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Spirit of the Heartland – Iowa Chapter 41
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Chapter 41 Update

Shaping the Future of Your Chapter

Don A. Corrigan
President

I am looking forward to our September meeting and the use of technology. There will be information sent in the future on how you can join us without being there for the excellent training session I know Ed Opstein will be providing on the subject of negotiations.

We will also be selecting our 2010 Professional of the Year. If you know someone whose contributions have made our chapter better, please nominate them. You can either nominate them by sending me a short paragraph on why they deserve the recognition, or nominate them “from the floor” at our meeting.

Speaking of true professionals I am saddened that Jim Diemer has chosen to resign as Chair of the Program Committee and with his retirement will be taking a smaller role in the chapter. Jim is going to spend more time with his grandchildren, fishing and kicking back. Jim has provided leadership and time to the chapter and his efforts will be missed.

Jim isn't going to be alone as many of we older members retire and pursue other interests. It is time for the newer and younger members to step up and help shape the future of the chapter. The look and needs of the chapter will change as the industries that provide our members change, and there will be a need to adapt to those changes. Our election of officers will be coming up after the first of the year and I urge all of you to consider “putting your hat in the ring”.

Liz Van Zomeren has agreed to take Jim's place as Chair of the Program Committee. This can be a difficult position so if you want to become a Co-Chair or simply serve on the committee please let me know. I know there are members out there with great ideas, and perhaps those who feel their needs haven't been addressed. I challenge you to step forward and get involved in this committee.

See You in September. If you have never heard that song or don't understand the reference you are the future of Chapter 41.

Don



Johnson pursuing SR/WA
Chad Johnson has been approved as a candidate for the SR/WA designation. Congratulations to Chad for taking on the challenge!

P.O.Y.

It's time to choose Chapter 41's Professional of the Year (P.O.Y.) for 2010. Don Corrigan is currently accepting nominations. Voting will take place at the September 10th chapter meeting in Ankeny.

Play ball!

Missouri Chapter 37 is hosting the 2010 Region 3 Fall Forum in St. Louis, and they have planned a day at beautiful Busch Stadium to get the event started. Come see the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Pittsburgh Pirates on Wednesday, September 29th at noon. Contact Chris Hilson at chilson@orcolan.com to learn more.

Let by-laws be by-laws
Changes to our chapter's by-laws have been approved and are now available at www.irwa41.org.

Teach 'em a lesson!

Ever thought about being a course facilitator for IRWA? Headquarters has offered to waive the facilitator clinic application and registration fees for a qualified candidate from Chapter 41. Here is your chance to take on a new challenge and tap a new source of income. Contact Don Corrigan to take advantage of this special limited time offer.

Platte River or North Star?

Scuttlebutt around Region 3 says two of our neighbors are exploring a bid to host the 2016 International Education Conference. The last time the conference was held in our region was 2003 in Kansas City.



ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Chapter shall be a President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer, and together with such other officers as may be appointed by the President with the concurrence of the Executive Board.

In addition to the officers listed above, there shall be elected each year from the active membership of the Chapter a member to serve as a member of the International Board of Directors of the International Right of Way Association. Said International Director shall be elected for a two-year term so as to comply with the International Bylaws providing for two directors from each Chapter.

Section 2. Except for the Office of President, which shall be filled by a duly elected President Elect one year following election and installation as President Elect, and except for officers appointed by the President as provided in Section 1 of this Article, all officers shall be elected by ballot from the active membership of the Chapter. The officers so elected shall serve for one year terms beginning the July 1st following election, or until their successors are duly elected or appointed and installed. Officers appointed by the President shall serve for one year or until their successors are duly elected or appointed and installed. The President shall serve for a one year term.

[click here to view by-laws](#)

Test Your Knowledge in the Crossword Challenge!

So you think you know your IRWA? Prove it by taking on the *IRWA Chapter 41 Crossword Challenge!*

Complete the crossword puzzle on page 9 of this newsletter and bring it to the September 10th chapter meeting in Ankeny. The names of those who conquer the puzzle will be entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize!

Need help? All of the answers can be found in this newsletter or by visiting...

www.irwaonline.org

www.irwaregion3.org

www.irwa41.org

Good luck!

Treasurer Report March 19, 2010 -- June 15, 2010 2nd of Chapter Year 2010

Net Beginning Balance	\$12,419.53
<u>INCOME</u>	
Toys for Tots -- March Meeting Collection	\$65.00
Savings Int. 1.13.18, 1.26	\$2.57
Course 900 - Iowa DOT 2,625.00 Ottertail Power \$400.00	\$3,025.00
Refund Baratta's	\$100.00
Region Auction Proceeds	\$2,236.25
IRWA Chapter Rebate 1,360.00 Refund #502 \$75.00, Auction \$75.00	\$1,510.00
Total Income	\$6,938.82
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
#3520 Wine for Chapter to donate to Auction	\$50.00
#3521 Honey Creek Resort - Region Forum & Course 900	\$3,179.42
#3522 Craig Poorker - Expenses Course 900	\$440.27
#3523 IRWA Course 501	\$2,931.50
#3524 Region 3 - Auction Proceeds	\$2,311.25
#3525 Region 3 Conference Golf Tourney Donation	\$300.00
#3526 Mike Murray Region Treasurer Lodging	\$151.80
#3527 IRWA UNI Magazine Subscription	\$30.00
#3528 IRWA ISU Magazine Subscription	\$30.00
#3529 IRWA UI Magazine Subscription	\$30.00
#3530 Donald Corrigan - Calgary Conference Expenses Advance	\$2,000.00
#3531 Joe Anderson - Balance of Door Prize winnings	\$270.00
#3532 IRWA Course 900	\$503.00
#3533 Tim Bunkers - Chapter Auction Item for Calgary - Notepad Computer	\$328.59
#3534 Rick Skinner - Markers for Courses 504 and 506	\$9.08
Total Expenses	\$12,564.91
Beginning Balance	\$12,419.53
Less Expenses	\$12,564.91
Plus Income	\$6,938.82
Net Current Balance	\$6,793.44

Nancy Halvorson June 15, 2010
 Nancy Halvorson, SRWA Chapter 41 Treasurer June 15, 2010



click here for a Mapquest map to Snyder and Associates

Quarterly Meeting
of Chapter 41

Friday, September 10

Snyder & Associates
Ankeny, Iowa

9:00am
program on negotiation
by Ed Opstein

10:00am ±
chapter meeting

Watch your email for more info!

**International Right of Way Association
“Spirit of the Heartland” – Iowa Chapter 41
The Ronneburg Restaurant, Amana, Iowa
Minutes of Business Meeting – June 18, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Introductions of meeting attendees started the business meeting with 19 members and guests present.

Secretary’s Report: The minutes from the March 19, 2010 business meeting held at the Iowa Department of Transportation Conference Center, Ames, IA, were reviewed. A reminder the minutes are posted on the IRWA, Chapter 41 website for review prior to the business meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurers report was presented by Nancy Halvorson, representing a current balance of \$6,793.44. It was noted check number 3523 to IRWA for Course 501 is incorrect and the Chapter will be reimbursed by International for their error. Nancy also submitted Course Accounts, which showed a net profit of \$1,283.68 for Course 900 and a net profit of \$1,115.01 for Courses 501 and 502. Nancy mentioned an application will be made to the Region to seek assistance for the Relocation courses held this week that we may have lost some money presenting due to the small turnout in attendees. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented; the motion was seconded and approved by all.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report: Mary Ann Carnock reported our membership count stands at 76. Chad Johnson’s membership certificate and pin were presented.

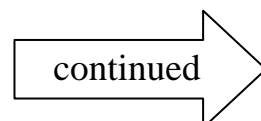
Education Committee: Alliant Energy will be hosting Courses 600 and 603 in the near future, please watch for more details on these upcoming classes.

The Relocation Courses, Advanced Business Relocation and Computing Relocation Payments were held this week with Lisa Harrison as the instructor. Although the turnout was low, those in attendance gave glowing remarks about the instructor and course content.

Please contact Mark Holm (mark.holm@dot.iowa.gov) to provide your course requests or for more information about coordinating a course.

Program Committee: The next meeting will be a teleconference presented by Ed Opstein on September 10, 2010 at Snyder & Associates, Inc., 2727 SW Snyder Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa. Look for more information in the newsletter or on our website.

Professional Development Committee: PDC Chair Joe Anderson hinted there is going to be a new development that will be shared in the near future. So stay tuned....



(June meeting minutes, continued from page 4)

Old Business:

Meeting Days: After discussing possibly changing meeting days, it was determined to keep our meetings on Fridays.

New Business:

Approval of Bylaws: The recent proposed changes to our Bylaws were reviewed and accepted by International. A motion was made to approve the new Bylaws as approved by International, the motion was seconded and approved by all.

Professional of the Year Nominations: Please submit your nomination to a committee member (Tim Bunkers or Mark Holm) before the next business meeting.

Don requested we create a committee at the next meeting to work on the creation of the Employer of the Year Award. Please contact Don if you are interested in assisting with this new committee.

Don also reminded us that he will be contacting the Governor's Office regarding a proclamation in October recognizing the Right of Way profession.

Mini Best Practices Seminar: There is interest in holding another Best Practices Seminar. Tim Bunkers will head the committee with Dave Hingtgen and Liz Van Zomeren providing assistance to coordinate this seminar. Rita Rasmussen agreed to assist in an advisory role to share her experience from the first seminar which was a great success. Please contact any of the committee members if you are interested in assisting in any way. Please watch for more details on the website or in the newsletter.

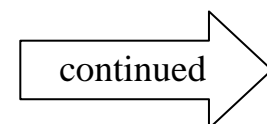
Ideas for Upcoming Programs: We are needing a December program. There were three suggestions to consider:

1. Don Corrigan and Nancy Halvorson present a Best Practices Program on Relocation.
2. Hold a Public Involvement Process Seminar stressing the importance of smart planning and stakeholder participation
3. Grant Writing

Please contact Liz Van Zomeren if you have more suggestions or are willing to assist with a program.

Career Path: IRWA is changing to a five or six step Career Path. They will be offering new classes and new professional designations. More details to be available in the near future.

Calgary: The two Directors attending the conference will be Don Corrigan and Tim Bunkers. They will be asked to vote on general changes to the By-Laws and the location for the 2015 conference (San Diego or Anchorage). The Chapter voted for San Diego. Both Omaha and Minneapolis are vying to be presented as an option for the 2016 conference.



(June meeting minutes, continued from page 5)

Congratulations to Rita Rasmussen on being selected as a finalist for the Balfour Award. Good luck in Calgary!

Fall Forum: Will be held in St. Louis on September 30th with the chance to attend a ballgame on Wednesday evening. Please check the Region website for more details.

If you are interested in being a candidate for the Region's Secretary/Treasurer position, please bring your biography to the Fall Forum. This is a six-year commitment if you progress to Region Chair and is a great opportunity to be involved in the next level of IRWA.

We Need You: We will be looking for nominations for Officers at the next meeting. If you have questions about the responsibilities of an office, please contact any one of the past or present officers for more information.

Would you consider filling one of the following vacancies?

- Asset Management Committee Chair
- Environmental Committee Chair
- Region Representative for the Valuation Committee and the Survey Committee
- IPDC Representative: requires attendance to a couple of meetings per year to plan sessions for conferences/speakers/topics and there is \$250/meeting assistance

Good of the Chapter: Joe Anderson brought the framed Chapter Charter for all to see. The back of the Charter is signed by Chapter Presidents dating back to 1963. Thanks to Joe for sharing some of our Chapter history!

Donations for Toys for Tots: If you can't attend a meeting this year, please consider sending in a monetary donation to Nancy Halvorson, every donation helps make the difference to the children helped by this program. In 2009 Chapter 41 donated \$500.00 to Toys for Tots...lets help make 2010 even more successful by sending in your donation or increasing your contribution when the hat is passed! Thank you!

Chapter Drawing: Vicky Kitelinger is the lucky winner of the \$50.00 drawing.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM. A motion was made and seconded and approved by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Walter
Vice President/Secretary

(Editor's Note: These minutes are pending, subject to corrections and approval at the September chapter meeting)



Good times in Calgary, ay?



2010 Annual Education Conference



photographs courtesy of Craig Poorker and Joanie Miller – North Star Chapter

IRWA's Professional Career Path Unveiled

Joe A. Anderson

Professional Development Committee Chair

The idea for revamping IRWA's designation and certification programs was hatched during an education summit in 2005. The concept gained momentum during a task force meeting that followed in 2007. Finally, at the 2010 International Education Conference in Calgary, IRWA officially introduced its new Professional Career Path. The career path, according to IRWA's Chief of Education Valerie Fries Wade, "enables right of way professionals to advance through four levels of qualification, leading ultimately to the SR/WA designation".

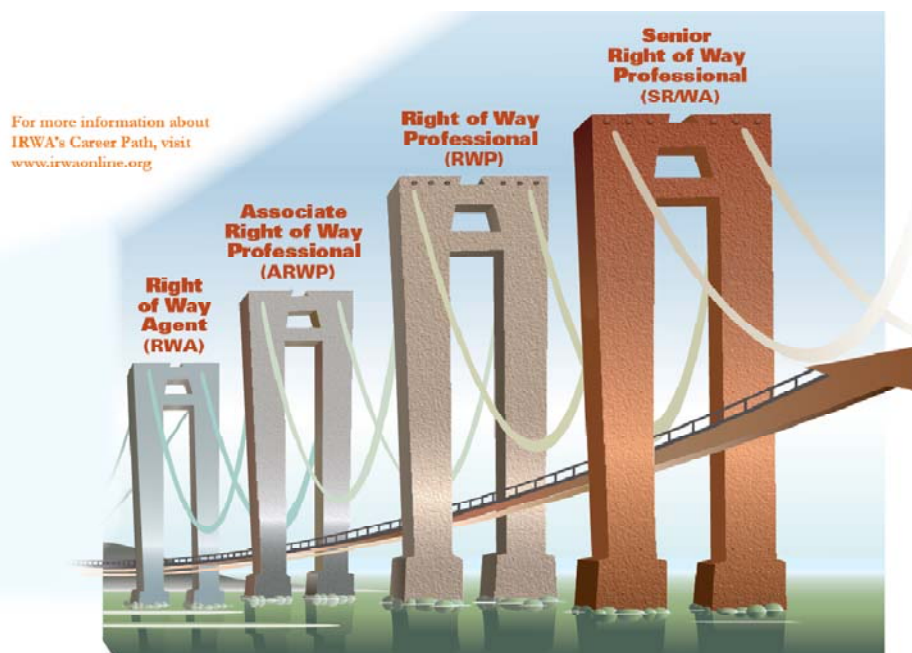
The four levels of the new career path are:

- 1) Right of Way Agent (RWA)
- 2) Associate Right of Way Professional (ARWP)
- 3) Right of Way Professional (RWP)
- 4) Senior Right of Way Professional (SR/WA)

The new career path does not replace IRWA's existing certification program. Instead it provides right of way professionals whose expertise is not discipline specific a way to earn certification at varying stages of their career. Even non-members can participate in the new program.

Along with the new career path comes more rigorous requirements for earning designation and certification through IRWA. The new requirements are summarized in your July/August issue of *Right of Way Magazine*. ***If you wish to earn the SR/WA designation or a discipline certification under the old requirements, you must have your candidacy approved before October 1, 2010.***

Please contact me (joe.anderson@dot.iowa.gov) as soon as possible if you plan to declare your candidacy before October 1st, or if you have any questions about IRWA's Professional Career Path.



Upcoming Events

Chapter 41...Region 3...and beyond

Course 600 - Environmental Awareness
September 8, 2010
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
CANCELLED

Course 603 - Understanding Environmental
Contamination in Real Estate
September 9, 2010
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
CANCELLED

Quarterly Meeting of Chapter 41
September 10, 2010
Ankeny, Iowa

Course 213 - Conflict Management
September 10, 2010
St. Louis, Missouri

Course 802 - Legal Aspects of Easements
September 23, 2010
Kansas City, Missouri

Region 3 Fall Forum / Day at the Ballpark
September 29-30, 2010
St. Louis, Missouri

Course 201 - Communications in
Real Estate Acquisition
October 11-13, 2010
Maple Grove, Minnesota

Course 213 - Conflict Management
October 14, 2010
Maple Grove, Minnesota

Course 400 - Principles of Real Estate Appraisal
October 18-19, 2010
Lincoln, Nebraska

Course 205 - Bargaining Negotiations
October 20-21, 2010
Lee's Summit, Missouri

Course 213 - Conflict Management
October 22, 2010
Lee's Summit, Missouri

Course 804 - Skills of Expert Testimony
November 8, 2010
Maple Grove, Minnesota

Course 505 - Advanced Residential
Relocation Assistance
November 22, 2010
St. Louis, Missouri

Chapter 41 Directory

Officers for 2010-11

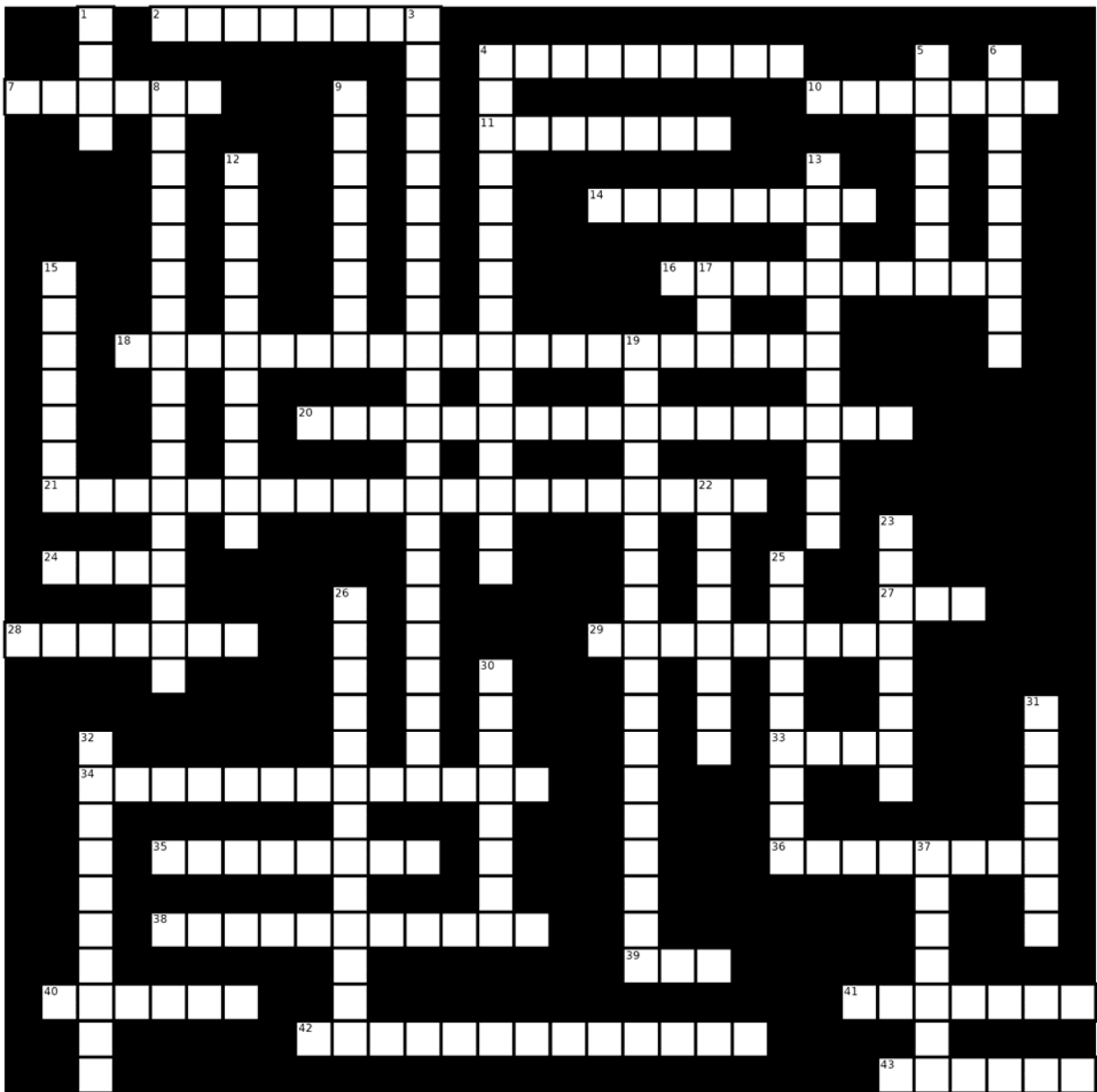
President	Don Corrigan
President-Elect	Tim Bunkers
Vice President/Secretary	Amy Walter
Treasurer	Nancy Halvorson
Director (one-year)	Don Corrigan
Director (two-year)	Tim Bunkers

Committee Chairs for 2010-11

Asset Management	(vacant)
Audit	Rita Rasmussen
Education	Mark Holm
Environment	(vacant)
Legislative Review	Susan Albright
Local Public Agency	Mike Adams
Marketing	Tim Bunkers
Membership	Mary Ann Carnock
Newsletter	Joe Anderson
Nominations/Elections	Mark Holm
Professional Development	Joe Anderson
Program	Liz Van Zomeren
Relocation Assistance	Shelly Whiteing
Survey	Chad Johnson
Transportation	Jerry Floyd
Utilities	David Hingtgen
Valuation	Russ Manternach

*Volunteer to lead a committee
by emailing donindsm@msn.com*

C R O S S W O R D



challenge

Across

- 2 Southernmost state in Region 3
- 4 A member that has earned the R/W-AC certification has demonstrated proficiency in this discipline
- 7 Subject matter of IRWA Course 103
- 10 Region 3's largest chapter (land area)
- 11 Location of 2010 Region 3 Fall Forum
- 14 41st President of Chapter 41
- 16 Chapter 41 has had 44 of these
- 18 A member that has earned the R/W-RAC certification has demonstrated proficiency in this discipline
- 20 Jay Peterson's employer
- 21 Official nickname of Chapter 41
- 24 Second step in IRWA's new "career path"
- 27 Third step in IRWA's new "career path"
- 28 Employer headquartered in Ames
- 29 Chapter in Region 3 with the most members
- 33 IRWA's highest designation, and now the fourth step of IRWA's new "career path"
- 34 Victoria Kitelinger's employer
- 35 Chapter 41 was chartered in nineteen ____ - ____
- 36 IRWA Chapter 78
- 38 Subject matter of September 8-9 IRWA courses in Cedar Rapids
- 39 Number of chapters in Region 3
- 40 Headquarters of Snyder & Associates
- 41 President-Elect of Chapter 41
- 42 IRWA Professional of the Year Award is named after him
- 43 Vice President-Secretary of Chapter 41

Down

- 1 First President of Chapter 41
- 3 IEC is the acronym for IRWA's _____ Committee
- 4 A member that has earned the R/W-AMC certification has demonstrated proficiency in this discipline
- 5 Chairperson of Chapter 41's Survey Committee
- 6 Treasurer of Chapter 41
- 8 Rebecca Kluesner's employer
- 9 First woman to be President of Chapter 41
- 12 Chapter 41's favorite charity
- 13 Subject matter covered in the 900-series of IRWA courses
- 15 Chapter 41's Professional of the Year for 2009
- 17 First step in IRWA's new "career path"
- 19 Craig Reischauer's employer
- 22 Number of SR/WA members in Chapter 41 (as of 8/1/10)
- 23 President of Chapter 41
- 25 President of Region 3
- 26 Dan Shiflett's employer
- 30 Chairperson of Chapter 41's Utilities Committee
- 31 Employer with the most members of Chapter 41
- 32 Location of IRWA Headquarters
- 37 Location of 2011 International Education Conference