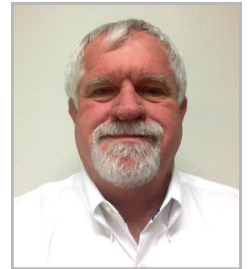




## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm not sure about you but when I look back on 2015 I remember many new opportunities and just as many challenges. At this time of the year we are all wondering what the new year will bring. In the past year we have witnessed the price of fuel at the pump drop - oil is now trading between \$31.00 and \$34.00 a barrel. This is one-half the price it was in May of 2015. Those of us in the Oil and Gas industry know someone without work as companies lay off workers. What does the future hold for the Right of Way industry? Some of our members have "been there, done that". The bust in the 1980's had a wide range of effects on our industry.



**Rick Park**

In challenging times like this let's not succumb to fear. We as Chapter 33 must remain strong and stand together. I do not know how long the oversupply of oil will last but I am confident we will ride it out. In the meantime we must support our members. I received a recent list of Chapter 33 membership renewals. As of January 8, 2016 the IRWA membership office is reporting that Chapter 33 has received 181 renewals out of 283 (this is not our final number as some of the service companies are just beginning a new budget year this month).

Sasha Jbara, Chapter 33 Membership Chair, has or will be sending an email to let you know that the IRWA is willing to work with the membership. Below is a portion of the letter:

*If you are facing the difficult choice of paying for your dues out of your own pocket- or letting your membership lapse altogether, we encourage you to call the IRWA Headquarters to discuss options on how you can maintain your membership for the upcoming year.*

*Don't let your membership lapse. Renew your IRWA membership today by going to [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org) and clicking on "Membership" at the top of the homepage then "Dues Renewal Invoice" on the right side or by contacting Bonnie Gray, Assistant Accounting Manager - Member Services at 310-538-0233 ext. 134 by email [gray@irwaonline.org](mailto:gray@irwaonline.org).*

In the 80's we did not have this option; therefore, at the next Chapter meeting on Friday, January 22, I will present the Board with a plan how to be proactive in keeping every 2015 member involved in the Chapter. If you have an idea we can use, send me an email this week at [repark@eprod.com](mailto:repark@eprod.com).

*Rick Park*

*President, Chapter 33*

## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

The next Chapter meeting will take place on January 22, 2016 and *YOU are invited!* We'll gather at **The Oaks Country Club** in Tulsa, located at 6500 South 49th West Avenue, Tulsa OK 74131. The Board meeting will start at 11:00 AM and the Chapter meeting will start at 11:30 AM. Come to learn and network. We look forward to seeing you!

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

## IRWA CHAPTER 33 MINUTES OF MEETING

President **Rick Park** called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. Membership Chair **Sasha Jbara** reported 32 members and 11 guests for a total of 43 present. Attendees introduced themselves and their guests. The membership discussed the published minutes of the **October 2, 2015** meeting. **Aaron Adkins** moved to accept the minutes as shown. **Lacie Jones** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as published.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### TREASURER

Treasurer, **Lacie Jones**, reported balances of:  
 \$ 23,488.02 in the checking account,  
 \$ 11,404.83 in one CD, and  
 \$ 33,068.24 in another CD for total liquid assets of  
 \$ 67,961.09 for the chapter.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chair, **Sasha Jbara**, reported that the Chapter has 8 new applicants:

- Owen Ard - Integra Realty, Tulsa, OK
- Jeannie Cunningham - Unknown emplt., Bartlesville, OK
- Gavin Dinwoodie – Magellan, OKC, OK
- Megan Douglas - Guy Engineering, Tulsa, OK
- Bobby Glidewell - Unknown emplt., Lavaca, AR
- Jason Mock - Guy Engineering, Tulsa, OK
- Chad Susman - Unknown emplt., Tulsa, OK
- Joie Wall – ODOT, OKC, OK

**Aaron Adkins** moved to approve the new applicants. **Russell Verba** seconded the motion. The applicants were approved as members of Chapter 33.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PDC Chair, **Tamara Benson**, reported: April L. Ince received the RWP certification.

### EDUCATION

The Chapter is seeking volunteers to fill the position of Education Committee Chair.

### NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Nominations and Elections Committee Chair, **Annette Owens**, asked that all nominations for awards be sent to her via email. They will be needed for the next meeting.

### NEWSLETTER

**Ed Opstein** is retiring; **Luda Dyachenko** is stepping in as the new editor.

### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Young Professionals Committee Co-Chair, **Lacie Jones**, reported: Next event will be a volunteer event and is yet to be determined. Stay tuned.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media Committee Chair, **Lacie Jones**, encouraged everyone to “like” our Chapter’s Facebook page.

### OLD BUSINESS

Steve Benson’s name will be left on the bank account.

### NEW BUSINESS

The Chapter is seeking volunteers for the committees.

The 2016 Spring Forum will be held in Cancun, Mexico March 8-11. Course 200 will be offered on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and Course 213 will be offered on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

A drawing was held for two \$25.00 door prizes. The winners were **Chris Mach** and **Vaughn Salamy**.

Guest Speaker was **Evan Bagley** of Chesapeake Energy, who gave a presentation on *Geology in the Oil and Gas Business and How it is Pertinent to Right of Way*. A short period of questions and answers followed the presentation.

The next meeting is TBD.

**Ed Opstein** moved the meeting to be adjourned. **Sasha Jbara** seconded the motion. Membership approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

ATTEST: Chapter 33 Secretary, Sean Harrison.



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### 2016 SPRING FORUM

Westin Resort and Spa - CANCUN  
March 8-11, 2016

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Cutoff date for making reservations  
**January 27, 2016**

The link below will allow you to book your sleeping room for the 2016 IRWA Spring Forum. The available dates on the link are March 6-13, 2016. If you would like to come in earlier or stay later you will have to email June Housman [june@housmanandassociates.com](mailto:june@housmanandassociates.com)

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1508118647&key=2D5F7621>

You will be charged a deposit when you make your reservation

### 2016 IRWA Region 2 Spring Forum Schedule:

**March 8-9, 2016** – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
– 2 Day Course 200 Negotiation  
**March 10, 2016** – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
– 1 Day Course 213 Conflict Mngmt  
**March 11, 2016** – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. –  
IRWA Region 2 Spring Forum



[www.irwach33.org](http://www.irwach33.org)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Say farewell to 2015 and hello to 2016! What is your New Year's Resolution? Are you ready to start advancing your career? If not, let's add that to your list!

IRWA is your go-to source to get the education you need to be the best you can be at your job! But we need to know what YOU need! Vaughn Salamy, SR/WA, your new Chapter 33 Education Chair, is preparing the 2016/2017 Chapter educational course offerings, and we want them to be relevant to YOUR needs. Are you looking for a course in Engineering? Appraisal? Law? Negotiations? Now is your opportunity to provide Vaughn with feedback on what courses you want Chapter 33 to deliver.

We are also looking for new venues to hold the courses, so if your company has a training room, or you know of a site that would work well for a class, please let us know! Contact Vaughn at [vsalamy@cox.net](mailto:vsalamy@cox.net) or Tamara Benson at [tbenson@ufsrw.com](mailto:tbenson@ufsrw.com) with your course requests and venue suggestions.



Congratulations to **April Ince** for receiving her RWP Certification; **Jessica King** for achieving her SR/WA Designation and **Zachary Timmons** for earning his SR/WA Designation!

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