

SOONER CHAPTER 33



IRWA

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

September 2007

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2007

Chapter 33 Golf Tournament

Cushing Country Club
9:00 a.m. – Shotgun Start
1:30 p.m. – Chapter Meeting
September 28, 2007

403 – Easement Valuation

Oklahoma City, OK
October 29, 2007

205 – Bargaining Negotiations

Oklahoma City, OK
November 1 – 2, 2007

Installation Banquet

Tulsa, OK (TBD)
November 16, 2007

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Please join us for our September Chapter meeting to be held on Friday, September 28, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. at the Cushing Country Club. The meeting will take place after the Chapter 33 Golf Tournament.

Mark Caywood, Attorney, will speak about impacts in Oklahoma resulting from recent court cases involving eminent domain.

If you are planning to attend, please notify Steve Benson at (918) 494-7600 or e-mail at sbenson@ufsrw.com as we will need to notify the Club of the number of lunches needed.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Richard E. Park
Julie R. Rumery
Darrell Smith

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

William Allen
Kristy D. Bell
Curt G. Boecking
David W. Bolton
Betty Jo Cagle
Carol Calvillo
Shirley Cook
Carol Cooper
Penny L. Gordon
Donald M. Hall
Sharon L. Hamilton
Jan L. Kunze
Leslie A. Otwell
Leslie J. Welden
Terry Young

Three (3) different Falls make up what we call Niagara Falls—the Canadian Horseshoe Falls, the American Falls and the Bridal Veil Falls. Niagara Falls is 12,000 years old.

The 264,000 square miles of water that plunges over the Falls comes from four of the great lakes: Superior, Michigan, Huron and Erie. Once the water flows over the Falls, it travels down the Niagara River to Lake Ontario, where it then flows into the St. Lawrence River and finally into the Atlantic Ocean.

The length of the whirlpool rapids is where the water drops 50 ft. Speeds can reach as high as 30 feet per second.

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Message from the President September 2007

Recently, I picked up a copy of *Oklahoma Woman* which is a free publication reporting on accomplishments of women in Oklahoma. There was an article in the May 2007 issue titled "A Lesson from Geese". Following is a part of the article.

Have you ever wondered why migrating geese fly in a V formation?

As with most animal behavior, God had a good reason for including this in their instincts. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird following. In a V formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation. Like geese, people who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier than those who try to go it alone.

When a goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position. If people had as much sense as geese, they would realize that ultimately their success depends on working as a team, taking turns doing the hard tasks, and sharing leadership. Geese in the rear of the formation honk to encourage those up front to up their speed. It is important that our "honking from behind" be encouraging. Otherwise, it is just honking.

If you think about it, our chapter is like a flock of geese. Working together, we have supported many members to accomplish great things in our organization and industry.

We share our leadership to keep new energy in the chapter and to let the tired 'geese' rotate to the back. We 'honk' at the accomplishments of our members to encourage them to 'fly' faster.

I don't know how we can measure the benefits to IRWA but I personally feel that it has added at least 71% more to my professional experience through the educational

opportunities and networking. If you aren't getting your 71%, please let one of the Chapter Officers know what we can do to bring you into the 'V formation'.

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

MINUTES OF MEETING June 4, 2007 IRWA CHAPTER 33 TED'S CAFÉ & ESCONDIDO OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Vice-President Judy Strout. There were 28 people in attendance. The minutes from the March 2007 meeting were unavailable and will be sent out by e-mail for discussion and approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER

Alex Souder, Treasurer, reported that net income to the chapter for the 1st Quarter of this year was \$19,358.26 and April's net income was \$3,500.26. Currently we have \$69,200.65 in the checking account and \$10,000.00 on deposit as a CD. The CD matures on July 1, 2007.

Lisa Harrison made a motion to roll over the CD plus put all funds from the checking account that exceeds \$30,000.00 with it into a new CD and all interest collected going to the International Education Foundation. Edward Opstein seconded the motion. Membership approved the motion.

MEMBERSHIP

Bill Sanders, Membership Chair, reported that we have 3 applications for new members and he had 5 membership certificates to hand out.

EDUCATION

Kevin Stout, Education Chair, reported that:

Currently, the Alternative Dispute Resolution course is underway and has 33 participants.

Course 104, Standards of Practice for R/W Professionals was held on September 11, 2007. This course will be free to the first 25 Chapter 33 Members to sign up and includes lunch.

The remaining 2007 course listing can be found on the next to the last page of the chapter newsletter along with the 2008 tentative schedule of courses.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ed Opstein, Professional Development Chair, reported the following:

Candidacy Applications have been received for certification in Neg/Acq and Relocation: Kevin Stout, SR/WA and for SR/WA Brenda Brown.

Teresa Harris passed the Relocation portion of the SR/WA examination.

Neg/Acq certifications were completed by: Lisa Harrison.

Relocation Re-certifications were completed by: Sandra Luegge; Karen Munde and Randy Munde.

SR/WA Designations were awarded to: Jose Sanchez, SR/WA and Charles Robinson, SR/WA

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Region 2 Education Seminar at College Station; Lisa Harrison moved that we provide up to \$750.00 for each of the two speakers that we need for this seminar. Montee Hoffman made a second. Membership approved the motion.

International Education Conference, Sacramento, California will be held in June 2007. Board of Directors voting on the two resolutions will be as follows; "No" on the nominations and elections issue and "yes" on the dues issue.

Chapter 33 Charter changes are as follows; term of officers will follow the national officer starting with the next election and the order of officers will be changed to match how it is currently done.

A drawing was held for two \$25.00 door prizes. The winners were Lori Vernon and Sally Johnson.

NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer Harrison will pick up the auction item(s) for the Sacramento conference. A figure of \$200.00 to \$500.00 was given for her use.

Discussion was held in regard to a Ladies Nine-Hole Golf Tournament.

Rollover of existing CD along with adding more surplus funds was discussed. It was decided that we would retain two years worth of operating expenses (approximately \$30,000.00) in the checking account and the remainder was to be put into a CD along with the existing \$10,000.00 CD and all interest income would go to the International Education Foundation.

Guest Speaker was Jared Sahlsteen from ODOT. He gave a brief presentation on Cell Towers and Outdoor

Advertising. A short period of questions and answers followed the presentation.

Lori Vernon moved that the meeting be adjourned. Alex Souder seconded the motion. Membership approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Kevin Stout, SR/WA
Chapter 33 Secretary

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2007 – 2008

Chapter 33 members recommended as officers by the Nominations & Election Committee for the 2007-2008 year include:

Tamara Benson – 1 Year Director
Donna Roche – 2 Year Director
Judy Strout – President
Kevin Stout – Vice President
Alex Souder – Secretary
Bill Sanders – Treasurer
Ed Opstein – Professional Development Chair

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**SR/WA DESIGNATIONS
Charles Robinson, SR/WA**

**SR/WA RECERTIFICATION
Clark Andrew, SR/WA**

**SR/WA EXAM
Passing Score on Relocation Portion
Teresa Harris**

**SR/WA CANDIDACY APPLICATIONS
Brenda Brown
Tekia Statton**

**R/W-NAC and R/W-RAC
CERTIFICATION CANDIDACY APPLICATION
For
Kevin Stout, SR/WA**

**R/W-NAC CERTIFICATIONS
awarded to
Bill Sanders, R/W-NAC
Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC**

**R/W-RAC RECERTIFICATIONS
Karen Munde, R/W-RAC
William Munde, R/W-RAC
Sandra Luegge, R/W-RAC**



EDUCATION CLASSES

IRWA CHAPTER 33 2007 EDUCATION COURSES			
COURSE	NO. DAYS	DATE	LOCATION
403 Easement Valuation	1	10/29/2007	Oklahoma City
205 Bargaining Negotiations	2	11/1 - 2/2007	Oklahoma City
900 Principles of Real Estate Engineering	2	12/10 - 11/2007	Oklahoma City

IRWA CHAPTER 33 2008 EDUCATION COURSES			
COURSE	NO. DAYS	DATE	LOCATION
901 Engineering Plan Development	1	02/04/2008	Oklahoma City
902 Property Descriptions	1	02/05/2008	Oklahoma City
505 Advanced Residential Relocation	1	02/25/2008	Oklahoma City
409 Integrating Appraisal Standards	1	03/24/2008	Oklahoma City
209 Negotiating Effectively with Diverse Clientele	2	04/28 – 29/2008	Oklahoma City
215 R/W Agent's Development Program	2	05/19 – 20/2008	Oklahoma City
506 Advanced Relocation Assistance	2	07/21 – 22/2008	Oklahoma City
410 Review Appraisal in Eminent Domain	1	10/06/2008	Oklahoma City
402 Introduction to Income Capitalization Approach	1	11/03/2008	Oklahoma City
802 Legal Aspects of Easements	1	12/8/2008	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.

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