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2007 Meeting Schedule
April 11

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The holidays are over and we've already made it through January without having to deal with any snow to speak of....but as I'm writing this, the weather prediction for Tuesday night is the possibility of a major snowstorm...although that prediction comes with the possibility that a warm front will change the snow to rain and we will just get a few snow showers. Isn't it amazing how we all depend on the "weatherman" but we really never get a 100% guarantee of what the weather will be? Such is life....totally unpredictable. Such is our profession...

No matter how cut and dry some situations appear.....no matter how sure you are that something is a "done deal", there are always those property owners or demands, or extenuating circumstances that keep negotiations from becoming "predictable". That is what makes the right of way profession so exciting....no two situations are ever exactly the same, and there is always something to be learned... and the best people to learn from are our peers.

At our November meeting, I had talked about the benefits of getting to know your fellow Chapter members better, that we need to share information on what we do, where we work, how we can assist other Chapter members. At our latest E-board meeting, we decided that one of the ways we can begin to accomplish this is by compiling a Chapter 15 Membership Directory – but we need YOUR help to do this.

Please support this goal by confirming all information on our Chapter roster (name, e-mail, business address, phone & fax numbers), and by providing me with a few lines explaining what you do and what area(s) you handle. Information can be e-mailed to me at lorraine.gorman@verizon.com. I encourage you to submit this information as soon as possible or e-mail me with any questions you may have.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on February 28th. Daniel Pacheco of Universal Field Services will have some interesting stories to share about acquisitions and relocations in New York City he recently handled. A meeting you don't want to miss. See the details within the newsletter.

Lorraine Gorman

REGION 4 NEWS

The Spring Forum will be held in Williamsburg, VA. April 17th – April 21st.

The courses available include Course 213 (Conflict Management) and the SR/WA study session and exam.

Corporate sponsors are needed, please see the attachment for details.

Plan to stick around after the meeting on Sat. for a historic tour of Jamestown and other sights. Please forward this e-mail with the attachments to your Chapter membership.

Forum Registration http://www.irwanj.org/Chapter_52_Forum_Registration_Form.doc

Forum Flyer http://www.irwanj.org/2007_Spring_Forum_Flyer.pdf

Course Registration http://www.irwanj.org/Chapter_52_Course_Registration_Form.doc

Corporate Sponsorship

http://www.irwanj.org/Chapter_52_Forum_Corporate_Sponsor_Certificate.doc

Call for Articles Do you have an opinion? Is something new and different happening in your area of specialization? Do you feel an urge to share a better way to get the job done? Is anyone out there still breathing????

If you answered yes to any of these, you could be a contributor. You don't have to submit a full blown article, even an idea would be a great help in making this newsletter better. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, [click here](#).

Educational Opportunities

Bill Perry is trying to set up courses that will be of interest to our members. If anyone is interested in an IRWA course, please let Bill know. (bill.perry@williams.com).

To see what courses IRWA has to offer, visit <http://www.irwanj.org/IRWACourselist.htm> To suggest a course or a possible course meeting location, use our [feedback and questions link](#)

2007 Annual Education Seminar

The 53rd Annual Education Conference is slated for Sacramento, California, June 17-20, 2007. Visit the website and register early to save \$150.

<https://www.irwaonline.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=IRWA071306&WebKey=bafb2f19-d334-49d5-a19d-1b249056d642>

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their Vacuum Cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the Vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, "It's all right?" Well, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, "That hurt, you stupid idiot?"

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

And my FAVORITE..... The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends – if they're okay, then it's you.