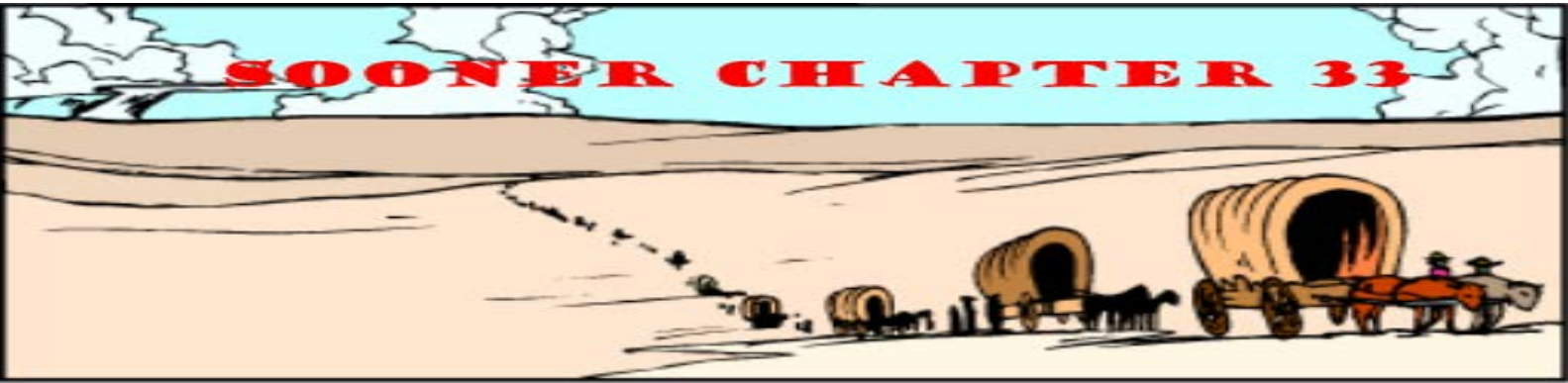


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January 2007

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2007

January 22 – 23, 2007

Course 700 – Intro to Property Management
Oklahoma City, OK

January 26, 2007

Chapter 33 Luncheon
ONEOK Cafeteria
Tulsa, OK

February 9 – 10, 2007

Region 2 Winter Forum
South Padre Island, TX

February 13 – 15, 2007

PRES Conference
Dallas, TX

February 26, 2007

Course 703 – Real Property/Asset Management
Oklahoma City, OK

March 12 – 13, 2007

Course 502 – Business Relocation Assistance
Oklahoma City, OK

March 26 – 27, 2007

Course 701 – Property Management Leasing
Oklahoma City, OK

DID YOU KNOW?.....

The longest U.S. highway is Route 6 starting in Cape Cod, Massachusetts going through 14 states, and ending in Bishop, California

JANUARY MEETING

Please join us for our first meeting of the New Year on January 26, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. at the **ONEOK Cafeteria** located in the basement of the ONEOK Tower at **100 W. 5th Street in downtown Tulsa.**

Please park in the parking garage located directly south across 5th Street and access the cafeteria through a tunnel from the parking garage. When you come out of the tunnel the entrance to the cafeteria will be on your right. The cafeteria has numerous meals from which to choose, all for under \$10.00 (you pay the cafeteria cashier directly – no payment to Chapter 33). After you have paid for your meal, walk through the cafeteria and turn right to the ONEOK Auditorium.

We are pleased to announce that J.D. Strong, Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary of the Environment, will provide a presentation on the Tar Creek Superfund Site Buyout. J.D. provides oversight to the Lead Impacted Communities Relocation Assistance Trust (LICRA Trust), an appointed body charged with this massive relocation of families and businesses from the impacted areas in the Picher/Cardin area of NE Oklahoma.



“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.” - [Mahatma Gandhi](#)

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Message from the President January 2007

At this time of year when we reflect on the past year and look forward to the New Year, ask yourself, **“Why am I a member of IRWA Chapter 33?”** The answer for most of us will be to learn more about our profession and to network with other professionals. Last year at our chapter meetings, we learned about effective communications, Region 2 activities, and eminent domain bills proposed in the Oklahoma Legislature. Our meeting sites provided networking and recreational opportunities at the Oklahoma Aquarium, Cherokee Casino, and Remington Park Racetrack. Join us this year for more growth opportunities as we continue with timely programs and exciting meeting sites.

“How are you going to reap the rewards of IRWA membership?” Foremost, you can take advantage of our strong education program scheduled for 2007. We have classes scheduled in property management, relocation, and communications. Also, attendance at our chapter meetings will provide educational growth along with networking opportunities for a small luncheon fee and a few hours away from work. To take advantage of the nationally recognized expertise in our chapter, I propose the chapter present a one day Regional Relocation Forum with invitations extended to all Region 2 members, non-member professionals, and agency personnel.

“When will you see your personal growth as a result of IRWA membership?” The more actively you participate, the quicker you will see results in not only your own personal growth but the growth of others as well. Opportunities to plant the seed of professionalism exist in attending at the local Chapter, Regional, and National meetings; contributing to a committee in your field of interest; applying for certification in your area of expertise; or striving for the ultimate symbol of your knowledge and experience by achieving your SR/WA. As an added incentive, the chapter will be supporting attendance to the Annual Conference of one member with the most meetings attended

My last question to you is **“What are you waiting for?”**

Donna Roche, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
Chapter 33 President

MINUTES OF MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2006 IRWA CHAPTER 33 REMINGTON PARK OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by President Tamara Benson. There were 48 people in attendance. Attendees introduced themselves and their guests. Donna Roche moved that the minutes of the September 15, 2006, chapter meeting, as published in the October 2006 newsletter, be accepted. Kim Wall seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER

Kevin Stout reported that the chapter had \$4,000 outgoing and \$8,000 incoming in October. To date we have had \$80,000 incoming and \$50,000 outgoing. There is approximately \$32,000 on hand with a \$10,000 CD in the form of an eight-month certificate of deposit at a rate of 4.65 percent. The projected income for the next three months is \$25,000 to \$30,000.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chair, David Lee, was not in attendance. President Benson reported that the chapter has received four new membership applications. The applicants are:

Annie Hunter
Sally Johnson
Kim Greenlee
Sarah Flud

Since the applications were not received by the chapter in time for the newsletter, their names were not published. The chapter approved the applicants by acclamation.

Since January the chapter has received close to 15 new members.

EDUCATION

Kevin Stout reported that the class for Monday and Tuesday, November 13-14, had 22 participants signed up and that there would be room for more. Applications were available at the meeting. Ed Opstein will be the instructor. This course, Course 200, Principles of Real Estate Negotiations, is a requirement for obtaining SR/WA certification. The class for December 4-5 has 35 participants signed up. Tamara Benson will be the instructor. The 2007 courses are listed on the back page of the chapter newsletter.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sandra Luegge was not in attendance.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Joe Coates presented Kevin Stout with a plaque for being selected as the 2006 Professional of the Year for Chapter 33.

OLD BUSINESS

Logo shirts for the chapter can be obtained from Lands End at \$25 each. They will have the IRWA logo with "Sooner Chapter 33" below the logo. The chapter will pay half of the cost of the shirts. Tamara Benson will be sending an e-mail to everyone with color and style options.

Kevin Stout presented C.E. Crozier with a \$50 gift card from Chili's for receiving his relocation certification.

A drawing was held for two \$25 door prizes. The winners were Jennifer Harrison and Alex Souder.

President Benson reminded the chapter that there will be an attendance award of \$1,500 for the Sacramento International Education Conference which will be held in June 2007. The award will go to the person who has attended the most meetings since January of 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

Alan Wurtz, Past President of the IEC, conducted the installation of the chapter's new officers. The new 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

Donna Roche presented Tamara Benson with a past president's plaque.

Donna Roche addressed the chapter briefly. She included in her remarks that she is looking for a new Education Chairperson. Current Education Chair, Kevin Stout, will work closely with the new Education Chairperson.

Alex Souder moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lori Vernon seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Judy Strout, SR/WA
Chapter 33 Vice President

CONGRATULATIONS!



KEVIN M. STOUT, SR/WA

**2006 PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR
CHAPTER 33**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Sarah Flud, Universal Field Services, Inc.
Kim Greenlee, Universal Field Services, Inc.
Annie Hunter, Universal Field Services, Inc.
Sally Johnson, Universal Field Services, Inc.**



Congratulations to

JOSE SANCHEZ

**For receiving his
SR/WA Designation**

**Meeting Minutes
IRWA Region 2
2006 Region 2 Forum
August 3, 2006 Texas A&M University
College Station, TX**

Region Chair Randy Williams called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M.

OLD BUSINESS

Randy Williams asked if any Old Business needed discussion. There was no Old Business to discuss.

Minutes of the Region 2 Caucus held in Toronto, Canada in June of 2005 were passed out by Steve Beck. Upon a motion and a second the minutes were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Williams asked if all Conference speakers were present and accounted for. All Chapters reported their speakers were accounted for. Randy then stated that John McLerran would give an invocation at the end of Opening Ceremonies.

Wayne Goss recognized any IEC members and Past IRWA Presidents. Gene Land was recognized as a Past IRWA President. Juan Zaragosa was recognized as a current IEC member. Wayne also had each chapter president stand up to be recognized.

Randy Williams requested chapter presidents to give him a list of names of those receiving their SR/WA designations at the Awards Luncheon. He also announced that the Region 2 Professional of the Year would be announced at the Awards Luncheon by either Wayne or Steve.

Sandy Bowen spoke about the IRWA Cruise Class. It will be a 2-day class presented on a 5-day cruise from Galveston to Cozumel, Mexico. The cruise will take place on November 9th through 13th. Costs range from \$345.80 for an inside cabin to \$405.80 for an outside cabin. Course 400 will be presented. She stated the incentives for taking the cruise were a 1 hour open bar cocktail party and each party would be provided with a \$50 coupon to be spent on the boat.

Wayne talked about changes in IRWA education. He discussed the 12-step strategy for education. Other regions will see big changes; however, not many changes, if any, are anticipated for Region 2. Region 2 will have to submit tentative schedules earlier than in the past. Wayne stated he was working with Sue Findley on this matter. He stated that 2007 courses need to be submitted now along with a tentative 3 year schedule. The education schedule now comes through the Region Vice-Chair to International. International wants all core courses available to areas in all the different regions. Another change is that all course coordinators will need to take the course coordinator training program. It's a 1 ½ hour program available free via the International website. It should be available on-line October 1st. Juan Zaragosa elaborated on the new course coordinator program. He stated it was designed to help bring up attendance at courses. The training will help coordinators know what it takes to put on a course.

Steve Beck talked about the need for a Region 2 website. If not available through International then we'll look into a separate site.

Wayne Goss stated that the 2007 Winter Forum would be held February 7, 8, & 9, 2007 at the Radisson Resort at South Padre Island, Texas. Boone Waters stated the rooms will run \$85.00 and condos will run \$170.00. Course 214, Skills of Expert Testimony, will be held on February 7th and would be taught by Bob Montgomery and Donnie Sherwood. The Forum would be conducted on February 8th and 9th. Alan Wagers stated that Continental Express flies into Brownsville. Randy Williams stated that the Forum would be held in South Padre to try and establish a satellite South Texas Chapter.

Randy Williams talked about the upcoming PRES (Public Real Estate Education Symposium) Conference to be held February 13, 14, and 15, 2007 in Dallas, Texas. The conference is cosponsored by IRWA and the Federal Highway Administration. Workshops will include: transportation, public lands, government housing, defense, and another general topic. Representatives from BLM, FAA, FHWA, HUD, and FWS will be on hand.

Randy Williams then spoke about the upcoming 2008 International Conference to be held in Austin, Texas. There will be a booth in Sacramento and he asked the chapters for gift donations for the booth. He also asked for Auction gifts, preferably gifts that people could use when they arrived in Austin. He thanked Chapter 8 for supplying the keynote speaker for 2008. Lori Keeter stated that if any members have suggestions for a keynote speaker to please contact her, Alan Wagers, or Brian Watts.

June Housman gave the dates for next year's Region 2 Seminar being August 1, 2, and 3.

Randy Williams reminded everyone that the Region officers are available to install officers if needed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned to South Padre Island, Texas in February, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven M. Beck, MAI, ARA, SR/WA
Region 2 Secretary

Those who are fired with an enthusiastic idea and who allow it to take hold and dominate their thoughts find that new worlds open for them. As long as enthusiasm holds out, so will new opportunities.

Norman Vincent Peale

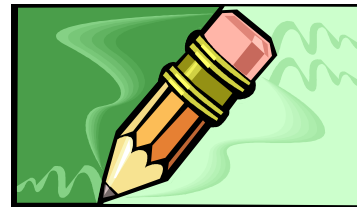
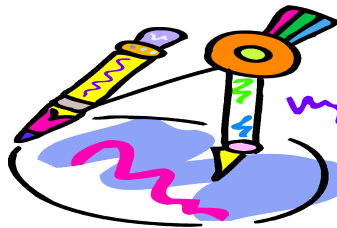


TREASURER'S REPORT

PURPOSE	REVENUE	EXPENSE	BALANCE
Balance as of 10/1/06			\$43,649.06
Course Income/Expense	\$16,235.00	\$9,528.97	\$50,355.09
Special Event	\$685.00	\$0.00	\$51,040.09
Contributions/Gifts	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$50,740.09
Conventions/Meetings	\$206.43	\$1,562.97	\$49,383.55
Newsletter Mailing	\$0.00	\$57.33	\$49,326.22
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$221.50	\$49,104.72
Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$6.00	\$49,098.72
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	

The balance as of December 13, 2006, was **\$49,098.72**, with **\$39,098.72** cash on hand and one **\$10,000 Certificate of Deposit**.

Kevin Stout, SR/WA
Chapter 33 Treasurer



EDUCATION CLASSES

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 - 16/2007	Oklahoma City
203 Alternative Dispute Resolution	2	06/04 - 05/2007	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	10/29/2007	Oklahoma City
900 Principles of Real Estate Engineering	2	12/10 - 11/2007	Oklahoma City

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