

Region 3 Fall Forum

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 10, 2003

Marriott Hotel, Omaha, NE

Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, Region Chair called Fall Forum 2003 to order at 8:30 a.m.

Paul Farrel, President of Chapter 78, introduced himself, and thanked everyone for attending today; talked of history of Omaha and the latest developments in Omaha.

Judi Sorensen, Chapter 78, gave details of the day's events.

Nancy thanked Chapter 78 for wonderful event last evening at Upstream Brewery.

Introductions of attendees; special guest - Dennis Stork, IRWA EVP, Torrance, CA.

All Chapters represented today.

Representatives of each chapter gave their respective reports

Report from Dennis Stork, IRWA EVP 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

IRWA may lose \$100,000 this year. There were unexpected costs at HQ for EVP search, software conversion, conference - registration less than expected. Expecting surplus in 2004.

Dennis says that we're behind in courses for first part of year, but very strong in last quarter.

Membership is about same as last year, which is good considering the economy. Info on Agency membership; members can have "agency membership", of which a portion of dues will be forwarded to chapters. They can attend courses at member rate. But, certifications will be available to them only if they become IRWA members for an additional \$15. Agency memberships will be "tested" in 2004 by making available to Feds; it will be 2005 before available to states, etc. Dennis explained that the plan is to be able to get the "bugs" out by working first with the Federal entities, being much smaller than all states, etc.

Course pricing - there are many changes in pricing, i.e. manual printing, brochuring, invoicing. Starting March 2004, pending IEC approval.

Dennis Stork and Jack Borgmeyer gave update on USPAP courses.

Membership Directory - HQ is going to put it on web site. If you don't want your info on site, member can restrict it via web site. Available January 1, 2004.

Members will be able to sort by information.

Committee Reports

Asset Management Committee - Judi Sorensen, SR/WA
Environment Committee - Leland Mann, SR/WA, not present, no report
Local Public Agency Committee - Ed Opstein, SR/WA Rita Rasmussen
Ethics Committee - Pat Cairns, SR/WA
Survey Committee - Dan Shiflett
Membership Committee -
Nominations and Elections Committee - Daryl Knobbe
Pipeline Committee -
Professional Development Committee - Jack Borgmeyer, SR/WA
new Principles of R/W textbook should be out next Spring
Relocation Committee - no report
Transportation Committee - vacant, no offers
Utilities Committee -
Valuation Committee -
Wireless Committee - vacant, Chapter 78 may have someone
Leadership Development Committee - Chris Pawloski, last year on committee

Region 3 Professional of the Year Nominees

Chapter 5 - Al Donoho, SR/WA, MAI
Chapter 20 - Pat Cairns, SR/WA
Chapter 37 - Daryl Knobbe
Chapter 41 - Jim Diemer, SR/WA, RW-NAC
Chapter 72 - Ed Schwab
Chapter 78 - Randy DeGeorge, SR/WA

Educational Offerings

Chapters should rotate courses to avoid competition; **Education Chairs MUST communicate to Region Vice-chair**, and amongst themselves, which courses they plan to put on for the next two-three years. Use message board on Region 3 web site, and check web site often.

Auction Report - Chris Pawloski

Nice items for auction, very successful. Total amount - \$1000! Thank you to Chapter 78 for a wonderful auction! Chris Pawloski and Jack Borgmeyer did a lot of work on a successful event.

Paul Farrel, Chapter 78 President, also presented a gift to Region 3 of an additional \$1000 from Chapter 78!

Disbursement of Region Funds

A committee will be formed to discuss and recommend how funds should be spent. Perhaps for Region Secretary (not funded by IRWA HQ) and perhaps Leadership Development Council representative. Members should submit ideas to Nancy with their thoughts.

Region 3 Spring Forum - Des Moines - Savery Hotel; April 16, 2004;
Course 802: Legal Aspects of Easement the day before.

Region 3 Fall Forum in St. Louis; October 8 or 15, 2004.

Kansas City Conference Committee - Recognition Awards

Award presented to Melissa Wurtz and Bruce Reed in Al Donoho's and Steve Grandon's absences, for their contribution to a very successful Conference in KC last June.

Chapter 5, in return, presented an award to Chapter 41 for all their help with the Conference Auction. Melissa and Bruce thanked everyone that helped at the Conference, and for attending.

Kudos and many thanks to Chapter 78 on a wonderful Region Forum.

Quilt Raffle

Total of 803 tickets sold by all six chapters.

KC Conference shirts won by Chapter 72, Chapter 72, Chris Pawloski, Chapter 72, Sue Pariseau.

Target Gift Certificates were won by Julie Schwartz (Chapter 20), Bernie Banker (Chapter 41).

George Foreman Grill won by Twin Peaks (Melissa Wurtz, Chapter 5).

And the quilt goes to - - - - - David Edlund, Jefferson City, MO, Chapter 37!

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Craig Poorker, SR/WA, Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer