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Quarterly Chapter Meeting

June 4-5, 2014

Country Inn & Suites, Prairie du Chien



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Dear Membership of IRWA Chapter 17:

This is the fourth and final letter I will write as President of Badger Chapter 17. In retrospect, I must admit to thoroughly enjoying the last four years! The officer positions of this organization can be a lot of work, however, I found them to be rewarding. I believe you, the reader, would have a similar experience should you be elected to an officer position. As Treasurer you might gain greater appreciation for the Education Committee, whose work to coordinate IRWA courses not only educates our peers, but maintains the financial solvency of this chapter. Education Committee members, course coordinators, and facilitators (you know who you are) please accept this formal thank you.

As Secretary you might realize how important the Newsletter Committee (Alyssa Britton) and Badger Write Away are to the cohesiveness of the chapter. The amount of detailed information contained in the newsletter is quite impressive. Thank you Alyssa Britton for continuing to compile, edit and produce a great newsletter product in Badger Write Away! As President-Elect you might realize how important the Greeters and Arrangements Committee is to managing the details of our quarterly meetings. Thank you to Jenny Frese for maintaining the high quality of work from that committee. Also, the information and ideas brought forward by the discipline committees are tremendously helpful in determining and putting together programs for the quarterly meetings.

Finally, as President you have time to realize how enormously this position relies on the inter-workings of all of the various committee members and officers. This last year as President was by far the least challenging. The great members of this chapter have made sure that representing Chapter 17 at the Region 5 and International levels would be a joyful task. I have enjoyed the opportunity to travel to the Region 5 Forums and the Annual Education Conference as your liaison. If it isn't already apparent, I really appreciate the work that everyone puts into making this chapter as good as it is. Many chapters around the country have nothing close to what we have in Wisconsin. We truly have something special here!

*Doug Hartmann, SR/WA
President - Chapter 17*



2014-2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Note: Please check the Chapter 17 website, www.irwabadgerchapter.com, for periodic updates.

June 3-5 2014

COUNTRY INN & SUITES, Prairie du Chien

June 3-4, 2014 Course 400 Principles of RE Appraisal
June 4, 2014 4th Quarter (summer) Executive Board meeting
June 5, 2014 4th Quarter (summer) General Chapter Meeting

June 22-25 2014

CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER, Hartford, CT

June 22-25, 2014 60th Annual International Education Conference

September 9-11, 2014

RADISSON PAPER VALLEY HOTEL, Appleton

September 9-10, 2014 Course 700 Intro to Property/Asset Management
September 10, 2014 1st Quarter (fall) Executive Board Meeting
September 11, 2014 1st Quarter (fall) General Chapter Meeting

October 10-11, 2014

MARRIOTT LOUISVILLE EAST, Louisville, KY

October 10-11, 2014 Region 5 Fall Forum

December 10-11, 2014

CONCOURSE HOTEL, Madison

December 10, 2014 Course 802 Legal Aspects of Easements
December 10, 2014 2nd Quarter (winter) Executive Board Meeting
December 11, 2014 2nd Quarter (winter) General meeting



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NOTICE POLICY: Free notices may be placed in the newsletter subject to the following conditions: (1) Notices must benefit members and may include job or meeting announcements or any IRWA-related information; (2) All notices are subject to the editor's discretion on content and length; (3) Notices may also be handed out at quarterly meetings if they are of benefit to others; (4) anyone may submit announcements or milestones to the editor for publication: including but not limited to Job Changes, Retirements, Promotions, Job/Committee Openings.

STRAIGHT TALK: Straight Talk will be used to publish member written articles or articles relating to the right-of-way field. If you have information or have read a recent article you think would be of interest to our members, please send the original article (or link), the source (where you found it), and permission to re-publish from the author (if available) to Alyssa Britton, abritton@srfconsulting.com.

4th Quarter (Fall) Executive Committee and General Chapter Meeting



Country Inn & Suites

1801 Cabela's Lane
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Reservations: (608) 326-5700

***Exp. Date: May 28, 2014**

Accommodations & Social Event held here.

* Hot Breakfast buffet included with hotel reservation.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Chapter 17 continually strives to organize quarterly meetings that are of interest to its members. If you have any ideas you would like to see incorporated with a future program, please contact: Marla Britton • 608-433-2502 • mbritton@srfconsulting.com

If you stay, Register IRWA

Rates: \$67 (single/double)

Room block for 3 days - Mon. (6/2), Tues. (6/3), and Wed. (6/4)

MEETING AGENDA

Tue. June 3 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Training Course 400 (Day 1 of 2)
Wed. June 4 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Training, Executive Board Meeting Course 400 (Day 2 of 2) Executive Board Meeting Social Event (Buckhorn Grill & Pub)
Thurs. June 5 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.	General Meeting (Huckleberry's) General Meeting Registration Fees: Pre-register (\$25) at Door (\$35)
9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Chapter General Meeting
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Morning Program
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Afternoon Program

This program is approved for 4 hours of continuing education credit for SR/WA recertification requirements.

To Register...

Option (1): By Mail:

Mail a check payable to IRWA Badger Chapter 17 for \$25.00 per person to:

Jenny Frese
City of Madison
Office of Real Estate Services
PO Box 2983
Madison, WI 53701-2983

Option (2): Electronic Registration:

Email jfrese@cityofmadison.com to confirm attendance. Payment due the day of the meeting.

** Walk-in registration fee is \$35.00 at the door.

**Registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

**Cancellation policy, FULL refund given with written notice of cancellation one month in advance of meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COURSE 400 - PRINCIPLES OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WI - JUNE 3-4, 2014

This course enables participants to demonstrate a basic knowledge of the valuation process and its components. Two case studies (Residential and Commercial) are utilized throughout the course. At the conclusion of this two-day course, participants will be able to:

- Express an understanding of basic real estate terms and principles.
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the valuation process and its components.
- Discuss the definitions of and steps in, each of the three approaches to value (Cost, sales comparison and income capitalization).
- Solve problems which show an understanding of the three approaches to value.

Topics:

Types and Uses of Appraisals, Types of Value, Area and Site Analysis, Highest and Best Use Analysis, Sales Comparison Approach, Reconciliation and Final Value Determination, Introduction to Partial Acquisitions, Economic Principles, Appraisal Process, Market Analysis, Cost Approach

Course Instructor: John D. Rolling, Ph.D., SR/WA is an independent fee appraiser and Principal of Rolling & Co., Madison, Wisconsin. He has specialized in appraisals, appraisal review and litigation support for public and utility projects since 1990. His right-of-way experience includes road, airport, pipeline and electric transmission projects. He holds general appraiser certification in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He has taught at the college level and as a corporate trainer as well as for IRWA. Mr. Rolling is also an Appraiser Qualifications Board-Certified USPAP Instructor.

COURSE LOCATION

Huckleberry's
1916 S. Marquette Road, Prairie du Chien, WI
Phone: (608) 326-5488

COURSE ACCOMMODATIONS

Country Inn & Suites
1801 Cabela's Lane, Prairie du Chien, WI
Phone: (608) 326-5700
Please contact the hotel directly for reservations. Mention block of rooms under IRWA when registering for overnight rooms.

DATE/TIME

June 3-4, 2014
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

FEE

\$415/Members \$520/Non Members
****Add \$25.00 if registering after May 3, 2014**

For additional information, contact Course Coordinator -
Alyssa Britton at (608) 433-2501 or
abritton@srfconsulting.com

**Register BEFORE May 3, 2014 and
SAVE!!**

Registration Form

Course 400: Principles of Real Estate Appraisal

Membership Number: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cost: Members: \$415 /\$440 (after 05/03/2014)
 Non-Members: \$520 /\$545 (after 05/03/2014)

Check Payable to: International Right of Way Association
Mail: SR Consulting Group, Inc.
Attn: Alyssa Britton
237 Black River Avenue
Westby, WI 54667

Check for: \$ _____ is enclosed.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

We are happy to report that we have had 8 new members join our Chapter. Please join us in welcoming Heather Dresel, WisDOT-NW Region, Chris French, WisDOT-SE Region, Kelly Kuba, City of Eau Claire, Nicole Mauch, WisDOT-SE Region, Dawn Schultz, Xcel Energy, Kayci Sommer, WisDOT-SE Region, Troy Stapelmann, WisDOT-NW Region.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS -

At the IRWA Conference, we were reminded that there are IRWA memberships available for students for \$50 per year plus individual chapter fees. If you know of anyone that is attending college in a field related to right of way, please let them know about IRWA. It would be a good opportunity for them to network with professionals already working in the field and introduce them to IRWA prior to graduation.

Application forms for student membership can be found at www.irwaonline.org/eweb/upload/Forms/Moo7.pdf



New Members being installed at the Spring Quarterly Meeting in March 2014.
WELCOME TO CHAPTER 17!!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For membership application or information, contact Membership Committee Chair:

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MEMBER INFORMATION

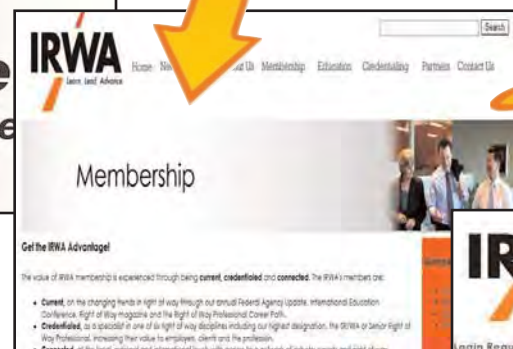
Chapter 17 does not maintain a database for members information. All membership information will be pulled directly from International's database.

Chapter members are responsible for updating their own information. Information for the quarterly newsletter email distribution list and yearly roster is obtained from the International database and can ONLY be change by the registered member.



To Update Information:

- 1.) Go to www.irwaonline.org
- 2.) Click 'Membership'
- 3.) Select 'My Information' from the right side of the screen
- 4.) Log-In or Register to access the site



Questions or comments can be directed to Doug Hartmann, Chapter President:
douglas.hartmann@we-energies.com



REGION 5



Region 5 Chapters



www.irwamichigan.org



www.irwachapter10.org



www.irwachapter12.org



www.irwa13.org



www.irvabadgerchapter.com



www.irwaregion5.org/WVirginiaLink.html



www.irwa25.org

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Welcome to Region 5 - "The Quality Region"

www.irwaregion5.org

IRWA REGION 5 FALL FORUM

October 10 & 11, 2014

Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza
Cincinnati, Ohio



In recognition for a lifelong commitment to advancing the right of way profession, Don Brent, SR/WA was honored with the IRWA's Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2013 Education Conference in Charleston, West Virginia. Thanks Don, you are an inspiration to us all.

Visit the Region 5 Website at www.irwaregion5.org for more information about Industry and Association News, Forums, Chapters, and Leadership!



IRWA REGION 5 FALL FORUM

October 10 & 11, 2014

Marriott Louisville East, Jeffersontown, KY

Chapter 25 has finished planning our 2014 hosting of the Fall Forum. Dates selected are October 10-11, 2014. The Forum will be held in the city of Jeffersontown, KY, which is a part of the east end of the Greater Louisville Metro area, off Interstate 64. We've selected a Marriott Hotel there, room rates are \$109.00 per night. Free self-parking, valet is extra. Check out the registration form. We have planned two events, but both are optional to Forum attendees. Friday evening is our Chapter Chili Cook-off and Trivia Night here, starting at 6:30pm ET, at an off-site location. No hospitality suite will be offered Friday night, as all of our members will be at the cook-off. Saturday's Night Event will be an outing to the Comedy Caravan, our city's best comedy club. Again, more details will follow, but we will offer the hospitality suite this night if anyone declines going to the club. Stay tuned.

It will be a great time! Our chapter loves hosting forums, and we're going through early planning now so we can not only get a great turnout for the Forum, but make sure everyone enjoys themselves.

Credentialing



Right of Way Professional Career Path (Generalist)

The Right of Way Professional Career Path is a four level generalist program leading to the SR/WA Designation. While the generalist may be a specialist in one area, they must be familiar with all disciplines associated with the right of way profession. The generalist certifications and SR/WA Designation reflect evidence of professional accomplishment in the right of way profession.

IRWA stands for the highest standards of excellence. As such, its certification and designation path is a rigorous process that will work to differentiate you from other professionals. Our high standards have enabled us to create a distinction that is universally respected by customers, business and colleagues across most disciplines. Earning a Certification or Designation will help boost opportunities and salary potential. Certifications and the Designation expand employment opportunities, increases salary potential, boost chances for career advancement and demonstrates professional commitment.

Our Generalist Certification and Designation Programs

IRWA has three levels of certification and one designation for the generalist right of way professional:

- * Right of Way Agent Certification (RWA)
- * Associate Right of Way Professional Certification (ARWP)
- * Right of Way Professional Certification (RWP)
- * Senior Right of Way Professional Designation (SR/WA)

Visit <http://www.irwaonline.org/eweb/dynamicpage.aspx?site=IRWA2010&webcode=generalist> to learn more about the three levels of certification and designation for the generalist right of way professional.

Right of Way Professional Career Path (Specialist)

The Right of Way (R/W) Certification Program offers certification in five right of way disciplines, plus the Uniform Act. Right of Way certification is granted to candidates who have achieved professional status through experience, education, and examination in a specific discipline.

IRWA stands for the highest standards of excellence. As such, its certification and designation path is a rigorous process that will work to differentiate you from other professionals. Our high standards have enabled us to create a distinction that is universally respected by customers, business and colleagues across most disciplines. Earning a Certification or Designation will help boost opportunities and salary potential. Certifications and the Designation expand employment opportunities, increases salary potential, boost chances for career advancement and demonstrates professional commitment.

Our Generalist Certification and Designation Programs

IRWA has six discipline certifications and one designation for the specialist right of way professional:

- * R/W-AC Appraisal Certification
- * R/W-AMC Asset/Property Management Certification
- * R/W-EC Environmental Certification
- * R/W-NAC Negotiation and Acquisition Certification
- * R/W-RAC Relocation Assistance Certification
- * R/W-URAC Uniform Act Certification

Visit <http://www.irwaonline.org/eweb/dynamicpage.aspx?site=IRWA2010&webcode=specialist> to learn more about the six levels of certification and designation for the specialist right of way professional.

CHAPTER MINUTES

IRWA Badger Chapter 17 3rd Quarter (Spring) Executive Board Meeting Minutes March 19, 2014

CALL TO ORDER/OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report - Doug Hartmann, SR/WA, President called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Quorum - 10 out of 20

Secretary's Report - Kathy Rudolph, SR/WA: Secretary Kathy Rudolph, SR/WA submitted the Executive Board Meeting Minutes held December 4, 2013 and the General Membership Meeting Minutes held December 5, 2013 as published in the Spring 2014 Badger-Right-of-Way Newsletter, Issue #221. Motion made by Barb Taves, SR/WA and seconded by Beth Smith, SR/WA to approve the Secretary's report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Dawn Neuy, SR/WA: President Doug Hartmann, SR/WA presented the financial report on behalf of Treasurer, Dawn Neuy, SR/WA, who was unable to attend the meeting. Associated Bank checking balance is \$16,498.52; Money Market account balance is \$36,966.08. Total of all accounts is \$53,464.60.

Motion made by Marla Britton, SR/WA and seconded by Beth Smith, SR/WA to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advertising & Subscriptions Committee - Marilyn Smith resigned her Chair yesterday. Alyssa Britton will post available position in newsletter. A description of the Chair responsibilities is in the bylaws.

Asset Management - Thank you to Michael Cummings for agreeing to Chair this Committee.

Education Committee - Perri Petropolous, and Tonya Peters:

Perri and Tonya were unable to attend the meeting. They had submitted their report to Doug Hartmann, SR/WA and Doug presented the report as follows:

* Thank you to Mr. Rick Dickson, SR/WA for facilitating Course 417 Valuation of Environmentally Contaminated Real Estate in Milwaukee on September 17-18, 2013. There were 17 registrants and Chapter 17 earned approximately \$546. The earned dollar amount was not known at the December meeting.

* Thank you to Attorney Joe Klein for facilitating Brokers Continuing Education in Madison on December 3-4, 2013. There were 23 registrants. Dollar amount to be determined.

* Thank you to Mr. John Rolling, SR/WA for facilitating USPAP in Madison on December 4, 2013. There were 10 registrants.

* Thank you to Mr. Bill Rottschaefter Jr. for facilitating Course 800 Real Estate Law in Hudson on March 18-19, 2014. Barb Taves, SR/WA indicated that there were 29 attendants.

* Attorney Joe Klein has agreed to facilitate Brokers Continuing Education in Madison on April 2, 2014.

* Mr. Rick Dickson, SR/WA agreed to facilitate Course 100 Principals of Land Acquisition in Neenah April 28-May 1, 2014.

* Mr. John Rolling, SR/WA has agreed to facilitate Course 400 Principals of Real Estate Appraisal in Prairie du Chien on June 3-4, 2014.

* Dr. Mazie Leftwich has agreed to facilitate Course 203 Alternative Dispute and Course 205 Bargaining Negotiations in Pewaukee on August 4-7, 2014.

* Mr. Rick Dickson, SR/WA has agreed to facilitate Course 700 Introduction to Property/Asset Management in Appleton on September 9-10, 2014.

* Mr. John Rolling, SR/WA has agreed to facilitate Course 421 Partial Acquisition in Brookfield on October 6-9, 2014.

* Mr. Bill Rothschaefter, Jr. has agreed to facilitate Course 802 Legal Aspects of Easements in Madison on December 3, 2014.

Environment Committee - Marion Barnes/Tierney Lalor: Marion Barnes reported that International reorganized the committees and the Environmental Committee has been placed under Community of Practice. This has increased participation from 8 to 30 members.

Finance Committee - Maria Koerner: President Doug Hartmann, SR/WA indicated that Chair Maria Koerner will review the books after this meeting.

Greeters & Arrangements Committee - Jenny Frese: Jenny Frese was not able to attend the meeting. She had e-mailed Doug Hartmann, SR/WA upcoming meeting locations:

* The 4th Quarter Executive Board and General Meeting will be held June 4 5, 2014 in Prairie du Chien at Huckleberry's Restaurant and Country Inn and Suites.

* The 1st Quarter Executive Board and General Meeting will be held September 10-11, 2014 in Appleton at the Appleton Paper Valley Motel.

* The 2nd Quarter Executive Board and General Meeting will be held December 10-11, 2014 in Madison at the Concourse Hotel.

Legislation Committee - Bob Bokowski, SR/WA: Bob was not able to attend the meeting, but had submitted the following written report, which Doug Hartmann, SR/WA had distributed at the meeting:

1. Drug Free Workers and Slow Down Bill - SB 629/AB 803. This bill provides employers and employees performing work on a public utility project, which the bill defines as a project erected, constructed, repaired, remodeled, or demolished for a public utility on a public right-of-way, to: The substance abuse prohibition specified under current law applies to an employee performing work on a public utility project; An employer performing work on a public utility project is required to have in place the substance abuse prevention program that is currently required of an employer performing work on a project of public works; The removal-from-work and return-to-work requirements specified under current law for employees performing work on projects of public works apply to an employee performing work on a public utility project. The bill also extends the "move over or slow down" law to vehicles used by public utilities that were displaying flashing warning lights. If such a vehicle is parked on or within 12 feet of a roadway, the operator of an approaching vehicle must move over or slow down. Bob is unsure if the bill will pass. It is well supported, but the authors may run out of time. The Bill has passed out of the Committee, but needs to be scheduled for a vote in both houses.

2. Xcel/Dairyland Transmission Bill, SB 625/ AB 774. For several years, Xcel Energy, Dairyland Power, and the

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Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association have been working to change Wisconsin's utility facility permitting statutes. While their focus has been on transmission line permitting, the statutes affected have always related to the permitting of a "utility facility," which in turn references a "project" under § 196.49(3)(a) and "facility" under § 196.491 (1)(e). This bill affects electric transmission, electric distribution, and also natural gas projects. The bill incorporates "date of closure" provisions to place reasonable limits on information requests and establishes a fair permit deadline consistent with 2011 Act 118 (Wetlands) and 2011 Act 167 (Chapter 30 Navigable Waters). The bill clarifies that the PSCW has primary jurisdiction over the approval of locations, sites or routes for utility facilities subject to the CPCN or CA requirements. The bill clarifies exemptions to address smaller projects, including distribution activities previously not regulated. The bill requires the WDNR to rely upon and cite its explicit permitting authorities, which is appropriately set forth in the permitting enabling legislation. Complementing that is the deletion of criteria for denying permits that were either not directly related to the permits before the WDNR or were redundant.

3. SB 660 - Democrat Renewable Bill. Utility Supplies of Renewable Electricity. Increases the state's Renewable Electricity Standard (RES), now at 10% by 2015, to 20% by 2020, and 30% by 2030. Sets percentage-based limits to the amount of hydroelectricity that can be applied to the 2020 and 2030 standards. Anaerobic Digesters. Establishes a set-aside for biofuel in the Renewable Electricity Standard amounting to 0.3% by 2020 and 0.5% by 2030. The bill defines "biofuel" as a fuel produced from the anaerobic fermentation of organic materials. Distributed Renewables. Sets a five-year incentive within the RES for solar energy and bioenergy cogeneration. Qualifying systems placed in service between 1/1/2015 and 12/31/2019 would generate two renewable energy credits for every megawatt-hour of electricity generated. Grants the Public Service Commission authority to require large electric utilities to purchase electricity produced from small-scale renewable energy projects (wind, solar, and renewable derived gas) through standard offers (often referred to as feed-in tariffs). Under this section, the PSC would have broad powers to specify tariffs, project sizes and overall utility requirements. Establishes a net metering policy applicable to regulated utilities. The parameters of this policy include a per-installation ceiling of 2 MW and a two-tier rate structure that is trued up on an annual basis. Co-ops would be exempt from this provision. Increases the maximum size of a distributed generation facility, now at 15 MW to 20 MW. Requires the PSC to Survey the current rule (PSC 119) for interconnecting distributed generation facilities and report its findings to the Legislature. The bill requires the PSC to issue rules designed to cure any identified impediments to interconnecting of distributed generation.

4. Stray Voltage. Honadel/Farrow distributed the bill on May 22, 2013 for co-sponsorship. AB 257 was introduced by representatives Honadel, Craig, Czaja, Hutton. Kleefisch, Klenke, Kooyenga, Larson, Lemahieu, Nygren, Sanfelippo, Schraa, Stone and Weatherston cosponsored by Senators Farrow and Cowles. We've lost four cosponsors due to farmers or wind concerns and two to retirements. Referred to committee on judiciary. Weatherston (R-Caledonia) is the new "author" of the bill. Rep. J Ott, Judiciary Committee Chair, has agreed to do a hearing on the bill. Co-ops oppose setting a standard similar to PSCW standard. Rep. Weatherston and Craig ask for changes to bill to insure co-ops have same or similar standard as utilities.

5. Paris Generating Station. Bill signed on December 13, 2013, as Act 91. Next steps include DNR propose changes to EPA as a SIP revision. EPA then need to approve it. EPA will first need to public notice their proposed approval in the Federal Register.

6. Smart Meter Opt-out Legislation AB 345. Rep. Theisfeldt (R-Fond du Lac) is seeking co-sponsorship for a bill that prohibits public utilities from installing certain meters at the premises of customers who object to the meters. The bill applies to "smart meters," which the bill defines as a meter that is capable of transmitting any data that is in addition to data measuring a customer's usage of public utility service. AB 345 was introduced on 9/9/2013. Was referred to Utility Committee. Co-sponsored by Theisfeldt, Murphy, Krug, Schraa, Pridemore, Kestell, Jacque, Bies, Nass and Senators Grothman and Schultz. The bill also requires public utilities to submit tariffs for PSC approval that specify the procedures for customers to object to smart meters. In addition, the tariffs must specify the charges imposed on customers who object to smart meters.

Liaison Committee - LaTroy Brumfield: New Chair LaTroy Brumfield is taking over for Jason Hogan. Welcome LaTroy and thank you to Jason for his past work in Chairing this committee. LaTroy was unable to attend the Board Meeting. Mike Halcarz indicated that the next Liaison committee is next Thursday in Fond du Lac. No agenda has been sent out yet.

Membership Committee - Marla Britton, SR/WA & Debra Zimmerman: Chair Marla Britton, SR/WA presented the report. There are eight new members. Chapter membership is now at 218.

Newsletter Committee - Alyssa Britton: Chair, Alyssa Britton, outlined that in January she will complete the submittal for Newsletter of the Year Award. She had contacted international and requested feedback on previous submittals. Lack of articles was the main reason for our Chapter not moving forward in consideration of this award. Alyssa would like members to submit articles to be included in newsletters. President Doug Hartmann, SR/WA will make an announcement at tomorrow's general meeting.

Nominations/Special Awards Committee - Beth Smith, SR/WA: Chapter 17 has submitted the following candidates for awards at the upcoming Education Conference: Alyssa Britton - Young Professional of Year; Chapter 17 - Newsletter of the Year; City of Madison -Employer of the Year for Companies with 20 or More Employees; Rick Dickson, SR/WA - W. Howard Armstrong Instructor of the Year.

Past Presidents Committee - Beth Smith, SR/WA: No Report.

Professional Development Committee - Barb Taves, SR/WA: Barb Taves, SR/WA recognized the following individuals for their achievements in professional development activities: Congratulations to Nicole Smullen, SR/WA of We-Energies on her recent SR/WA certification; Congratulations to Steven Andrews of Dairyland Power for his R/W-AC (Appraisal Certification) recertification; Art Sullivan of Appraisal Specialist of WI has been approved for SR/WA candidacy; Alyssa Britton, SRF Consulting Group and Dawn Schulz, Xcel Energy, have both filed RWA Declarations of Candidacy.

Barb's goal is to work with anyone interested, including those outside our Chapter, to obtain their professional designations. Thank you to Barb for her dedication to our organization.

Programs and Outreach Committee - Marla Britton, SR/WA: Chair, Marla Britton, SR/WA discussed tomorrow's meeting. The planned program is one that was attempted a few years ago regarding the St. Croix Bridge Project. The program will delve into the issues of this project and cooperation between neighboring states. Presenters from MNDOT, WisDOT, and SRF will discuss the history, controversy and causes, and real estate requirements for the project. A bus tour of the project will begin at 1 pm.

Relocation Committee - Reggie Draheim, SR/WA & Don Spenner, SR/WA: No Report

Right of Way Research Committee - Heidi Radlinger: No Report

Survey Committee - Glenn Speich: Thank you to Glenn Speich for agreeing to Chair this Committee. Glenn discussed the Annual Surveyor Institute meeting he had attended in Wisconsin Dells. He had attended a presentation on Rural Plats for Redevelopment Projects. Local agencies are eligible for federal funding for their sanitary and water systems provided they obtain recorded easements for every lineal foot of the system. Glen was surprised by the lack of federal oversight as from the discussion it sounded like neither WI 32.05 nor the Uniform Act are being followed in obtaining these easements. Glenn wondered if this was happening in other states. Marla suggested that Glenn forward the information on to her or Beth Smith and they will review to see if it would be an appropriate discussion item for upcoming Region 5 Spring Forum.

CHAPTER MINUTES

Transportation and Railroads Committee - Norman Pawelczyk, SR/WA: Chapter 17 now has an agency agreement with WisDOT. Twenty nine WisDOT employees are eligible for chapter membership under this program. Each person must take two courses this year and pay chapter dues. WisDOT is in the final stages of coordinating with consultants interested in presenting at next WisDOT conference. WisDOT-LPA program won an award from Federal Highways for work with Local Program. Teresa McClung, Cindy Michalski, and Kerry Paruleski were recognized with this award. Norman asked that the Chapter wait to recognize Teresa, Cindy, and Kerry until the next meeting. WisDOT will have been presented the Award by FHWA by then.

Utilities and Pipelines Committee - Mike Halcarz: The Liaison Committee is next week and Mike has not received an agenda yet.

Valuation Committee - David Steiro & Bob Trapp: No Report

Webmaster Committee - Jeff Olson: Jeff discussed that the Web builder is implementing updates, which the Chapter will need to use. New website will be available in about one month. The site will have the same content, but with a sleek and modern design. Jeff asked if the Chapter would want direct feeds and links to social media networks. Jeff has spoken with the Minnesota chapter and they are linked to LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook and deliver their newsletter to chapter members via social media sites. Board discussed whether social media sites would be a beneficial source for keeping chapter members informed. Alyssa Britton will send out an electronic survey to gain the chapter member's input on distributing newsletter from chapter website instead of e-mail and print. If members are agreeable to this, Board will explore possible benefits of additional social media websites in the future.

REGION REPORT: President Doug Hartmann, SR/WA discussed that several members will be attending the Spring Forum in Cincinnati, Ohio.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Local Public Agency - Jerry Lund, SR/WA: No Report

Valuation - John Rolling, SR/WA: No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Doug Hartmann, SR/WA discussed that International had sent out a memo to Chapters regarding conformity with IRS Requirements for charitable activities. Chapter will need to review if we have a future golf outing or other charitable event. Beth Smith, SR/WA updated everyone on the Bylaws Revision. She asked the Board if the revision should include a number or percentage for meeting Quorum at meetings. Following brief discussion, Board approved Bylaws Revision for 10 active members for meeting Quorum. Beth will not be able to attend the June Chapter meeting. Heidi Radlinger will bring a draft of the Bylaws Revisions to present at the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Board approved following funds for upcoming Region 5 Spring Forum in Cincinnati:

\$357.14 to sponsor hold #5 at RWIEF golf outing
\$470.00 chapter assessment by Region 5
\$200.00 to sponsor RWIEF fundraising event at the education conference
\$1,027.14 Total from Chapter 17 to Region 5

Barb Taves, SR/WA made a motion to approve these funds (payable in three separate checks) at upcoming Spring Forum. Motion seconded by Marla Britton, SR/WA. Motion carried.

Doug Hartmann, SR/WA also asked that the Board discuss and approve donation to RWIEF at International Conference. Last year, the Chapter had donated \$2,500. International has requested that chapters who are able to do so donate 20% higher than last year's amount. Barb Taves, SR/WA made a motion that Chapter 17 donate \$3,000 at International Conference for RWIEF. Beth Smith, SR/WA seconded. Motion carried.

Officer Nominations for 2014-2015: Barb Taves, SR/WA nominated Jeff Olson for Treasurer. Jeff accepted the nomination. Barb also discussed that Steve Schauer from Dairyland be considered to Chair a vacant committee as he has expressed interest in running for a position on the Board in a couple of years. Advertising Chair is currently vacant. Barb Taves, SR/WA made a motion that the following members be presented at tomorrow's meeting for membership vote:

- " Jeff Olson, Treasurer
- " Dawn Neuy, SR/WA, Secretary
- " Kathy Rudolph, SR/WA, President-Elect
- " Marla Britton, SR/WA, President

Mike Halcarz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board approved continuing motion to reimburse members who attend International Conference (and meet early registration requirements) to be reimbursed up to \$475 in expenses not reimbursed by their employer for attending conference. Barb Taves, SR/WA made motion, which was seconded by Marla Britton, SR/WA. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Beth Smith, SR/WA and seconded by Marla Britton, SR/WA. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rudolph, *Secretary-Chapter 17*

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Invite them to join our next quarterly meeting as your guest!

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IRWA Badger Chapter 17 3rd Quarter (Spring) General Meeting Minutes March 20, 2014

Call to Order: President Doug Hartmann, SR/WA called the meeting to order at 9:13 am. President-Elect Marla Britton, SR/WA led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Guests: Jeff Olson introduced Amy Meurer, Compass Land Consultants, Inc. Pam Johnson, Anoka County Highway Department, introduced herself as well as her associates, Richard Erickson, Peg Flaig, and Lorelei Stone. Marla Britton, SR/WA introduced Ken Helvey from SRF.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Kathy Rudolph, SR/WA presented the minutes approved by the Board for the December 4-5, 2013 meeting and highlighted the following discussions points from last night's board meeting:

* IRWA Region 5 Forum in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 4-6, 2014. See newsletter for information on this upcoming event. Board approved \$1,027.14 for following items associated with Forum: \$357.14 sponsor Hole 5 for RWIEF golf outing, \$470.00 Chapter Assessment, and \$200.00 RWIEF Fundraising event.

* Education Conference in Hartford, Connecticut on June 22-25, 2014. See newsletter for information on this upcoming event. Board approved \$3,000 contribution to RWIEF. This is more than last year's contribution of \$2,500. Thanked members for supporting our chapter so and international organization.

* Chapter 17 has nominated the following members for awards at the upcoming Education Conference:

- * City of Madison - Employer of the Year for Companies with 20 or More Employees
- * Richard Dickson, SR/WA - W. Howard Armstrong Instructor of the Year
- * Alyssa Britton - Young Professional of the Year

Treasurer's Report: President Doug Hartmann, SR/WA presented quarterly financial status. Fund balances total \$53,464.60 between checking (\$16,498.52) and money market account (\$36,966.08).

Professional Development Committee: Chair Barb Taves, SR/WA: Barb Taves, SR/WA recognized the following individuals for their achievements in professional development activities:

- * Nicole Smullen, SR/WA of We-Energies on her recent SR/WA certification
- * Steven Andrews of Dairyland Power for his R/W-AC (Appraisal Certification) recertification
- * Art Sullivan of Appraisal Specialist of WI has been approved for SR/WA candidacy
- * Alyssa Britton, SRF Consulting Group and Dawn Schulz, Xcel Energy, have both filed RWA Declarations of Candidacy.

Barb's goal is to work with anyone interested, including those outside our Chapter, to obtain their professional designations.

Induction of New Members: Membership Chair Marla Britton, SR/WA and President Doug Hartmann, SR/WA inducted following new members:

- * Heather Dresel, WisDOT-NW Region
- * Chris French, WisDOT-SE Region
- * Kelly Kuba, City of Eau Claire
- * Nicole Mauch, WisDOT-SE Region
- * Dawn Schultz, Xcel Energy

- * Kayci Sommer, WisDOT-SE Region
- * Troy Stapelmann, WisDOT-NW Region

Election of Officers: Doug Hartmann, SR/WA presented the following candidates for Chapter 17 Officers for year:

- * Marla Britton, SR/WA for President
- * Kathy Rudolph, SR/WA for President-Elect
- * Dawn Neuy, SR/WA for Secretary
- * Jeff Olson for Treasurer

Chapter Members did not nominate any additional candidates for these positions. Mike Halcarz made a motion for the Chapter to elect the nominated Officers. Motion was seconded by Barb Taves, SR/WA. Motion carried.

Programs and Outreach Committee: President-Elect and Chair Mala Britton, SR/WA outlined today's program and speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rudolph, *Secretary-Chapter 17*

JOB OPENINGS

Powerup

Alliant Energy has an exciting opportunity for a Real Estate & ROW Representative (may fill at a higher level) in our Madison, WI office! The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's Degree AND two years technical and/or professional experience in this field OR six years in this field. Candidate must have a valid driver's license and have the ability to travel throughout our company territory; overnight stay may be necessary. It is preferred that the candidate have a Real Estate Agent license and/or International Right of Way Association certification, have demonstrated knowledge of gas and electric utility operations and processes, and regulatory practices relating to real estate functions. Relocation will not be offered.

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