



Region 2 Forum Meeting
Thursday, August 2, 2012
9:00 AM
Texas A&M University
Rudder Tower, Room 601

Georgia Snodgrass, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC, Region 2 Chair: called meeting to order at 9:00 am

- Georgia Welcomed everyone to the 50th Annual Region 2 Refresher Seminar Business Meeting.
- Georgia introduced Ana Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Region 2 Vice Chair and Kevin Stout, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, Region 2 Secretary.
- Georgia introduced Wayne Goss SR/WA, International Treasurer, Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, URAC, International President Elect, Randy Williams, SR/WA, International Immediate Past President and Past International Presidents, Faith Roland, SR/WA, Gene Land, SR/WA and Alan Wurtz, SR/WA.
- Georgia thanked all the sponsors.
- Kevin 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 – San Antonio
 - Chapter 39A – Rio Grande Valley- South Texas
 - ✓ Chapter 43 – Baton Rouge
 - ✓ Chapter 51 - Arkansas
 - ✓ Chapter 74 - Austin
 - ✓ Chapter 75 – Shreveport
- Georgia invited Ana Rausch, Region Secretary to the podium. Ana stated that she emailed the minutes to all the chapter presidents last week for their review. Ana asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting in Seattle for June 2012. Wayne Goss made a motion to approve the minutes and Terri Morgan seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed.
- Ana reported that there is currently \$22,967.20 in the Region 2 bank account.

- Georgia discussed seminar speakers and session logistics. See June Housman or John Eaves for assistance. Also, speaker gifts need to be picked up and presented to the speakers.
- Randy Williams discussed the joint chapter seminar in San Marcos.
- Georgia discussed the awards luncheon today. She encouraged the Chapters to coordinate with Ana in order to make presentations of IRWA certifications and designations earned in the last year by chapter membership.
- Georgia reminded everyone of the Region 2 Website: www.irwaregion2.org Connie Real is the current website administrator.
- Georgia thanked Kyle Ray and Larry Dupree for instructing the courses in coordination with the seminar. Kyle and Larry did not charge for their services. Both classes were well attended.
- Georgia discussed the Winter Forum which will be held in Fort Worth at the Embassy Suites Downtown Fort Worth. The date for the Winter Forum will be February 7-8, 2013. The 2014 Forum will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Hyatt Chateau Bourbon on February 6-7, 2014.
- Georgia said that the awards luncheon today will be at the Memorial Student Center, Room 2400, go to the second floor and take the connecting overhead walkway.
- Open Forum for Discussion
 - Chapter 8 Membership Chair, see him to update contact information.
 - Lisa Harrison, Strategic Plan to engage members at the local level.
 - Wayne Goss encouraged chapters to make membership aware of IRWA career path.
 - Tami Benson, created career path flow chart. This will be put on the Region 2 website.
- Georgia adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m. for the Opening Ceremonies

There were 91 members in attendance.

Notes from the Opening Ceremonies

- Georgia Snodgrass, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC, Region 2 Chair opened the session.
- John McLaren led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Georgia reported that it looked like this year's attendance will be the largest ever.
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- Doc Weathers discussed the Chapter 35 annual golf tournament and their scholarship program.
- Georgia announced that Burns/McDonnell would be holding a reception this evening for all attendees.
- Georgia thanked all the sponsors.
- Ana read the names of the Region 2 Chapter Presidents and acknowledged those that were in attendance.
- Georgia gave a State of the Region Address.
 - Region 2 has the most successful region forum in the association.
 - Education program is on track.
 - Sue Findley, "Region 2 Education Guru", is keeping our education program moving forward.
 - Thanks to Kyle Ray and Larry Dupree for donating their instructor time for courses.
 - Finances are very good. Ana has a Financial Report for all Chapter Presidents.
 - Thanks to June for all the cool pictures in the program.
 - Region 2 Leadership is here to serve you. They are available when you need them.
- Lisa Harrison, , SR/WA, URAC, International President Elect, gave a State of the Association Address.
 - The International R/W Association is doing well.
 - Class attendance is up. Online course offerings are an alternative to travel.
 - Attendance at the annual conference in Seattle set an all time record.
 - HQ has canned presentations available for use at the Chapter level. 45 minutes re-cert credit.
 - Job descriptions are available for all positions in the association. Contact Daniel Stekol.
 - Others are seeking us as an International Organization.
 - South Africa, China and Taiwan are forming chapters.
 - Development of new courses for certifications and re-certification are in the works.

The Education Foundation needs dollars to operate. Consider a donation in estate planning as well as making the \$15.00 donation with your dues renewal.

- Gus Cannon, TxDot, gave a presentation on pre-certification for realstate appraisers to contract with the DOT.
- Mike Brown introduced the Keynote Speaker, Bill McAlpine.
- Bill McAlpine, Keynote Speaker, gave an informative and entertaining presentation.
- John McLaren gave the invocation following the address by the Keynote Speaker.
- Opening Session concluded at 12:00 p.m.

Region 2 Awards Luncheon
Thursday, August 2, 2012
12:00 PM
Texas A&M University
Memorial Student Union, Room 2400

Bill McAlpine, Keynote Speaker, addressed the crowd.

- Georgia greeted everyone, made introductions of head table, recognized past Region 2 Officers and past International Officers, and thanked the sponsors.
- Rita Cavaness announced the golf tournament awards. There were a total of 20 teams.
- Georgia presented Steve Beck with a plaque for being the Past Region 2 Chair.
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- Steve Beck presented Ana with a plaque for being the Past Region 2 Secretary.
- Ana called on Chapter Presidents to present designations and certifications.
- Georgia announced and presented Region Professional of the Year Award for 2011.
2011 Denise Skinner
- Ana announced and presented Region Professional of the Year Award for 2012.
2012 Doc Weathers
- Doc Weathers made comments.
- Georgia announced the debriefing luncheon is to be held at noon Friday.
- Georgia adjourned luncheon with reminder of afternoon sessions.

Region 2 Forum De-Briefing Meeting Luncheon

Friday, August 3, 2012

12:00 PM

Texas A&M University
Koldus, Room 111

- Georgia said that the conference went well this year. Workshops were well attended.
- Introductions were made around the room.
- Kevin sent around a sign in sheet. 25 members were in attendance.
- June Housman made comments:
Lot's of special items and upgrades were made for the 50th Annual meeting. Items costing more were the padfolios, use of china and flowers for the luncheon, chairs reception, program cover and pages with speaker photos.
- Ernie Cochran made golf tournament comments: All went well, 80 golfers.
- Ana and Sue Findley touched on Region 2 education issues. TREC credit for courses in Texas, completed forms need to go to Georgia.
- Ana passed out the topics for next year by drawing

Topic	Day and Time	Ch.	President	Email
Keynote speaker	Thursday, 10:00 am	8	Mike Brown	mdbrown@eprod.com
LPA	Thursday, 1:30 – 3:00 pm	51	Kip Beaudry	kip@myrgb.net
Environmental	Thursday, 1:30 – 3:00 pm	33	Aaron Adkins	aadkins@pinnaclegroup.biz
Utility/Communications	Thursday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm	39	Robin McFarlane	rhmcfarlane@cpsenergy.com
Highways	Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm	36	David Harry	david@harryco.biz
Texas REC	Friday, 8:30 – 10:00 am	75	Melanie Porter	mcooper@jwporter.net
Relocation	Friday, 8:30 – 10:00 am	43	Joyce Montgomery	coastalcajun@bellsouth.net
Pipeline	Friday, 10:30 am- 12:00 pm	74	Don Toner	don.toner@txdot.gov
Valuation	Friday, 10:30 am-12:00 pm	35	Chris Mertz	cmertz@dcpmidstream.com

- Once the chapter draws, they can exchange to make sure that they can get the speaker for the topic they end up with. No changes were made.

- June Housman commented that the rooms will be set-up with a data projector and screen only. If there is a need for internet or a laptop it has to be requested early and will be done at the expense of the Chapters. Each speaker will be provided with a gift from Region 2. Speaker information and topic need to be submitted to Georgia at or before the Winter Forum in Fort Worth.
- Georgia adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.