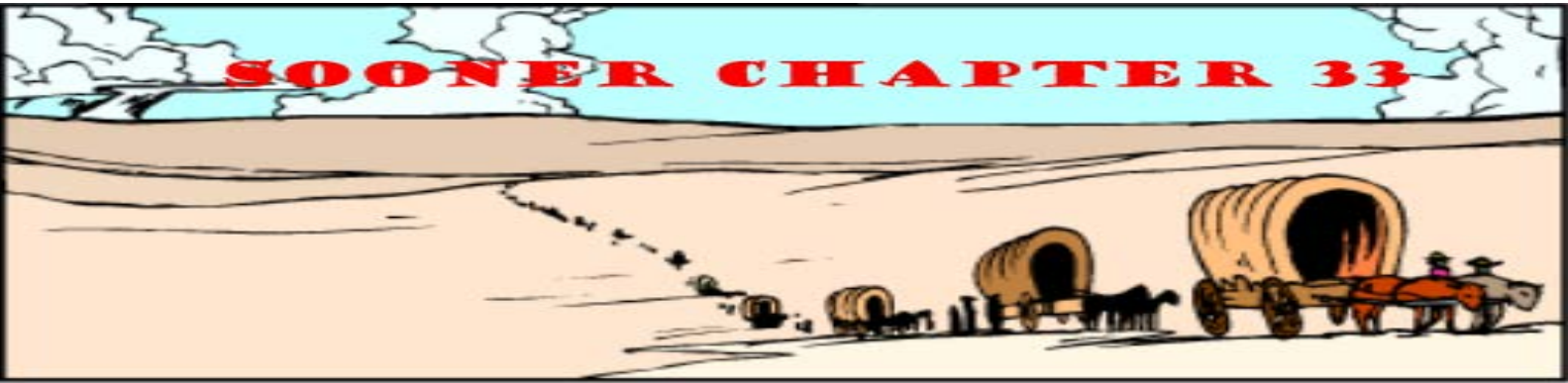


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IRWA

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

March 2007

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2007

March 26 – 27, 2007

Course 701 – Property Management Leasing
Oklahoma City, OK

April 9 – 10, 2007

Course 504 – Computing RHP's
Oklahoma City, OK

May 14 – 16, 2007

Course 201 – Communications in Real Estate
Acquisition

May 14, 2007

Chapter meeting sometime during the week

June 17 – 20, 2007

IRWA 53rd Annual International Education
Conference
Sacramento, CA

August 2007

Region 2 Education Forum
Texas A & M
College Station, TX

"It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it."

Somerset Maugham

MARCH MEETING

Please join us for our March Chapter meeting to be held on March 26, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. at the **County Line Barbeque** located at 1226 NE 63rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK. The dinner will be free to members and guests.

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.

An Engineer is a person who knows a great deal about very little and who goes along learning more and more about less and less until he knows practically everything about nothing.

A Lawyer, on the other hand, is a person who knows very little about many things and keeps learning less and less about more and more, until he knows practically nothing about everything.

A Right of Way Agent starts out knowing everything about everything, but ends up knowing nothing about anything due to his association with Engineers and Lawyers.

Old Right of Way Proverb

EDITOR'S NOTE: But we in Right of Way LOVE our Engineers & Lawyers.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2007
IRWA CHAPTER 33
ONEOK PLAZA
TULSA, OKLAHOMA**

**Message from the President
March 2007**

Welcome to Spring! Thank goodness we are passed the dreary days of winter with ice, snow and bone chilling temperatures.

As a kickoff to the new season, the Chapter will have our first evening meeting in many years with dinner paid for all members. Following our usual meeting and speaker presentation, we will have a Social Hour with cash bar and desserts. I hope all of you will take a little time out of your busy lives to join us for a little networking and catching up.

The organization has been busy since we last met. IRWA Executive Vice President has submitted his resignation effective November 2007. He has been a great asset to our organization and will be missed by many.

In February, Region 2 Winter Forum was held in South Padre Island. It seemed to be a very productive meeting and well attended. We presented the resolution from Chapter 33 regarding the Regional Professional of the Year. There was little discussion but our resolution passed unanimously. The weather wasn't exactly cooperative while we were there but some attendees were still able to relive their younger days of spring break on the beach.

The week after the winter forum, our region hosted the first PRES (Public RealEstate Education Symposium). The conference was a big success with attendance and presentations. The only complaint I heard was about the room temperature.

The association's next big event will be the annual education conference. The hotel rooms are filling up fast so if you haven't made your reservation do so quickly. Don't forget this meeting will be the last to qualify for the trip to Sacramento.

See you all soon.

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by President Donna Roche. There were 22 people in attendance. Attendees introduced themselves. Joe Coates moved that the minutes of the November 10, 2006, chapter meeting, as published in the January 2007 newsletter, be accepted. Steve Benson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER

Alex Souder reported that the chapter had a balance of \$39,940.72 at the beginning of the year with approximately \$13,000 income in January for a total of \$51,790 in the bank account as well as a \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit. Alex reminded the members that the cost to advertise in the chapter newsletter is \$75. Although Jose Sanchez was not present at the meeting, Alex announced that a \$100 gift card to Chili's would be presented to him for receiving his SR/WA designation.

MEMBERSHIP

With the position of Membership Chair vacant, the report was presented by Tami Benson. The following pending members were presented for the chapter's approval:

Josh C. Moser, Gregory Eckert, Cynthia Pierce, Bill Harwell, Christy Wallace, Brenda Brown, Priscilla Arneecheer, Loretta Lane, Sherri Bussey, William Reagan, Thomas A. Thompson, Jimmy Struck, Jeffrey Brown, Karen Green, and Robert Franklin.

After a brief discussion, Bill Sanders moved that the pending members be approved. Lori Vernon seconded the motion. The pending members were approved by acclamation.

Tami Benson asked if anyone was interested in being the Membership Chair. Bill Sanders volunteered.

EDUCATION

President Donna Roche announced that the upcoming education classes are in the newsletter. The next class, Course 703, Real Property/Asset Management, will be held in Oklahoma City February 26. Course 502, Business Relocation Assistance, will be held March 12 and 13 with Tami Benson as the facilitator. Course 701, Property/Asset Management, as well as Course 703 will have Ed Opstein as facilitator. President Roche said that the chapter is still looking for a new Education Chair.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ed Opstein announced that there is an online facility to become certified as a course coordinator. He encouraged the membership to take a look at it. He also encouraged participation on the Professional Development Committee. Ed announced that there were several people in our chapter who have recertified:

John McLish has recertified in Relocation, Joe Engel and Larry Guthrie have recertified their SR/WA designations, and Jose Sanchez has received his SR/WA designation.

There are ten classes coming up this year.

Ed said that he would be happy to work with the members to help them chart out their course to obtain their designation/certification.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

President Roche announced that nominations are due February 1 for the Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award, the Chapter Newsletter of the Year Award in categories of chapters with more than 100 members and with fewer than 100 members, the SARPA Award, the Chapter of the Year Award in categories of chapters with more than 100 members and with fewer than 100 members, and the Employer of the Year Award in categories of more than 100 employees and with fewer than 100 employees. If there are any recommendations, please contact Joe Coates. The necessary qualifications can be found online.

Lisa Harrison discussed the chapter and regional procedures for the Professional of the Year Award and the Balfour Award. The chapter further discussed the progression from Chapter Professional of the Year to Region Professional of the Year to the Balfour Award. The chapter officers were encouraged to bring this matter up at the next Regional Winter Forum. Steve Benson volunteered to outline these procedures in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

The chapter discussed ordering logo shirts. Joe Coates volunteered to handle ordering the shirts. The shirts will be white with a blue logo. An order form will be in the newsletter. Alex Souder moved that the chapter provide a free shirt for each member. Lisa Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried. The chapter will buy a shirt for each member who orders one. Each member must fill out the order form provided. Additional shirts will be ordered so that the chapter will be able to provide a logo shirt for each new member.

NEW BUSINESS

The Region 2 Winter Forum will be held February 8 and 9 in South Padre Island, Texas. For more information contact one of the chapter officers.

There currently is a proposal to change the way we elect members to the International Executive Committee. Steve Benson discussed the current process and the proposed change. This will be discussed further at the Region 2 Winter Forum.

The Public RealEstate Education Symposium (PRES) will be held in our region February 13 – 15.

The chapter discussed the 2007 chapter meeting schedule including the possibility of having evening chapter meetings with a 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. cocktail hour before dinner. The facilitator of the June 4 and 5 class has volunteered to present a program at an evening chapter meeting on June 4. The program would be free to members with the topic being *Is Right of Way Stressing you Out or Dealing with Change—Flight, Fright or Freeze*.

Tami Benson moved that the May meeting be moved to the evening of June 4 and be free to members. The topic of the program would be Alternative Dispute Resolution which may be a requirement to do negotiation in the state of Oklahoma. After discussion, the motion was amended to have the March meeting as an evening meeting with J.D. Strong, Chief of Staff of the Office of the Secretary of the Environment as the speaker with the topic being the Tar Creek Superfund Site Buyout. Steve Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was tentatively scheduled to be held at County Line BBQ in Oklahoma City. Joe Coates will check to determine whether drinks are served there.

President Roche introduced a discussion on incentives for attendance including the possibility of free meals. Lisa Harrison moved that the chapter pay for lunch for chapter members. Kim Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A drawing was held for two \$25 door prizes. The winners were Sara Wyly and Kim Wall.

It was decided that the chapter would submit a resolution to the Region 2 Winter Forum that the Region 2 Professional of the Year be automatically entered as a candidate for the Balfour Award. Joe Coates will prepare the Resolution.

Lori Vernon moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joe Coates seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Judy Strout, SR/WA
Chapter 33 Vice President

Congratulations to

Lori Vernon

On her

R/W-RAC Certification



Tamara G. Benson

Received her

R/W-RAC RECERTIFICATION



SR/WA RECERTIFICATION

Steve T. Benson
Tamara G. Benson

SR/WA & Certification Applications

Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC applied for Negotiation/Acquisition

Teresa Harris applied for Relocation exam for SR/WA

Charles R. Robinson applied for SR/WA designation

Brenda Brown applied for SR/WA designation candidacy

William Sanders approved for R/W-NAC candidacy

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Kristy D. Bell
Quest Resource Corp.

Curt G. Boecking
Quest Resource Corp.

David W. Bolton
Quest Resource Corp.

Donald Mark Hall
Doyle Land Service

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Priscilla Arneecheer
Brenda Brown
Jeffrey Brown
Sherry Bussey
Gregory Eckert
Robert Franklin
Karen Green
Bill Harwell
Loretta Lane
Josh C. Moser
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COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

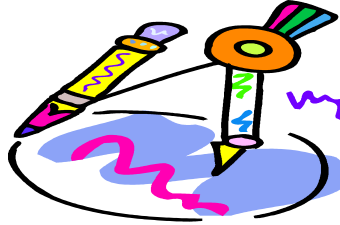
Education Report

In January and February we had the Property Management Courses 700 & 703. Both were a huge success, and the Chapter realized a net income of approximately \$12,000.

In March we had Business Relocation Course 502. It was a success as well, and the Chapter made a little over \$5,300.

Also in March we are having the last course in the Property Management series, Course 701. Currently all seats are taken.

Looking forward: April – Course 504 Computing RHP's; May – Course 201 Communications in Real Estate Acquisition; June - Course 203 Alternative Dispute Resolution



EDUCATION CLASSES

IRWA CHAPTER 33 2007 EDUCATION COURSES			
COURSE	NO. DAYS	DATE	LOCATION
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

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

"Man's flight through life is sustained by the power of his knowledge."

U.S. Air Force Academy

The meek might inherit the earth...but the strong will always retain the mineral rights.

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"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

Abraham Lincoln

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