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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Another summer has zipped by, school buses are back on the road, and we are almost into the final quarter of 2007. And so, we begin our plans for 2008. Vacations, birthdays, special occasions or milestones - these events are usually planned well in advance - and are always at the top of our lists - as they should be.

But as we approach the end of 2007 I challenge each of you to plan for the future of IRWA Chapter 15, as well. As with any organization, new leadership fosters new ideas and new ways of doing things. It is time for Chapter 15 to make the transition to new leadership - but we can't do that without new volunteers. It is time for YOU to consider how you can contribute to the success of the Chapter in the future. You must have ideas and suggestions on how to improve the organization - I am asking that you SHARE those ideas and become more active. I would be happy to personally discuss the different offices and what is involved - it is not difficult and it does not take up too much of your time. Just call me and I will answer any questions you may have. Even if you do not want to volunteer for an office at this time, you can assist one of the officers in their duties, or possibly provide suggestions for guest speakers, topics or restaurant locations for future meetings - any contributions would be welcomed and appreciated.

Immediately after the presentation by our guest speaker at September's meeting, an Executive Board meeting (**open to all**) will be held. I ask each and every one of you to please consider attending this meeting so that you can get a better feel for how you might be able to contribute to the future success of Chapter 15.

Think about it.....

Lorraine

NEXT MEETINGS (Tentative)

Late September / Early October, 2007 Toms River Area, details to follow.

Nov 15, 2007 We are looking into the Spring Lake Area.

Dec. 13, 2007 Aldo Lamberti's - Cherry Hill - Officer Installation

For the installation meeting we would like to honor past presidents, so if anyone knows how to reach any past presidents who are not on our chapter roster, please reach out to them to see if they might be interested in attending. We do realize that transportation may have to be provided in some instances - and hopefully, we can rely on chapter members to assist with getting them to and from the meeting.

New Member

Welcome to Edward P. Scarfi from Monmouth County Buildings & Grounds in Freehold, who joined Chapter 15 in July.

REGION 4 NEWS

The IRWA International Executive Committee (IEC) has selected David Layne, SR/WA, as the 2007 recipient of the Ronald M. Jourdan SR/WA Advancement Award. This award was created in 2005 in honor of the late Ronald M. Jourdan, SR/WA, in recognition of his high educational principles, ethical standards and unyielding commitment to professional development. Awarded periodically by the IEC, the Ronald M. Jourdan SR/WA Advancement Award is bestowed upon an IRWA member who has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to advancing lifelong learning among right of way professionals, an extraordinary willingness to share their knowledge and the ability to inspire others to achieve the SR/WA designation and IRWA certifications.

FALL FORUM 2007

Reminder: The Fall Forum will be held in Rochester, New York. October 10 through 12. The schedule includes a Right of Way Symposium on the 10th, Region 4 Forum on the 11th and a great all-day Canandaigua Lake Wine Tour on the 12th. Fall is a beautiful time to spend a day seeing New York State's Finger Lake area. Spend the day visiting and wine tasting at some of the Canandaigua Lake area wineries.. Deadline for registration is September 17TH!

Forum Flyer <http://www.nysirwa.org/05%2028%2007%20Forum%20Announcement.pdf>

SPRING FORUM 2008

The Spring Forum 2008 will be held in Lahaska, Pennsylvania from April 16-18th. More details when available.

JUNE MEETING NOTES

Once again, we were not disappointed in the cuisine of the Oyster Pointe Hotel, where our June meeting was attended by 21 members and guests.

Paul E. Newell, Esquire, who spoke on UNDERSTANDING THE CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM, was informative yet entertaining. Paul is a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America – New Jersey Speaker's Bureau. The Bureau provides speakers (at no charge) to educate NJ consumers on a variety of topics. To arrange a speaker, contact Robyne Lyons, Communications Manager, at 609-396-0096 or rlyons@atlanj.org.

Educational Opportunities

Chapter 15's next planned course is expected to take place on March 24 & 25. The course will be Course 205 Bargaining Negotiations. The course will be taught by David Layne, SR/WA . Keep the date in mind, more details to follow. To learn more about the course, check out the description at: <https://www.irwaonline.org/EWEB//DynamicPage.aspx?Webcode=205>

If anyone is interested in having the chapter host an IRWA course, please let Bill Perry, our education coordinator know. (bill.perry@williams.com). To see what courses IRWA has to offer, visit <https://www.irwaonline.org/eweb/startpage.aspx> where you can keep current on courses and find the Principles of Right of Way Textbook online for FREE. You can also check out the FREE IRWA e-Seminars which come out monthly. All this and more are waiting for you at www.irwaonline.org.

Membership Questionnaires

Only 20 people have returned membership questionnaires. We would like to finish this project and create a valuable tool for all of our members. Without their response we can not complete our membership directory, so please visit www.irwanj.org/MEMBERSHIP_INFO.pdf or www.irwanj.org/MEMBERSHIP_INFO.rtf

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? 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.](#)

2007 Annual Education Seminar Recollections from our Attendees

The Annual Education Conference was held in Sacramento, California, from June 17-20, 2007 with 983 registrants.

The Convention Center was more than adequate to house both the Exhibitors and the individual sessions, and most attendees were able to secure rooms at hotels within walking distance to the Convention Center. Aside from the Seminar, there was really not too much going on in the City of Sacramento.

The contents of all of the educational sessions at the conference are available on-line...Sign on to www.irwaonline.org, and you will be asked to login for access. Photos from the conference are available at <http://irwa.imagefolio.com/cgi-bin/ImageFolio4/imageFolio.cgi>

Since I work for Verizon I naturally tied to attend those sessions sponsored by the Utilities Committee. One in particular was TURNING ON THE LIGHTS AFTER KATRINA – A UTILITY COMPANY’S EXPERIENCE WITH DISASTER RESPONSE & RECOVERY. You’ll be able to pull up the slides for this presentation on-line...but you will never be able to capture the emotion of the experience, as delivered by Larry Griffin of the South Mississippi Electric Power Association. It does put things in perspective, though. We’ve dealt with snowstorms or nor’easters with downed wires and poles - and we have emergency crews respond. To hear about the magnitude of the devastation Katrina left behind – how people worked around the clock and came together and shared resources, never losing faith that they could get the job done - was truly inspirational!

AWARDS

Congratulations to Paul Meleri from Delaware Chapter 56, who received an award for recruiting the most new members to the Association. Also to David Layne as noted above.

The Golf Tournament brought in between \$23,000 and \$26,000, and the auction brought in about \$35,000, and netted about \$27,000. This is the first time that I can remember where the auction surpassed the Golf Outing. Chapter 15’s contributions included several items by Dave Kook, and a beautiful watercolor painting by Ellen Scharfenberg.

Reported by: Lorraine Gorman

**2007 Annual Education Seminar
Recollections from our Attendees**

Sacramento June 16-21 Arrival and check-in was the most eventful part of the trip. We did it in true Chapter 15 style. This year we had 5 of us attending; all arriving on the same day, but on 4 different airlines (Lorraine and Richie traveled together, as husband and wife should) and several hours apart. We traded cell phone numbers and hoped for the best. Walter landed first, I came thereafter. I had my luggage and sat down outside a bistro to watch the monitor. Just like that Walter appeared. After awhile we were alerted by a call from Lorraine and the group decided on heading for the airport restaurant and order some food. As you know, airlines feed you nothing, even if it is cross country. Stephanie came in at the far reaches of the airport and was a little put out that we did not meet her.

The day had just begun but was beginning to go downhill already. Lorraine and Richie had ordered a rental van and we decided to all cram into it for the ride to the hotel. Much arguing over a vehicle that was not 'available', but finally appeared. You'd think we were in podunk. Lorraine drove very well, but with some back seat comments from Steph. The main hotel was sold out, Lorraine, Richie and Walter were in the Sheraton, next to the Convention Center, Stephanie and I were supposed to be around the corner, but it seems that our hotel missed its completion date. IRWA HQ was notified only 4 days in advance that the alternate hotel was quite some distance away, not in a prime location. We can't repeat in polite society some of the remarks and protestations made. End result...hold that van!! we are not staying here! A few well placed frantic phone calls later gave us a room in the suite of our IRWA president. The next day Steph and I had our 'permanent' room. After all, you could not have a past president (our very own Stephanie) staying far away from meetings and activities. All is well that ends well. ROW members are never at a loss and will not take no for an answer.

The rest of the Conference went smoothly and was packed with courses, meetings, exhibits and meeting old friends and networking with new. We did not have time to actually see much of Sacramento at all, except for Walter who almost passed out when he decided to take a long walk in the blazing sun...probably close to 100 degrees. He got an earful from the rest of us when we told him never to try that again.

Next year Austin, Texas will host the conference and it would be great to boost Chapter 15 attendance to many more. Mark June on you calendar and be alert for incoming info.

Reported by: Kristina Hofmann

Not all work here. L to R Stephanie Rankin, Kristina Hofmann, Lorraine Gorman, Lorraine's husband Richie Gorman, and Walter Scharfenberg share a moment.



Beautiful watercolor painting donated by Ellen Scharfenberg at IRWA auction.



2007 Annual Meeting

Seattle Chosen As 2012 Annual Conference Host

It took two written ballots and a nail-biter of a third standing division of the host, but Seattle, WA will host the 2012 Annual Education Conference.

Seattle narrowly defeated Charleston, WV that ran a close second in the balloting. Anaheim, CA and Reno, NV also submitted bids to host the meeting.

2007 Annual Education Seminar Continued

The International Nominations and Elections Committee (INEC) presented the following recommendations and the Board of Directors voted in favor of the INEC's recommendation:

Slate of Elected International Officers 2007-2008

International President	Jim Struble, SR/WA
International President-Elect	Faith A. Roland, SR/WA
International Vice-President/Treasurer	Sandy Grigg, SR/WA
International Secretary	Juan A. Zaragosa, SR/WA
International Executive Committee Member	Kenneth L. Davis, SR/WA

The International Nominations and Elections Committee (INEC) submitted the following two IRWA Bylaws Amendment for approval by the Board of Directors.

First Proposed Bylaws Amendment::

Section 5. Nomination and Election of Officers

Nominations by the International Elections and Awards Committee: The Committee will qualify all nominations for vacant IEC positions and evaluate and make recommendations with regard to the existing IEC members with regard to their nominations.

The Committee shall submit a report to the International President, with a copy to the International Secretary, containing the names of all the qualified persons for all vacant positions; and recommend the names of the persons for the positions that the existing IEC members have submitted nominations for in conjunction with any other nominations for these same positions, except those of International President, Region Chairs and Region Vice Chairs, not less than forty days prior to the date of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors provided, however, that in the event that the International President Elect has assumed the office of the International President, as a result of a vacancy in that office, a nominee for the office of International President shall also be named in said report.

Second Proposed Bylaws Amendment:

Nomination by Petition:

Any member, Chapter or Region Forum may petition to place on the ballot a candidate for election to an office of the International Executive Committee. Any such petition must be submitted to the International Elections and Awards Committee not later than the 1st business day of November of the year proceeding the year in which the election is scheduled to take place.

After much discussion the Board of Directors voted to reject the amendments.

The NJ State Legislature has approved several changes to the officially recognized State symbols. You will note that the Official State Welcome Sign and Greeter, to be deployed at each and every border crossing and randomly throughout the state, lest visitors ever forget. While the official animal remains the horse, we apparently will need to go with inanimate version, perhaps too much mess with the real version. To make sure we are entering the digital age, we also have an official digital sign, which to keep our interest up can provide cute messages and directional arrows. And finally, just to keep us all in the right frame of mind, there is now an official comedy sign, which we saved for last.

