

SOONER CHAPTER 33



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INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

January 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2008

IRWA Region 2 Winter Forum

Austin, TX
January 24-25, 2008

901 Engineering Plan Development

Oklahoma City, OK
February 4, 2008

902 Property Descriptions

Oklahoma City, OK
February 5, 2008

Public RealEstate Education Symposium (PRES)

Dallas, TX
February 12-14, 2008

505 Advanced Residential Relocation

Oklahoma City, OK
February 25, 2008

Chapter 33 Meeting

Tulsa, OK (Location to be announced)
March 13 or 14, 2008

409 Integrating Appraisal Standards

Oklahoma City, OK
March 24, 2008

209 Negotiating Effectively with Diverse Clientele

Oklahoma City, OK
April 28-29, 2008

54th Annual International Education Conference

Austin, TX
Hilton Austin
June 22-25, 2008

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be held in Oklahoma City at the County Line Barbecue on Friday, January 18, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

Our speaker will be Eric King, an attorney with Gable & Gotwals. He will give a presentation on Ennis vs. Western Farmers Electric Coop, an Oklahoma condemnation case which changed condemnation law.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Message from the President December 2007

What a wondrous and joyful time of year! Thanksgiving, Christmas, family, traditions, lights, trees, decorations, carols, childhood memories...

This is also a wonderful time of year to reflect and to evaluate. When it comes to IRWA and specifically, Chapter 33, I have much for which I am grateful. I would like to thank you for electing me as your chapter president. I look forward to an opportunity for growth and development as I serve my term. Truthfully, serving in this position will cause me to have to step outside of my comfort zone (one giant step). That has been the case in the other chapter positions in which I have served. There have been challenges, but I have been compensated in personal growth as well as opportunities to interact with wonderful, caring people.

I would like to thank Steve and Tami Benson for all they do for the chapter and for all they have done for me. They were instrumental in setting up the lovely installation banquet at the Summit Club. They have also been wonderful examples of leadership. I would also like to thank Wayne Goss, our new Region 2 chairman for traveling to Oklahoma to conduct the installation of officers. He was a gracious addition to our meeting. I have a wonderful board to support me in my endeavors. My thanks also go to Lori Vernon for accepting the position of Membership Chair. I know that she will do a great job, and I look forward to having the opportunity of working with her.

Our chapter has committee chairs; however, they are committees of one. By volunteering to work on one of these committees, you would have the opportunity to gain experience and to learn more about our organization. Working with these talented and experienced professionals as a member of a committee is an opportunity not only to learn more about IRWA, but to make contacts and exchange ideas with other members of your profession. You have already made a commitment to be a member. Please consider your membership as a way to grow professionally. You would

not only get to know other members of the chapter, but they would get to know you better as well.

Our next meeting will be January 18 in Oklahoma City at County Line Barbecue. I hope that you will make an effort to attend and to become acquainted with at least one person you don't know already. Until then, have a wonderful holiday season.

Judy Strout, SR/WA
Chapter 33 President

MINUTES OF MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2007 IRWA CHAPTER 33 THE SUMMIT CLUB TULSA, OKLAHOMA

The meeting was called to order at 12:23 p.m. by President Donna Roche. There were 31 people in attendance. Tami Benson moved that the minutes of the September 28, 2007 meeting, as circulated, be accepted. Steve Benson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer

Alex Souder, Treasurer, reported that as of October 29, 2007 the Chapter had a balance of \$28,786.67 in the checking account and that we have 2 Certificates of Deposit, one in the amount of \$10,433.23 and one for \$30,371.29.

Alex also reported that our fall golf tournament was a great success and we made a little under \$300.00.

Membership

Bill Sanders, Membership Chair, reported that we have five individuals requesting membership. The individuals are Brittany Branscum, Judy Slagel, Jessica Cain, Charles Hodges and Burt Bluejacket.

Education

Kevin Stout, Education Chair, reported that;

The two most recent courses, Easement Valuation and Bargaining Negotiation, which were held two weeks ago were both a huge success. In fact these two courses brought in \$ 5,763.83.

The remaining 2007 and all of the 2008 course listing can be found on the back page of the chapter newsletter. The tentative course listing through the year 2011 has been set, contact Kevin Stout if this information is needed.

If anyone is interested in having the SR/WA study session contact Kevin Stout.

The next three courses that Chapter 33 will be offering cover the Engineering series.

Professional Development

Ed Opstein reported that the IRWA website now contains an offering of IRWA products for purchase.

Also, if anyone needs a review for certification or re-certification all they need to do is contact him and he will review and respond.

Lastly, Ed is looking for some assistance, if anyone is looking for a place to serve the organization he would appreciate any help.

Nominations and Elections

Nothing new to report.

Old Business

Kevin Stout reported on the status of shirts for the membership. Five dozen of these shirts have been ordered and each member is entitled to one. They will be available at the next meeting and/or Chapter 33 courses.

A drawing was held for two \$25.00 door prizes. The winners were Lidia from Pinnacle Consulting and yet again, Lori Vernon from Universal Field Services.

New Business

Guest Speaker was Wayne Goss.

Wayne performed the installation of the new officers.

Additionally, he gave a briefing on how the IRWA is doing nationally. The membership has increased about 8% this year, average course attendance is up to about 20 participants, all courses are being revamped and overall the education program is going very well.

Donna Roche moved that the meeting be adjourned. Alex Souder seconded the motion. Membership approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Kevin Stout, SR/WA
Chapter 33 Secretary

EDUCATION CLASSES

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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