

SOONER CHAPTER 33



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INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

October 2006

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2006/2007

November 10, 2006 – 4:00 p.m.

Chapter 33 Installation Banquet
Remington Park
Oklahoma City, OK

November 13 – 14, 2006

Course 200 – Principles of Real Estate Negotiations
Oklahoma City, OK

December 4 – 5, 2006 (DATE CHANGE)

Course 501 – Residential Relocation Assistance
Oklahoma City, OK

January 22 – 23, 2007

Course 700 – Intro to Property Management
Oklahoma City, OK

February 9 – 10, 2007

Region 2 Winter Forum
South Padre Island, TX

February 13 – 15, 2007

PRES Conference
Dallas, TX

DID YOU KNOW?.....

A full moon rarely shows up on Halloween, although Halloween is often associated with full moons. Full moons on Halloween over the past century have occurred in 1925, 1944, 1955, and 1974. The next full moon on October 31 will occur in 2020.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Please join us for our Annual Installation Banquet to be held on November 10, 2006 at the Remington Park Racetrack located at I-44 and Martin Luther King Blvd. in OKC.

The meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. followed by our installation of 2007 Officers and dinner. Racing begins at 6:00 p.m. The banquet will be free to Chapter 33 Members and their spouses. There will be a \$30.00 charge per person for non-members and receipts will be available. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Tamara Benson at tbenson@ufsrw.com by November 1, 2006.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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Message from the President October 2006

Ah, a chill is in the air and the brilliant colors of autumn are beginning to paint the landscape. County fairs, football, cozy comfort foods, and the distinct smell of firewood burning, all are signs of the impending change of seasons. And with the change of seasons comes a change in the Chapter as well.....

On November 10, 2006, your newly elected Chapter Officers will be installed at our annual Installation Banquet. This year, incoming President Donna Roche, has selected Remington Park in OKC as the location for this soiree and has arranged for us to have a fabulous meal at the Silks Dining Room. Our meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. and Mr. Allen Wurtz, SR/WA will be conducting the installation of officers. Dinner will be served after the meeting and for those wishing to make an evening of it, horse racing begins at 6:00 p.m. Complimentary valet parking is also available.

I am extremely pleased to announce that due to the outstanding year we have had with our Education Program (thank you, Kevin), we are able to offer the 2007 Installation Banquet FREE OF CHARGE to our Chapter members, their spouses and/or significant others. Non-members will be charged \$30.00 per person. We need to have a firm commitment on those planning to attend, so please let me know by November 1, 2006, via phone or e-mail, if you will be participating.

I would also like to remind everyone that IRWA Headquarters is preparing the annual membership renewal notices. Stepping into the 21st century, there will be an option to renew by making your payment on-line! You will be notified by e-mail on November 1, 2006 and instructions will be included. As you may be aware, membership dues for 2007 have been increased to \$185.00 for a regular member and \$200.00 for a Senior Member (SR/WA). There is also a \$15.00 Chapter Dues fee (no increase).

On a much lighter note, I had the pleasure of joining several of our members and guests at the Annual Chapter 33 Golf Tournament, held on September 29, 2006 at the Cushing Country Club. For those of you who know me well, don't get too confused....I did not play golf, but instead, introduced a new tradition.....the Beer

Cart! Member Sara Wyly and I traversed the course (including some unplanned off-roading) on our quest to find and resuscitate those golfers in need of a little boost in their games.

Nine teams met on the field of battle in the chilly morning hours of September 29. In the end, one team rose victoriously, laying claim to the title and bragging rights of being #1 - the team of David Rentfrow, Joe Coates, Bob Groover and "ringer" Coy Pyle won the tournament shooting 10 under par, each receiving a cash prize of \$100. 2nd Place, nipping at the heels of Coates/Oneok, at 9 under par, went to the team of Shawn Irie, Chris Bohannon, Mitch Richardson and David Lee each winning a \$50.00 cash prize. \$25 gift certificates were also given to longest drive (men's and women's) and closest to the pin on the 5 Par 3 holes.

I would like to personally thank Coates Field Services, Inc., Pinnacle Consulting Management Group Inc., and Universal Field Services, Inc. for their sponsorships of this year's tournament. After all the accounting was done, this fun event raised \$500.00 for the Chapter!

I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting.....

Tamara Benson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
Chapter 33 President

MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2006 IRWA CHAPTER 33 CHEROKEE CASINO TULSA, OKLAHOMA

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. by President Tamara Benson. There were 23 people in attendance. Attendees introduced themselves giving their names and company affiliations. Alex Souder moved that the minutes of the May 12, 2006, chapter meeting, as published in the September 2006 newsletter, be accepted. George Bourland seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as published.

CHAIR REPORTS

Treasurer – Kevin Stout reported that the chapter had a balance of \$38,705, having received an income of \$50,700 since January 1 with expenditures of \$35,000. The chapter discussed purchasing a \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit. Lisa Harrison moved that the chapter authorize the treasurer to purchase a \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit with the provision that the interest would be earmarked for the Education Foundation. Steve Benson seconded the motion. The Certificate of Deposit would be for a term of six months or twelve months depending upon the current market. The motion passed.

Membership – Membership chair, David Lee, was not in attendance. President Benson reported that there are 6 new member applications pending:

Ronald Elder

Virginia Le Master, Virginia Le Master ROW Acquisition Services

Michael Hanna, Gullet & Associates, Inc.

Kelly Lawrence, Integra Realty Resources

Robert Gray, Integra Realty Resources

Christine James, City of Lawton

Steve Benson moved that the membership applicants be accepted for membership. Alex Souder seconded the motion. The members were accepted by acclamation.

Education - Kevin Stout reported that Course 103, Ethics & the R/W Profession, is scheduled for October 3. There are 16 commitments. Course 400, Principles of Real Estate Negotiations, is scheduled for November 13-14. Course 501, Residential Relocation Assistance, is scheduled for December 4 and 5. The Property/Asset Management series will be held in January and February of 2007. Candidates for the relocation certification now have to pass the relocation portion of the SR/WA exam. Attendees in future courses will not receive a certificate unless they request one.

Professional Development – Sandra Luegge was not in attendance. Lori Vernon with Universal has received her candidacy for Relocation Certification. Mike Martin with Pinnacle has been notified that he has received his Relocation Certification.

Nominations and Elections - Joe Coates was not in attendance. Alex Souder has been nominated for Treasurer for 2007. There is a nomination for Ed Opstein to serve as the PDC Chair for the Chapter. Ed is currently a member of another Chapter but has applied for membership to Chapter 33. President Benson announced that no nominations have been received for Professional of the Year. Donna Roche nominated Kevin M. Stout, SR/WA.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Highlights of the 52nd Annual International Education Conference:

- Twelve strategies for transforming IRWA's education and professional development were introduced by IRWA's 2005-2006 President, Dan Beardsley, SR/WA.
- Congratulations to Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, for receiving the Frank C. Balfour Award
- Congratulations to Pinnacle Consulting Management Group for receiving the Employer of the Year Award.
- Howard Armstrong, SR/WA, received the Louise and Y. T. Lum Award posthumously.

Donna Roche spoke briefly about the 2006 Region 2 Seminar. There were over 300 in attendance. There is currently a shortfall in the education fund with plans to spend an additional \$325,000 on education. Members are being encouraged to check the \$10 donation on their membership renewals.

The IRWA cruise classes scheduled for November have been cancelled.

Public Real Estate Education Symposium (PRES) is scheduled for February 13 – 15, 2007 in Dallas, Texas.

The Region 2 Winter Forum will be held February 8 & 9 at South Padre Island. IRWA Course 214, Skills of Expert Testimony, will be held February 7.

Region 2 contributed a total of \$7,500 to the Right of Way International Education Foundation.

The 2007 Region 2 Seminar will be held August 1, 2, & 3, 2007. Chapter 33 will be responsible for the Telecommunications & Utilities Program. Please e-mail any ideas for the program to President Benson or a member of the Board.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Kevin Stout and Steve Benson for their contributions to the chapter.

The members discussed buying Chapter 33 shirts with the chapter picking up one-half of the cost. The colors of the shirts will be crimson and cream.

The Chapter 33 annual Golf Tournament will be held September 29 at a cost of \$50 per person. Sponsorships have been received from Pinnacle Consulting Management Group, Inc., Coates Field Service, Inc., and Universal Field Services, Inc.

The election for the 2007 Chapter 33 Officers was conducted by Steve Benson, Vice-Chair of the International Nominations & Elections Committee. The officers for 2007 are:

Donna Roche, SR/WA, R/W-RAC – President

Judy Strout, SR/WA – Vice President

Kevin Stout, SR/WA – Secretary

Alex Souder, SR/WA – Treasurer

Tamara Benson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC – 2 yr. Director

Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC – 1 yr. Director

Ed Opstein, SR/WA – Professional Development Chair

The November Installation Banquet will be held November 10 or 17 in Oklahoma City. The chapter will be covering the fee. Spouses and/or significant others will be welcome.

Two drawings of \$25 each were held. The winners were Shawn Irie and Bryan Young.

Attendees were reminded that a drawing will be held at the March 2007 meeting for \$1,500 towards the 2007 IRWA Annual Education Conference in Sacramento. The members whose names will be in the drawing will be those who had the highest meeting attendance since January of 2005.

There being no further business, Lori Vernon moved to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Judy Strout, SR/WA
Chapter 33 Secretary

"Character is like a tree, and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

- **Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)**

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEVIN M. STOUT, SR/WA

**2006 PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR
CHAPTER 33**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Kelly Lawrence, Integra Realty Resources
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TREASURER'S REPORT

PURPOSE	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Balance as of 9/1/06			\$38,083.35
Course Income/Expense	\$197.28	\$5,950.00	\$43,836.07
Special Event - Golf	\$2,118.63	\$2,635.00	\$44,352.44
Contributions/Gifts	\$50.00		\$44,302.44
Conventions/Meetings	\$219.42	\$200.00	\$44,283.02
Newsletter Mailing	\$93.24		\$44,189.78
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$136.00		\$44,053.78
Bank Fees	\$3.00		\$44,050.78

The balance as of October 10, 2006, was \$44,050.78.

Kevin Stout, SR/WA
Chapter 33 Treasurer

2006 Golf Tournament Photo Gallery

"When primitive man beat the ground with sticks, they called it witchcraft. When modern man does the same thing, they call it **golf**."
- *Michael Neary*



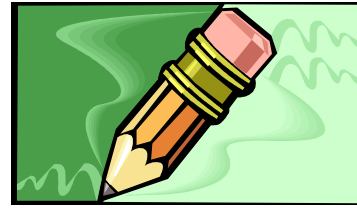
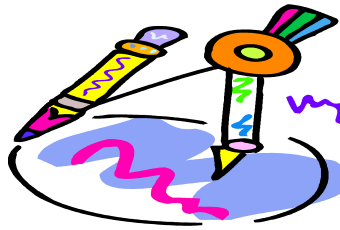
Left to Right: Alex Souder, Buzz Haltom and James Jones – doing their best Tiger Woods imitation.....



THE LADIES TEAM: Donna Roche, Terri Utz, Kim Wall and Sally Johnson



CHAPTER 33'S ANSWER TO CINGULAR.....Ed Opstein, Jim Utz, Lee Walker and Bill Sanders (I know....it's the slope of the land...)



EDUCATION CLASSES

IRWA CHAPTER 33 2006 EDUCATION COURSES			
COURSE	NO. DAYS	DATE	LOCATION
200 Principles of Real Estate Neg.	2	11/13 -14/2006	Oklahoma City
501 Residential Relocation Assistance	2	12/4 - 5/2006	Oklahoma City

IRWA CHAPTER 33 2007 EDUCATION COURSES			
COURSE	NO. DAYS	DATE	LOCATION
700 Intro. to Prop./Asset Management	2	01/22 - 23/2007	Oklahoma City
703 Real Property/Asset Management	1	02/26/2007	Oklahoma City
502 Business Relocation Assistance	2	03/12 - 13/2007	Oklahoma City
701 Property/Asset Management	2	03/26 - 27/2007	Oklahoma City
504 Computing RHP's	2	04/09 - 10/2007	Oklahoma City
201 Communications in R. E. Acquisition	3	05/14 – 05/16/2007	Oklahoma City
203 Alternative Dispute Resolution	3	06/4 - 5/2007	Oklahoma City
104 Standards of Practice for R/W Prof.	1	09/07/2007	Oklahoma City
205 Bargaining Negotiations	2	10/11 - 12/2007	Oklahoma City
403 Easement Valuation	1	11/15/2007	Oklahoma City

* Indicates possible class

If anyone is interested in enrolling in any of the Oklahoma classes, please contact Kevin Stout at (405) 521-2661 for more information.

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