill Sanders, R/W-NAC, Lori Vernon, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Kevin
- ✓ Chapter 35 – El Paso/Midland: Doc Weathers, Wenda Kelly, Jim Evans, Rick Doehne, SR/WA, R/W-AMC, Ken Polson
- ✓ Chapter 36 – Dallas/ Ft Worth: Craig Brandt, R/W-AMC, R/W-NAC , Charles Stearman, SR/WA and Karen Gnuse, SR/WA
- ✓ Chapter 39 – South Texas: Bruce Haby, Heath Reininger, SR/WA
- ✓ Chapter 43 – Baton Rouge: Sharon Yates, Joyce Montgomery, R/W-NAC
- ✓ Chapter 51 – Arkansas: Kip Beaudry
- ✓ Chapter 74 – Austin: Dennis Sedlachek, SR/WA, Teri Morgan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC,
- ✓ Chapter 75 – Shreveport: Wayne Goss, SR/WA, R/W-NAC

Chapter 39A – Rio Grande Valley- South Texas was not present at the De-Briefing

- June Housman said that next year is the 50th anniversary of the Seminar and she wanted to give out something special for the attendees
- June suggested sending an email to the membership to get pictures from past seminars. June said that she could put a slide show together for the reception and the awards luncheon
- June discussed the price difference from the MSE and Rudder tower.
- Ernie said that we had a good turn-out for the golf tournament – 17 teams.
 - Ernie said that Briar Crest will become a municipal course, so it might be an option for us next year. He will give us the cost options at Winter Forum
 - Every hole was sponsored at the golf tournament
- John said that it would be good to have a meeting logo for the 50th. Daniel Stekol will work with June and John to give us some options
- Georgia passed out the topics for next year for the drawing
 - Keynote speaker – Chapter 8 - Gary Bland
 - LPA – Chapter 39: Thursday, 1:30 – 3:00 pm – Heath Reininger, SR/WA
 - Pipeline – Chapter 35: Thursday, 1:30 – 3:00 pm – Jim Evans
 - Valuation- Chapter 51: Thursday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm- Kip Beaudry
 - Texas REC – Chapter 75: Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm – Ken McKinley

- Utility/Communications – Chapter 74: Friday, 8:30 – 10:00 am –Teri Morgan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC
 - Highways – Chapter 36: Friday, 8:30 – 10:00 am – Charles Stearman, SR/WA
 - Environmental – Chapter 43: Friday, 10:30 am- 12:00 pm – Joyce Montgomery, R/W-NAC
 - Relocation – Chapter 33: Friday, 10:30 am-12:00 pm – Lori Vernon, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
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- Sue Findley discussed the need to turn in information regarding education plan for each Chapter. Please get your education schedule for the next two years to Georgia.
 - Steve said that the Professional of the Year for Region 2 will be announced at Winter Forum
 - Kevin Stout, SR/WA, R/W-NAC with Chapter 33 would like to run for Secretary for Region 2
 - Steve adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm