



Region 2 Winter Forum Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2012
1:00 PM
Drury Inn & Suites – San Antonio River walk
San Antonio, TX

Steven Beck, SR/WA called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM

- Steve welcomed everyone to the 2012 Region 2 Winter Forum at 1:10 pm
- Steve introduced, Ana Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC the Region Secretary. 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 43 – Baton Rouge
- ✓ Chapter 74 - Austin
- ✓ Chapter 75 – Shreveport

Chapter 39A and Chapter 51 were not in attendance

- Ana said that she emailed the minutes to the chapter president for the A&M Education Forum in August. Ana asked for a motion to approve the minutes from A&M in August 2011. Doc Weathers made a motion to approve the minutes and Joyce Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Ana passed out the Region 2 Financial Report. Our current balance is \$13,923.51
- Steve introduced Wayne L Goss, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, Lisa R Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC and Randy A. Williams, SR/WA, MAI, FRICS who are currently serving on the IEC. He also introduced Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA who is a candidate running for the International Secretary Position. Mary Anne discussed her reasons for running for the open position on the IEC.
- Steve introduced Kevin M Stout, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, who is running for Region 2 Secretary. Kevin discussed his reasons for running for Region 2

- Steve asked if there are any nominations from the floor for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for Region 2. Receiving no nominations from the floor Georgia S Snodgrass, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC is the in-coming Region Chair, Ana B Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC is the in-coming Region Vice-Chair and Kevin M Stout, SR/WA, R/W-NAC is our in-coming Region Secretary for 2012-2013 effective June 14, 2012.
- Steve introduced Wayne Goss, to discuss the state of the association. Wayne gave a PowerPoint presentation on current International progress.
- Steve introduced Lisa Harrison to discuss education. Facilitators must re-certify every five years with either with Course 219 or the facilitator clinic. International is doing a pilot for Course 219 in Seattle in Feb and June.
- Steve introduced Randy Williams to discuss our international efforts and membership renewals, retention of members for International.
- Steve discussed proposed by-laws for International. Randy mentioned that governing council will discuss having a specific cut-off date for membership for non-payment of membership dues.
- Doc Weather asked the IEC members how to make the International website more user-friendly. Lisa suggested documenting the issues we are having and making specific suggestions to International so that they can try and fix the problem.
- Steve announced a break at 2:24 until 3:00 pm
- Georgia Snodgrass, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC mentioned tonight's reception at LaGloria's which is sponsored by Chapter 39 and several different companies. There will be two river barges that will take the group out to the restaurant and bring us back.
- Don Toner, SR/WA made a motion for Region 2 to support Chapter 36, the Ft. Worth chapter to make a run at holding the 2017 International Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. Connie Real, SR/WA seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Tammy Benson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC gave a presentation on The IRWA Leadership Institute- Coaching & Developing Others
- Steve adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM.

There are 55 members in attendance.

Region 2 General Meeting
Friday, February 3, 2012
8:30 AM
Drury Inn & Suites – San Antonio River Walk
San Antonio, TX

Steven Beck, SR/WA called the meeting to order at 8:45 am

- Steve Welcomed everyone back

Chapter Reports:

- Chapter 8 – Houston
 - No Officers Present for Chapter Report
- Chapter 33 – Oklahoma – Bill Sander, R/W-NAC
 - 202 Members
 - \$54,000 in checking
 - 2 CDS - \$32,000 and \$11,000
 - 10 classes in 2011 and 10 scheduled for 2012
 - Six meetings per year with average attendance of 35 members per meeting
- Chapter 35 – El Paso/Midland- Doc Weathers
 - 64 Members, net gain of 6 members
 - 3 SR/WAs and 3 Certificates
 - \$89,397 total (\$35,000 in checking and \$55,000+ in CD)
 - \$34,000 raised for scholarship funds with 22 scholarships presented
 - 2012 – estimating \$30,000 in scholarships
 - Chris Mertz with DCP is taking over the golf tournament for the Chapter
- Chapter 36 – Dallas/ Ft Worth – Craig Brandt, R/W-AMC, R/W-NAC
 - 377 members
 - 151 SR/ WA & Certificates, 59 candidates
 - 15 Courses last year and 11 scheduled for 2012
 - They have 6 Lunch and learn meetings
 - Spring Seminar and Golf Tournament in April raise \$6,500 split between two charities
- Chapter 39 – South Texas – Bruce Haby
 - 97 current
 - 29 SR/WA /certificate
 - 8 meetings 30-35 per meeting
 - Courses 3 in 2012
 - New website for Chapter
 - Joint ED seminar in San Marcus
- Chapter 43 – Baton Rouge – Joyce Montgomery, R/W-NAC
 - 113 members
 - 12 SR/WA
 - 3 courses last year 1 scheduled this year
 - 6 meetings 20-25 per meeting

- \$31000 in CD and \$8000 in Checking
- Working on their website
- Chapter 74 – Austin – Teri J. Morgan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC,
 - 180 members
 - 65 SR/WA and Certifications
 - 6 last year and 7 classes this year
 - 9 Meetings per year
 - Membership initiative during meetings and classes
 - Offer a survey to members to determine course needs for the Chapter
 - \$2500 toward Blue Santa each year
- Chapter 75 – Shreveport – Melanie Porter Cooper
 - 28 members
 - \$5000 checking
 - 5 Chapter meetings per year.
- Steve wanted a report on the International Committees
 - Dean Harris, SR/WA – Asset Management Committee
 - RFP for 700 series of courses
 - White Papers and Best Practices are made available on their website through IRWA
 - Terri Matheson – Environmental
 - Not Present
 - Connie Real, SR/WA – Local Public Agency
 - They have had conference calls to have better outreach to the community
 - Looking for articles for the Right of Way magazine , i.e. Grant Righting
 - Meeting scheduled for Seattle
 - David Sinclair, SR/WA – Pipeline Committee
 - Met in Palm Springs
 - Partnership with the FERC
 - They are working on revision to Course 215
 - Upcoming meeting in April in Tucson, AZ
 - September meeting in Park City, UT
 - Donna Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC – Relocation Committee
 - Met in Boston
 - Revising the 500 series courses (original concentration on Courses 501 and 502)
 - Met in Oklahoma City to completely revise Course 504
 - Course 505 has also been revised
 - Fixed Payment in Lieu and File Documentation are 2 new courses they are developing
 - They are working on having their own website
 - They have a committee that writes articles for the magazine. They are always looking for new ideas
 - They would like to see a library of forms on the International website
 - Walt Sass – Surveying and Engineering
 - Not Present

- Liz Norris – Transportation
 - They have implemented conference calls to get together for discussions
 - Work on having a list of experts available on IRWA’s website for questions
 - 6 sessions for Seattle
 - They are looking to expand cost estimating and scheduling course. They have developed a sub-committee to work on this new course
- Ana Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC – Utilities Committee
 - Two meetings a year and 4 conference calls
 - 5 sessions in Seattle
 - Working on the Utilities Beginners Course
 - We are meeting in Seattle on Feb, 16th and during International in June
- Donny Sherwood, SR/WA – Valuation Committee
 - One Meeting at International
 - Dealing with jurisdictional issues in each state
 - Monitoring USPAP proposes changes
 - New Courses on Appraisal Theory and Case Studies
 - They are rewriting several classes
- Steve introduced David Sinclair, SR/WA who is representing the Education Foundation
 - The Foundation is separate from IRWA, they report to the Board of Directors
 - They have \$1.3 Million in their corpus. They have spent \$1.2 Million toward IRWA education
 - The golf tournament from Pipeline Committee and Region 2 Education Seminar help the Education Foundation
 - If you sponsor a hole please send the company logo
 - The IRWA will come to the Foundation and request funding for the courses they want financial assistance with
- Steve introduced Georgia Snodgrass, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC to discuss the Region 2 education plan
 - She went over the spreadsheet she passed out regarding the proposed schedule
 - The class schedule will be on the website
 - She wants everyone to look at the schedule and plan for the next few years and update their information
- Steve introduced the Denise Skinner, SR/WA as the 2011 Region 2 Profession of the Year.
 - Georgia will need the candidates for 2012 Professional of Year submitted to her by June 15, 2012 for presentation at Region 2 Education Seminar at A&M
 - Denise will get her plaque at A&M along with the winner of the 2012 Professional of the Year
- Steve announced College Station will be held August 2-3, 2012, Golf Tournament will be on Aug 1st
 - Cut-off date for programs and speaker information to John at Housman is – June 15, 2012
 - Fill out the Speakers /Program form provided by International
 - Keynote speaker – Chapter 8 - Gary Bland

- LPA – Chapter 39: Thursday, 1:30 – 3:00 pm – Heath Reininger
 - 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 – Wayne Goss
 - Utility/Communications – Chapter 74: Friday, 8:30 – 10:00 am – Denise Skinner
 - Highways – Chapter 36: Friday, 8:30 – 10:00 am – Charles Stearman
 - Environmental – Chapter 43: Friday, 10:30 am- 12:00 pm – Joyce Montgomery
 - Relocation – Chapter 33: Friday, 10:30 am-12:00 pm – Lori Vernon
- Steve wanted to discuss the proposed logos for the 50th Annual IRWA Region 2 Education Seminar
 - June is working on the Logo with International
 - Each attendee will get a pad folio with the 50th logo
 - Logos that were voted on - No. 2 and No. 6 won the votes
- Ernie discussed the golf tournament for A&M
 - 17 teams last year
 - Hole Sponsorship is \$300 - please send logos to Ernie
 - Chapters can also sponsor a hole
 - Chapter 35 - \$500
 - Chapter 36- \$300
 - Chapter 39- \$300
 - Chapter 43 -\$300
 - Chapter 74 -\$200
 - Bryan Municipal Golf Course will host the golf tournament
- Steve asked for donations for the Chair Reception at A &M
 - Chapter 8 – Houston - \$1000 – Steve will confirm with Gary Bland
 - Chapter 33 – Oklahoma- \$1000
 - Chapter 35 – El Paso/Midland \$1500
 - Chapter 36 – Dallas/ Ft Worth \$1000
 - Chapter 39 – South Texas \$ 200
 - Chapter 43 – Baton Rouge \$ 700
 - Chapter 74 – Austin \$500
 - Chapter 75 – Shreveport \$200
- Steve said that we need to pick a theme for the seminar. The following themes were voted on:
 - Education going for the Gold - 3
 - Going for the Gold – 2
 - **Gold Standard in Education and Ethics - 18**
 - Golden opportunity for educational excellence - 2
 - Gold Standard -2
 - Golden Opportunity for New Right of Way Professionals -2

- Next year's Winter Forum
 - **Chapter 43 Joyce suggested New Orleans – January 31st and Feb. 1st- 23**
 - Chapter 36 – Craig – Fort Worth - 12

Donna Harrison asked if someone will volunteer to manage the website. Connie Real volunteered to manage the Region 2 Website.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 11:45 pm

Subsequent to the Meeting: The location of Winter Forum for 2013 was moved to Ft. Worth, since the Super Bowl will be in New Orleans the same time as our meeting. New Orleans will host 2014 Winter Forum.