



**Region 2 Forum Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 1, 2013**  
**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 51<sup>st</sup> 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 International President, Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, URAC, Wayne Goss SR/WA, R/W-NAC, International Vice President, and Past International Presidents, Randy Williams, 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 39 – Rio Grande Valley
  - ✓ Chapter 43 – Baton Rouge
  - ✓ Chapter 51 - Arkansas
  - ✓ Chapter 74 - Austin
  - ✓ Chapter 75 – Shreveport
- Georgia discussed seminar speakers and session logistics.
- Georgia invited Kevin Stout, Region Secretary, to the podium. Kevin stated that the minutes were sent to all the chapter presidents for their review. Kevin asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting in West Virginia for June 2013. Joyce Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes and Aaron Adkins seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed.

- 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.
- Georgia reminded everyone of the Region 2 Website: [www.irwaregion2.org](http://www.irwaregion2.org) We need a website administrator. Karen Gnuse has been coordinating the website since the departure of Kelly Camp.
- Georgia discussed the awards luncheon and encouraged the Chapters to coordinate with Ana to make presentations of IRWA certifications / designations earned in the last year by chapter membership.
- Georgia thanked Randy Williams and Scott Moran for instructing the courses in coordination with the seminar. Both classes were well attended.
- Georgia introduced Hilda Correa, TxDOT. Hilda provided a brief presentation of TxDOT's recent reorganization, increase in staffing and corporate IRWA membership.
- Georgia discussed the Winter Forum which will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Hyatt Chateau Bourbon on February 5-7, 2014. The 2015 Forum will be held in Austin, Texas at yet to be determined location and date. Anyone desiring to be a sponsor for the New Orleans Winter Forum, please contact Joyce Montgomery.
- Open Forum for Discussion
  - Region 2 will be accepting nominations for officers at the Winter Forum in New Orleans.
  - Rooms will be available starting September 1, 2013 for the New Orleans hotel.
  - This year we had 306 registrants for the A & M Seminar.
- Georgia Introduced Mark Mendez. Mark made a brief presentation about the Young Professionals event taking place at the Fox and Hound as well as invited everyone to attend.
- Ana reported that there is currently \$15,114.54 in the Region 2 bank account.
- Georgia introduced David Sinclair who in turn introduced Steve Benson, the newest Trustee for the education foundation. Steve reported that the foundation's goal is to provide financial resources to the IRWA for course creation and update. At the recent annual conference they raised \$1,000.00 on the raffle, \$800.00 on the money split with the recipient donating their portion back to the foundation, Chapter 33 donated \$25,000.00 in honor of Lisa Harrison, the Monday night event netted about \$30,000.00, the golf tournament netted about \$33,000.00 and other numerous donations were made by individual Chapters and Regions at the Board of Director's Meeting totaling about \$45,000.00. A total amount was not available to be reported.
- Georgia adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

There were 106 members in attendance.

## Notes from the Opening Ceremonies

- Georgia Snodgrass, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC, Region 2 Chair opened the session.
- Gary Maler led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, extended a welcome from the Texas Real Estate Center and described their new relationship with the Federal Reserve.
- Georgia introduced International President, Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, URAC, Wayne Goss SR/WA, R/W-NAC, International Vice President, and Past International Presidents, Randy Williams, SR/WA, Gene Land, SR/WA and Alan Wurtz, SR/WA.
- 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 thanked all the sponsors, Housman and Associates and the Texas Real Estate Center.
- Ana acknowledged Region 2 Chapter Presidents or their designee that were in attendance.
- Tami Benson announced her desire to run for office on the International Executive Committee.
- Steve Benson, Trustee, provided a report on fund raising activities from the recent annual conference.
- 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 Randy Williams and Scott Moran for donating their instructor time for courses.
  - Finances are very good. Ana has a Financial Report for all Chapter Presidents.
  - Thanks to June for coordination of seminar.
  - Region 2 Leadership is here to serve you. They are available when you need them.
- Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, URAC, International President Elect, gave a State of the Association Address.
  - Announced that the annual conference made money and it will be distributed as additional value for the membership.
  - The International R/W Association is doing well.
  - In September 2013, the IRWA will unveil 4 pathways to the SR/WA designation. These pathways will align with industry.
  - Also starting in September will be two new positions for Headquarters that will be devoted strictly to working on continuing education credit.

Randy William's legacy of going from a North American focus to a truly International focus. 30 new membership applications from Nigeria as well as numerous other memberships from countries around the world. Region 11, who is it going to be?

Attendance at the annual conference in Hartford is a must. You will see significant improvements / changes to the conference form and format aimed at making the experience more meaningful.

Emphasis on the fact that for IRWA chapters our charity of choice should be the International Education Foundation.

According to the IRS, every Chapter's Officers must serve on the same schedule as that of the International Officers.

- Mike Brown, Chapter 8 President, introduced the Keynote Speaker, Frank Candy.
- Frank Candy, Keynote Speaker, gave an informative and entertaining presentation.
- Alan Wurtz, gave the invocation following the address by the Keynote Speaker.
- Opening Session concluded at 11:50 a.m.

**Region 2 Awards Luncheon**  
**Thursday, August 1, 2012**  
**12:00 PM**  
**Texas A&M University**  
**Memorial Student Union, Room 2400**

**Frank Candy, 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 thanked Housman and Associates for putting on the golf tournament. Announcements were made regarding the golf tournament awards. There were a total of 24 teams.
- Ana called on Chapter Presidents to present designations and certifications.
- Ana announced and presented Region Professional of the Year Award for 2013.  
Teri Morgan
- Teri Morgan made comments.
- Georgia announced the debriefing luncheon is to be held at 11:45 a.m. on Friday.
- Georgia adjourned luncheon with reminder of afternoon sessions.

## Region 2 Forum De-Briefing Meeting Luncheon

Friday, August 2, 2013

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.
- Sue Findley made a motion and Melanie Porter provided a second that we move to the MSC instead of staying with Rudder Tower. A majority in attendance agreed.
- General discussion with June Housman:
  - Hot and crowded
  - Room change due to lack of bathrooms
  - Lunch was packed
  - Golf rules may change and require that you be present to win
  - Coffee ran out and with caterer there is a big lag in time for delivery
  - Why not change the golf tournament location
  - Need a greater level of advertising which means getting speaker and topic information turned as soon as possible
- A Region wide e-mail will be sent out looking for an amateur photographer to take pictures at future forums.
- Charles Stearman announced his intentions to run for the office of Region 2 Secretary in New Orleans.
- Teri Morgan announced her intentions to run for the office of Region 2 Secretary in New Orleans.
- All Chapters must prepare a plan and get their officers on the same schedule as International.
- Voting for the Region Officers occurs by each Chapter providing two votes by secret ballot. Majority wins unless there is a tie which will be broken by the Region Chair casting the tie breaking ballot.
- Ana passed out the topics for next year by drawing

Topic	Day and Time	Chapter	President	Email Address
Keynote speaker	Thursday, 10:00 am	8	Walter Sass	<a href="mailto:wsass@weissereng.com">wsass@weissereng.com</a>

Texas REC	Thursday, 1:30 – 3:00 pm	75	Melanie Porter	<b>mcooper@jwporter.net</b>
Pipeline	Thursday, 1:30 – 3:00 pm	35	Chris Mertz	<b>cmertz@dpcmidstream.com</b>
Relocation	Thursday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm	33	Sara Wyly	<b>swyly@ufsrw.com</b>
Valuation	Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm	51	Kip Beaudry	<b>kip@myrgb.net</b>
LPA	Friday, 8:30 – 10:00 am	39	Mark Schultz	<a href="mailto:mschulze@appraiser.com">mschulze@appraiser.com</a>
Environmental	Friday, 8:30 – 10:00 am	36	Jennifer Ayres	<b>Jennifer@pvstexas.com</b>
Util/Communications	Friday, 10:30 am- 12:00 pm	74	Don Toner	<b>don.toner@txdox.gov</b>
Highways	Friday, 10:30 am-12:00 pm	43	Brad Core	<b>Brad.core@rightofwayservices.com</b>

- June Housman commented that for next years A & M Seminar 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 Chapter sponsoring the session. Each speaker will be provided with a gift from Region 2. Speaker information and topics need to be submitted to Georgia at or before the Winter Forum in New Orleans.
- Georgia adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.