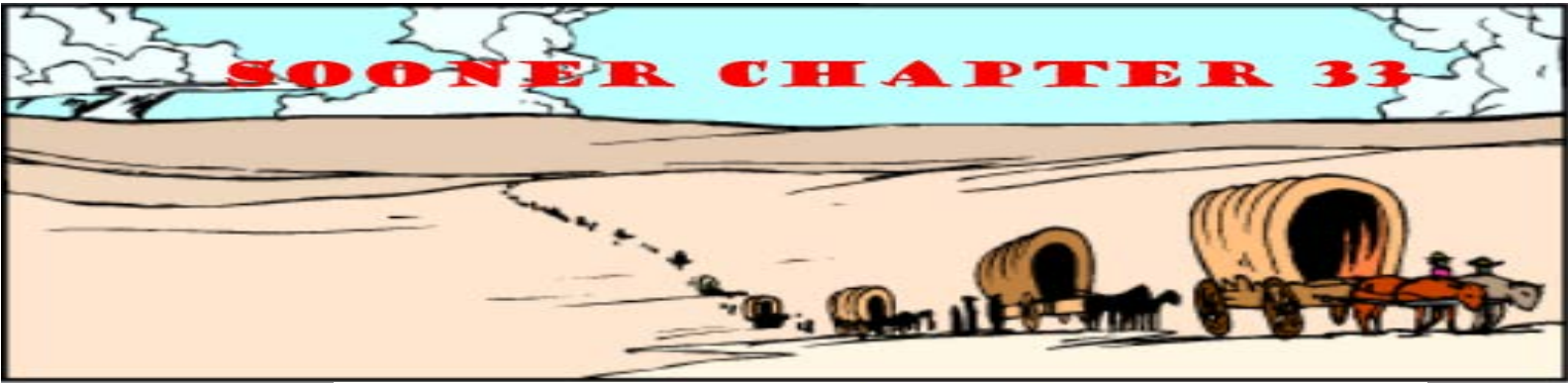


SOONER CHAPTER 33



IRWA

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

August 2009

SEPTEMBER MEETING

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2009

104 – Standards of Practice for R/W Professionals

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 14, 2009
(Free to first 25 paid members)

Chapter 33 Meeting & Golf Tournament

Cushing Country Club
September 25, 2009

801 – United States Land Titles

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 5 & 6, 2009

SR/WA Study Exam

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 19 – 21, 2009

The September Meeting of Chapter 33 will be held at the Cushing Country Club on Friday, September 25, 2009. This is our annual Golf Tournament. The shotgun start will be at 9:00 a.m.

Although you may pay your entry fee on the day of the tournament, please let Steve Benson at (918/494-7600) or e-mail address (sbenson@ufsrw.com) know by September 18, 2009 if you will be attending.

If you plan on attending the meeting and lunch but not golfing, please give Steve a call. We need a fairly accurate estimate on the number of attendees for the lunch count.

Professional Development Update – Our new International President Sandy Grigg is quoted on the IRWA website as saying, “Right of way is what you do. Professional is who you are.” All of us involved in the IRWA help each other become more successful by encouraging professional development. *Recent accomplishments* in our Chapter include – Aaron Adkins was awarded the R/W-NAC Certification and has passed the SR/WA examination for Relocation, Chris Whipple was approved as a candidate for the R/W-NAC Certification, Bryce Binion, Courtney Harvey, and Justin Harvey have all submitted completed applications for the R/W-NAC Certification. Let me know how I can help you.

Ed Opstein, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC

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Message from the President August 2009

Sooner Chapter 33 Members:

Our last meeting was held in Oklahoma City at Remington Park for the official installation of the 2009 / 2010 group of officers. We had a very good turnout and everyone had a great time.

First and foremost I must thank our outgoing President, Judy Strout, for her unwavering commitment to the position to which she was elected. On behalf of the Chapter 33 membership please accept our warmest and deepest regards for serving as our President from January 1, 2008 till June 30, 2009 so that our slate of officers would match the election cycle of the Region and International contingent of officers.

As we start another year with a new group of Chapter 33 officers I would like to encourage your continued support of our profession and the IRWA at the Chapter, Region and International level. If you are not active in these areas I encourage you to get involved as you will be rewarded in more ways than you can imagine. Through your participation, not only will you see personal and professional growth in yourself, you will see it in others as a result of your involvement.

Another area of consideration that I would like to highlight is that of certification. The IRWA provides the opportunity for obtaining a single discipline certification in appraisal, asset/property management, negotiation/acquisition, relocation assistance and environmental. Beyond that you are able to obtain the designation of SR/WA when you have demonstrated through experience, education and examination your ability to be proficient in multiple disciplines. Educational opportunities to help you advance toward one or

more of these designations are available through your local chapter. In fact Chapter 33 is providing the SR/WA study session for its members in October. If you are an SR/WA candidate and would like to be in this class let me know.

The Region 2 Summer Forum was held in College Station, Texas on August 13 -14, 2009. As the moderator for Chapter 33's Relocation Assistance session I can say that our topic, "Business Re-establishment Expense," was very well received. I would like to give a great big thank you to Lisa Harrison and Tamara Benson for presenting this session. These ladies are two real top notch professionals as well as leading experts in the field of relocation. Our topic for next year's Forum will be valuation.

Please note that the next Region 2 meeting will be the Winter Forum to be held on February 4 - 5, 2010 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Chapter 33 did volunteer to host the 2011 Winter Forum in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

I look forward to seeing ya'll at our annual Fall Golf Outing at the Cushing Country Club in September.

Kevin Stout, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
Chapter 33 President

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 29, 2009

IRWA CHAPTER 33 INSTALLATION BANQUET REMINGTON PARK OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. by President Judy Strout. There were 29 people in attendance including 9 guests. Tami Benson moved that the minutes of the March 27, 2009 meeting, "as corrected", be accepted. Lori Vernon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected.

"Corrections" to March 27, 2009 minutes: Directors for 2009 International Conference will be Donna Roche 2 year and Tami Benson 1 year. Judy Strout

will be 2 year Director next year. “Voting Directors for 2009 International Conference will be Donna Roche, 2 year and Tami Benson, 1 year. Judy Strout will be installed as 2 year Director and Donna Roche will be installed as 1 year Director at our next meeting. Terms of the new year will begin July 1, 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer

Bill Sanders, Treasurer, reported that the chapter had a balance of \$60,078.43 in the checking account and balances of \$10,953.29 and \$31,746.07 in two CDs with total cash assets valued at \$102,777.79.

Membership

Lori Vernon, Membership Chair, reported the Chapter has 7 newly approved members:

- Françoise D. Bowe – Southern Tier Services, Inc.
- Dereck MD McPherson – Cinnabar Service Company
- Mark List – Universal Field Services, Inc.
- Jason J. Mendenhall – Atlas Pipeline Mid-Continent WestOK, LLC
- Larry G. Bowe – Southern Tier Services, Inc.
- Courtney D. Harvey – Harvey Land, Inc.
- David E. Lutz – Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

Also, 3 applications for new membership have been received from:

- Bryce S. Binyon – Digital Land Consultants, Inc.
- David L. Melton – Capital Land Services, Inc.
- Andy J. Means – Digital Land Consultants, Inc.

The aforementioned applicants were voted on and approved by Chapter Membership.

Education

Kevin Stout, Education Chair, reported:

Course 105 – The Uniform Act Executive Summary was held in April with a good turn out.

Course 100 – Principles of Land Acquisition was held in May and also had good attendance.

The SR/ WA review course now moved to October, 2009 pending locating an instructor.

Mr. Stout provided a course calendar for the remainder of 2009 through 2012.

Professional Development

Chairman Ed Opstein was not able to attend the meeting.

Nominations and Elections

Joe Coates made the announcement and presentation of Professional of the Year to Bill Sanders, Chapter 33 Treasurer and Sr. Attorney for Explorer Pipeline.

Old Business

New Chapter 33 golf polo shirts were made available and distributed to the membership.

List of Charities for donation by Chapter was distributed for consideration and vote. Membership voted to donate a total of \$10,000 or \$2,500.00 to each of the following:

Prevent Child Abuse Oklahoma
Regional Food Bank
Josh Heupel's # 14 Foundation
OK Medical Research Foundation

Regarding the Chapter's donation to the Right of Way International Education Foundation Kinko's is preparing a "large foam board" check to present in Indianapolis.

Auction items for the annual conference were on:

1.) "Crossing the Deep Fork" signed and framed print by Oklahoma Artist, Wayne Cooper inspired by the pipeline Crossing of the Deep Fork of the Canadian River in Oklahoma and depicts major pipeline construction in the early 1940's with horse pulled sections of pipe and carbide welding.

2.) Necklace and Earrings made of precious metal clay (PMC) fine silver purchased from the Gilcrease Museum Store and designed by New Traditions by Teri, a family-owned American Indian Jewelry company in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The necklace medallion and earrings are "Mankiller Pearls" hand cut pink muscle shells from Lake Tenkiller.

There was no drawing held for door prizes since the dinner was provided by the Chapter. Remington

Park provided excellent food and exciting live wagering for both Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing.

New Business

Lori Vernon and Annie Hunter won funding to the Region 2 Refresher Seminar in College Station for meeting attendance. Each can receive up to \$1,000.00 for their trip and seminar expenses.

Installation of the 2009 Officers was presided over by Steve Benson. He thanked the current officers for serving 18 months as opposed to 1 year in order to re-align terms with International Executive Committee. Kevin Stout was installed as President, Alex Souder as Vice President, Bill Sanders as Secretary, Rick Park as Treasurer, Judy Strout as Director 2 year and Donna Roche as Director 1 year.

Incoming President Kevin Stout made the "Gavel" plaque Past President's Pin presentation to Judy Strout for her service as the Chapter 33 President over the past 18 months. Judy has done an excellent job and we all appreciate her dedication and leadership.

The next Chapter meeting will be held after the Golf Tournament on September 25 in Cushing, OK. Steve Benson of UFS will send out a flyer announcement and post to website in July regarding details.

Sarah Wyly moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lori Vernon seconded the motion. Membership approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Alex Souder, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
Chapter 33 Secretary

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Applications

IRWA CHAPTER 33 2009 – 2010 EDUCATION COURSES			
COURSE	NO. DAYS	DATE	LOCATION
104 Standards of Practice for R/W Pro.	1	9/14/2009	Oklahoma City
801 United States Land Titles	2	10/5 – 6/2009	Oklahoma City
SR/WA Study Exam	3	10/19 – 21/2009	Oklahoma City
407 Valuation of Contaminated Properties	1	11/2/2009	Oklahoma City
503 Mobile Home Relocation	1	12/7/2009	Oklahoma City
200 Principles of Real Estate Negotiation	2	1/25 – 26/2010	Oklahoma City
400 Principles of Real Estate Appraisal	2	2/22 – 23/2010	Oklahoma City
501 Residential Relocation Assistance	2	4/12 – 13/2010	Oklahoma City

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