

International Right of Way Association "Spirit of the Heartland" - Iowa Chapter 41

*Minutes of Business Meeting - June 6, 2003
Pine Lake State Park - Eldora, Iowa*

President Bernie Banker called the meeting to order at 12:52pm. Seventeen members were in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the March business meeting were distributed. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report indicated a total net balance of \$15,541.66. A motion to approve the report was made, seconded, and approved.

Membership Committee: New informational packets are available for distribution to prospective members. Contact Tim Greenwood or Bernie if you need some.

Education Committee: The following courses are planned for the upcoming months:

July 24 & 25: SR/WA exam preparation course in Council Bluffs; Deane Davenport is coordinating.

August 18 & 19: Course 205 (Bargaining Negotiations) in Ames; Jana Jones is coordinating.

October 28 & 29 - Courses 901 (Engineering Plan Development and Application) & Course 902 (Property Descriptions) in Cedar Rapids; Rita Rasmussen is coordinating.

If there are any other courses that our members want to see offered in Iowa, contact Jana Jones or Amy Walter and they will try to make it happen.

Budget and/or Audit Committee: Work on preparing a chapter budget will begin after the Annual Education Conference in Kansas City.

Program Committee: Planning for the September chapter meeting is underway, as is planning for the December meeting and annual banquet. Patti Simons and Jim Diemer will let us know when the schedule of events is finalized. As always, if anyone has ideas for the topics or locations of future meetings, please share them with Jim or Patti.

Professional Development Committee: Ed Opstein will soon be applying for candidacy for certification in Acquisition and Relocation Assistance.

Nominations and Elections Committee: If anyone is interesting in serving as a chapter officer for 2004-2005, please contact Bob Dahlgren or Ed Opstein.

2003 Annual Education Conference in Kansas City: Preparations are rolling along for the auction that our chapter is hosting in conjunction with June's conference.

2003 Region 3 Fall Forum: The Fall Forum will be held October 10th in Omaha. A course is tentatively planned for October 9th, with an announcement of the subject matter coming soon. There are still openings on some committees at the region level. If anyone would like to get involved in one, please contact Nancy Halvorson.

Award for *The Heartlander* Newsletter: Our chapter will be receiving an Outstanding Newsletter Award at June's Annual Conference. Congratulations to Shelly Whiteing, our newsletter's Editor, who has put so much work into making *The Heartlander* something we can all be proud of!

Leadership Development Council: We need one or two members to volunteer for involvement in the Leadership Development Council (f/k/a the Young Leadership Council). Please contact Bernie if you are interested in serving. The council's next meeting is in October in Baltimore.

Board of Director's Meeting in Kansas City: Bernie and Rita are our chapter's Director's. Bernie led a discussion on two resolutions that will be brought before the board for a vote at the meeting in Kansas City.

Survey of Membership: A short survey has recently been distributed to all Chapter 41 members. Please complete it and return it to Shelly soon.

Gift for Guest Speaker: A motion to allocate \$50 for the purchase of a gift for today's guest speaker was made, seconded, and approved.

Door prize drawing: Steve Chapman was the winner of the drawing for the \$50 door prize. The names of the members attending today's meeting will be included in the drawing for the \$1,000 Grand Prize and the "free membership" Second Prize at the banquet in December.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe A. Anderson
Chapter 41 Secretary