



Region 2 Winter Forum Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 2014
1:00 PM
Hyatt French Quarter Hotel – New Orleans, La.

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 2014 Region 2 Winter Forum and thanked Chapter 43 for hosting.
- 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
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- Georgia asked that any past or present International Officers that were present to stand and introduce themselves. Those in attendance are as follows:
Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, URAC, International President
Wayne Goss SR/WA, R/W-NAC, International Vice President
Randy Williams, SR/WA, MAI, FRICS, Past International President
 - Kevin said that he emailed the minutes to the chapter Presidents for the A&M Education Seminar 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 2013. Sue Findley made a motion to approve the minutes and Kip Beaudry seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - IRWA Headquarters Staff introduces themselves. Those in attendance are as follow:
Daniel Stekol, Tim Drennan and Karinne Hernandez.
 - Candidates running for International and Region Offices made brief statements to the group.
- Jeffrey Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, URAC, Chapter 7, Region 5, running for IEC Secretary

- Vivian Howell, SR/WA, R/W- NAC, R/W-RAC, Chapter 1, Region 1, running for IEC Secretary.
 - Tami Benson, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, URAC, Chapter 33, Region 2, running for IEC Secretary. Statement delivered by Georgia.
 - Ana Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, running for Region 2 Chair.
 - Kevin Stout, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, running for Region 2 Vice Chair.
 - Teri Morgan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-RAC, running for Region 2 Secretary.
- Dan Leshar from Chapter 20, Region 3 made a presentation for hosting the 2019 annual conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
 - Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, URAC, International President, presented the State of the Association. Finances doing well, membership numbers are going strong with agency memberships increasing as well. In December the IRWA set a record for number of participants for online courses. Annual conference for Hartford, Connecticut is on track to provide an excellent blend of business learning and networking opportunities. The IRWA is still working through the IRS audit, we must balance income with needs within IRS rules. 200 members in Africa now and they desire to become a region. Mexico, Germany and South Korea are wanting Chapters and credentialing.

Lisa also discussed the new structure for the IRWA with 4 industry committees and 5 communities of practice

- Ana passed out the Region 2 Financial Report. Our current balance is \$14,707.52.
- Georgia requested that all Chapter Reports be delivered to the Region Secretary, Kevin Stout. Discussion was held on new and different things Chapters were trying. Sue Findley talked about providing discounts to IRWA courses for sending multiple people. Chris Mertz talked about getting all IRWA courses approved for continuing education credit by the local Association of Professional Landmen. Kip Beaudry discussed needing one person in their chapter to renew and they would be the first chapter ever to have 100% renewal by members. Additionally, Kip and Mark Broadt recognized Wayne Goss and Randy Williams with the Arkansas Traveler award.
- Georgia requested a report on the International Committees
 - Sue Findley, SR/WA, R/W-AMC, R/W-NAC, – Asset Management Committee
 - Small Committee
 - Encouraged all interested parties to join via memberfuse
 - Environmental
 - No members of this committee were present
 - David Harrah, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, URAC, – Local Public Agency
 - 3 sessions at the annual conference
 - Communities of Practice, COP, presenting ideas to the committee
 - Sue Findley, SR/WA, , R/W-AMC, R/W-NAC, – Pipeline Committee
 - Monday session at the annual conference
 - Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC – Relocation Committee

- 1 COP meeting in conjunction with the Region 2 Winter Forum. 25 onsite participants and 50 via phone.
 - Walt Sass – Surveying and Engineering
 - Mapping contest for annual conference
 - 5 sessions for Hartford
 - Liz Norris and John Campbell, P.E., SR/WA, – Transportation
 - Region 2 well represented on this committee
 - 4 sessions for Hartford
 - Ana Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, – Utilities Committee
 - 7 – 8 sessions in Hartford
 - Donny Sherwood, SR/WA, – Valuation Committee
 - One Meeting at International Conference
 - 5 sessions in Hartford including one with asset management and one with relocation
- Georgia introduced Steve Benson, SR/WA, who is representing the International Education Foundation
 - The Foundation is separate from IRWA, they report to the Board of Directors
 - The IRWA will come to the Foundation and request funding for the courses they want financial assistance with
 - The Monday night event at the annual conference is at the Connecticut Science Center, with 100% of the funds received being donated to the Right of Way Education Foundation. That’s right! Thanks to the generosity of our Monday Night Event Sponsors, your \$50.00 donation goes 100% to the foundation.
 - The Foundation is working toward providing some assistance to Chapters who want to provide scholarships. This is a result of the IRWA’s IRS audit.
 - The Mark A. Green Award has been discontinued.
- Young Professionals announced the following:
 - They will be having a Conference Saturday prior to the Annual Conference.
 - A Task Force has been created to determine the criteria for being a Young Professional.
 - Social event this evening from 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm, everyone was invited.
- Joyce Montgomery from the Host Chapter gave directions for the evening social from 5:30 pm to 7:30pm, everyone was invited.
- Georgia thanked Dan Leshner, Vivian Howell, Jeffrey Jones and Tami Benson for stepping up and making another commitment to the association.
- Georgia adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM.

There were 78 members in attendance.

Georgia Snodgrass, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC, Region 2 Chair: called meeting to order at 8:30 AM on Friday, February 7, 2014.

- Georgia welcomed everyone to day two of the seminar.
- Tim Drennan gave a brief presentation on the Communities of Practice.
 - Accessible by all IRWA members.
 - Information will reach members through Memberfuse. Training for this will be out soon.
 - There will be 5 Communities of Practice: Asset Management, Environmental, Relocation, Survey and Engineering, and Valuation. Each of these will have a Chair, 4-Vice Chairs (one for each Industry Committee), core members and other members.
 - There will be 4 Industry Committees: Oil and Gas Pipeline, Transportation, LPA, and Electric and Utilities.
- Karinne Hernandez gave a brief presentation on accreditation of IRWA courses. The Associations focus will begin with the Real Estate Profession and the Appraisal Profession.
- Steve Benson, SR/WA 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, Ana B. Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC is the in-coming Region Chair, Kevin M. Stout, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC is the in-coming Region Vice-Chair and Teri J. Morgan, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC is our in-coming Region Secretary for 2014-2015 effective June 26, 2014.
- Georgia will need the candidates for 2014 Region 2 Professional of Year submitted no later than the Caucus in Hartford, Connecticut. One nomination has already been received.
- June Housman provided an update on the finances from the 2013 A & M Conference. 304 attendees, \$70,377.00 income with \$67,459.00 expenses provided \$2,918.00 profit, golf tournament by Housman and Associates provided a sponsorship to the Region of \$4,713.00, total income to Region as a result of the A&M Seminar was \$7,631.00.
- Georgia announced that the College Station Seminar will be held July 30 - August 1, 2014. The Golf Tournament will be held on July 30, 2014 at the Bryan Municipal Golf Course. Two courses will be offered on July 30, 2014. Suggestions for courses need to be sent to Ana.
 - Cut-off date for programs and speaker information to John at Housman is at the Region Caucus in Hartford, Connecticut.
 - 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 2014 A & M Seminar. The following themes were voted on:
 - Unicorns and Glitter, 1 vote
 - Fusing Communication with Right of Way Education, 4 votes
 - Education Fusion, 0 vote
 - **Igniting the Future with Education, 12 votes, this will be the seminar theme for 2014**
 - Education for all Ages, 6 votes

- Educating Professionals, Young and Old, 0 votes
- Georgia asked for donations for the 2014 Chair Reception at A &M and Golf Sponsorships
 - Chapter 8 – Houston - \$1,500.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 33 – Oklahoma- \$1,000.00 for reception and not sure about the golf
 - Chapter 35 – El Paso/Midland \$1,500.00 for reception and \$1,000.00 for golf
 - Chapter 36 – Dallas/ Ft Worth \$1,000.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 39 – South Texas \$1,000.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 43 – Baton Rouge \$750.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 51 – Arkansas \$750.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 74 – Austin \$1,000.00 for reception and \$300.00 for golf
 - Chapter 75 – Shreveport will decide at a later date
- June will be sending out invoices immediately following the forum for the above donations.
- Next year’s Winter Forum
 - Chapter 74, Austin, February 25 - 27, 2015.
 - The later February date is a result of having the Forum at least one week after the IGC meeting, which will allow for quicker dissemination of information.
- 2016 Region 2 Winter Forum is to be held by Chapter 33 in Oklahoma. Location and dates to be determined soon.
- Denise Skinner made a motion that we have a Region 2 Young Professional of the Year, Kip Beaudry provided a Second to that motion. The motion passed by a majority vote.
- Other items for discussion.
 - Young Professionals – Consensus opinion of the attendees is to keep the age restriction and make it 35.
- Thanks to the Host – Chapter 43.

Georgia adjourned the meeting at 10:48 am.

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