



Region 2 Winter Forum Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2013
1:00 PM
Embassy Suites – Fort Worth
Fort Worth, Texas

Georgia Snodgrass, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC, Region 2 Chair: called meeting to order at 1:11 PM

- Georgia welcomed everyone to the 2013 Region 2 Winter Forum and thanked Chapter 36 for hosting.
- Charles Stearman, Chapter 36 thanked the following sponsors:
 - Allegiant Group, PLLC
 - Coates Field Services, Inc.
 - Contract Land Staff
 - DCP Midstream
 - HDR
 - Integra Realty Resources, Houston
 - Overland Pacific and Cutler, Inc.
 - Paragon Partners Ltd.
 - Paul Hornsby & Co.
 - Percheron
 - Rutherford Real Estate
 - Steele Land Services
 - Universal Field Services, Inc.
- Georgia introduced, Kevin Stout, SR/WA, R/W NAC, R/W-RAC, Region 2 Secretary. 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
- ✓ Chapter 43 - Baton Rouge
- ✓ Chapter 51 - Arkansas
- ✓ Chapter 74 - Austin
- ✓ Chapter 75 - Shreveport

- Georgia introduced International Officers that were present:
Wayne Goss SR/WA, International Treasurer
Randy Williams, SR/WA, International Immediate Past President
- Kevin said that he emailed the minutes to the chapter Presidents for the A&M Education Forum on 08/21/2012 and 01/07/2013 as well as posted them on the website. Additionally, copies were provided at the meeting. Kevin asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the A&M Seminar in August 2012. Lori Vernon made a motion to approve the minutes and Denise Skinner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Wayne L Goss, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, International Treasurer, presented the State of the Association. Finances doing well, membership numbers are up from last year, classroom course attendance down, online courses going really strong, IRWA as the international central authority on Right of Way is reaching out globally as well as being contacted by other countries.
- Candidates running for International Offices made brief statements to group. Jerry Colburn, Chapter 11, San Diego was the only candidate present.
- Ana passed out the Region 2 Financial Report. Our current balance is \$18,211.25.

Chapter Reports:

- Chapter 8 – Houston, Mike Brown
 - 450 members
 - 10 meetings per year, average attendance of 45
 - Will be adding committees to mirror International Committees
- Chapter 33 – Oklahoma – Lori Vernon
 - 0202 Members
 - 18 course days in 2012 and 18 scheduled for 2013
 - Six meetings per year with average attendance of 35 members per meeting
 - Three new committees, utilities, pipeline and social media
- Chapter 35 – El Paso/Midland- No Officers present for report
- Chapter 36 – Dallas/ Ft Worth – Charles Stearman
 - 379 members, goal is to reach 400
 - Average 1 course per month
 - Board Meeting and General Meeting every month
 - Started a Young Professionals Committee
- Chapter 39 – South Texas – Heath Reininger, SR/WA
 - Difficulty filling leadership positions with new members
 - Utility and pipeline committee forming
 - Board meetings the Monday before regular meeting
 - Fishing tournament in July
- Chapter 39A – Rio Grande Valley – Jose Pena

- Still struggling
- Need new leadership
- Region leadership will work with HQ to assist them
- Chapter 43 – Baton Rouge – Joyce Montgomery, R/W-NAC
 - 101 members
 - 29 students in last course
 - Board meetings before general meetings, 20-25 per meeting
 - \$31000 in CD and \$8000 in Checking
 - Working on their website
- Chapter 51 – Arkansas – Kip Beaudry
 - 32 members, 6 or 7 of those do everything
 - Need a way to recruit new members
- Chapter 74 – Austin – Denise Skinner
 - Several new board members
 - Young Professionals Committee in its second year
 - Completely redone website
 - Joint seminar with the Appraisal Institute in July
 - 12 Meetings per year, generally have a speaker
 - Golf Tournament coming up
 - \$5,500 toward Blue Santa each year
- Chapter 75 – Shreveport – Wayne Goss, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
 - No demand for courses
- Georgia requested a Region Education Report
 - Karen Gnuse is filling in for Sue Findley for a while
 - Karen needs updated contact information for all Chapter Education Chairs
 - Send Karen your 2013 education schedule
- Georgia requested a report on the International Committees
 - Dean Harris, SR/WA – Asset Management Committee
 - Recommendation for rewrite of 700 series of courses
 - 2 yearly meetings, 7 conference calls
 - 4 sessions at the annual conference
 - Environmental
 - Not Present
 - David Harrah – Local Public Agency
 - New Region 2 representative
 - 2 sessions at the annual conference
 - Committee Meeting next week
 - David Sinclair, SR/WA – Pipeline Committee
 - Met in Clear Water, Florida
 - 4 sessions at the annual conference
 - Tami Benson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC – Relocation Committee
 - Rewriting all the 500 series courses
 - 3 yearly meetings

- 7 sessions at the annual conference
 - Fixed Payment in Lieu and File Documentation are new courses recently approved
 - Walt Sass – Surveying and Engineering
 - Mapping contest for annual conference
 - The committee is working on Engineering and Surveying Standards for the R/W industry
 - Liz Norris – Transportation
 - MAP 21 discussions, lots of positive feedback
 - 6 sessions for Charleston
 - Ana Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC – Utilities Committee
 - Meeting next weeks a year and 4 conference calls
 - 7 – 8 sessions in Charleston, 2 joint sessions with Asset Management Committee
 - New course 218 rolling out soon
 - Donny Sherwood, SR/WA – Valuation Committee
 - One Meeting at International Conference
 - 5 sessions in Charleston, 1 panel discussion on USPAP changes
- Georgia introduced David Sinclair, SR/WA who is representing the International Education Foundation
 - The Foundation is separate from IRWA, they report to the Board of Directors
 - The golf tournament for the annual conference is set
 - If you sponsor a hole please send the company logo, sponsorships are \$300.00 per hole
 - The IRWA will come to the Foundation and request funding for the courses they want financial assistance with
 - The Foundation meets in mid April in Nashville
 - The Monday night event at the annual conference is a baseball game and silent auction. A \$40.00 donation per person gets you into the game as well as all you can eat hot dogs and hamburgers including all you can drink beer and wine.
 - Tami Benson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC gave a presentation on The IRWA Leadership Institute-Correcting Poor Performance.
 - Kelly Camp, Region 2 website director was introduced to everyone.
 - Host Chapter gave directions for the evening social.
 - Georgia adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM.

There were 55 members in attendance.

Georgia Snodgrass, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC, Region 2 Chair: called meeting to order at 8:30 AM

- Georgia welcomed everyone to day two of the seminar.

- Steve Benson conducted the election for Region 2 Officers. Steve sought nominations from the floor for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for Region 2. Receiving no nominations from the floor, by acclamation, 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, R/W-RAC is our in-coming Region Secretary for 2013-2014 effective June 26, 2013.
- Georgia discussed Chapter Leadership Conference Call Attendance and Upcoming Schedule. She encouraged all Membership Chairs, Education Chairs and Presidents to tune in.
- Georgia will need the candidates for 2013 Region 2 Professional of Year submitted to her no later than the Caucus in Charleston, WV. One nomination has already been received.
- June Housman provided an update on the finances from the 2012 A & M Conference. 216 attendees, the 50th Anniversary Edition accounted for some increased expenses, \$1,329.00 profit, need to advertise more effectively through Chapter e-mail blasts.
- Georgia announced College Station will be held July 31 - August 2, 2013. The Golf Tournament will be held on July 31, 2013 at the Bryan Municipal Golf Course or Briar Crest, depending on pricing. Two courses will be offered on July 31, 2013. Suggestions for courses need to be sent to Georgia.
 - Cut-off date for programs and speaker information to John at Housman is at the Region Caucus in Charleston , WV
 - Fill out the Speakers /Program form provided by Housman and Associates and e-mail back to John Eaves.
- Georgia Conducted voting for the theme for the 2013 A & M Seminar. The following themes were voted on:
 - Energy in R/W, Education for All, 1 vote
 - Blending the Vision of Youth with the Wisdom of Experience, 6 votes
 - Leadership, Accountability and Professional Maturity, 1 vote
 - **Synergy – Strengthening Relationships, Fostering Business, 7 votes, this will be the seminar theme for 2013**
 - Vitality, Extending our Reach, Achieving our Goals, 0 votes
 - New Challenges in R/W - Updates and Education, 5 votes
 - Energize Your Future in R/W, 4 votes
 - R/W - Its Everywhere, 3 votes
 - IRWA – Education, Easements, Experience, 0 votes
- Georgia asked for donations for the 2013 Chair Reception at A &M and Golf Sponsorships
 - Chapter 8 – Houston - \$1,501.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 33 – Oklahoma- \$750.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 35 – El Paso/Midland \$1,500.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 36 – Dallas/ Ft Worth \$1,000.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 39 – South Texas, Georgia will have to get with the Chapter Leadership
 - Chapter 39A – Rio Grande Valley, South Texas \$250.00 for reception

- Chapter 43 – Baton Rouge \$750.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 51 – Arkansas \$500.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 74 – Austin \$1,000.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 75 – Shreveport \$250.00 for reception
- June will be sending out invoices immediately following the forum for the above donations.
 - Georgia discusses the timing of the Winter Forum to follow the IGC meeting. This will push the Forum to be later in the month of February starting in 2015.
 - Next year's Winter Forum
 - Chapter 43, New Orleans, February 18 - 20, 2014.
 - Joyce Montgomery made announcements regarding 2014 Winter Forum. Small reception because they do not have any sponsors. Contact Joyce if you would like to become a sponsor. No parades during the time of the Forum. Hotel rate is \$140.00 per night.
 - 2015 Region 2 Winter Forum possible locations are South Padre Island, Shreveport and Austin. The group overwhelmingly voted for Austin. Chapter 74 will be the host, February 26 – 27, 2015.
 - Discussion of utilization of funds for Region 2 course approval.
 - Kip Beaudry, Kevin Stout and Joyce Montgomery will look into cost associated with certifying IRWA courses for continuing education credit for their respective State.
 - There was also discussion of the Chapter's potentially adding a \$10.00 fee per student per course or seminar that will be sent to Region 2 for deposit into an education fund.
 - Region 2 Leadership will deliver a plan to the Region membership at the Charleston, West Virginia Conference.
 - Other items for discussion.
 - Chris Mertz, Chapter 35 discussed ideas to help grow the Midland Chapter.
 - Thanks to the Host – Chapter 36.

Georgia adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am