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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Colleagues:

First, I want to thank the members of the Executive Board for their efforts to put together a great 2009 Spring Forum in Atlantic City. Our goal is to make the forum more useful to all of our members.

Next, I wanted to say that from my perspective, January's meeting turned out very well indeed. One of the great things I noticed during the meeting, besides the incredibly large and enthusiastic crowd was the many people who stepped up to take care of items like keeping track of attendees for our meeting incentive plan, collecting money, etc. Everyone just seemed to chip in and the meeting reminded me of a family picnic, including the noise level. It was a real pleasure to have such an involved and lively crowd.

Your thoughts, comments and participation are always welcome at our meetings, in our newsletter and in any of our endeavors and will help to make this the best chapter that we can run.

In closing, I want to thank each and every member for their participation in our organization. No matter how large or small the gesture, it all adds up to great meetings and a great organization. To my way of thinking, the most important part of contributing to a group or the larger community is taking the first step of reaching out and trying to help. Mistakes may happen, but they should never hold us back from trying. In the long run, we learn and grow from both our successes and from our mistakes.

Have a great spring and hope to see you at a meeting.

Dave

Meetings

March 5, 2008 Chapter 15's own Allie Schiano and Thomas J. Grouss will be discussing "The Appraisal Process for Right-of-Way Acquisitions"

Afterwards, the Executive Board will be meeting to discuss the future Spring Forum to be hosted by Chapter 15 in 2009. Anyone who wants to participate in planning for the forum is welcome to join in that meeting as well.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings.

May 14, 2008 September 10, 2008 November 12 2008

December 10, 2008

Locations and programs will be posted later.

If you would like to make any comments or suggestions about our meetings, please visit our survey page. <http://fs2.formsite.com/httpwwirwanjorg/form728441604/index.html>

SPRING FORUM 2008

The Spring Forum 2008 is being held in Lahaska, Pennsylvania on April 16-18th. The deadline for early registration (without late fees) is March 13. A copy of the registration and itinerary is located on the website:

SPRING FORUM 2009

Chapter 15 will host the Spring Forum 2009 to be held in Atlantic City. We are in the planning stage now, and encourage anyone who would like to get involved to contact one of the officers or join us after the regular chapter meeting on March 5.

JANUARY MEETING NOTES

Our meeting at Katmandu was another great time. We had a very large turnout and an interesting topic. The meeting was especially rewarding for me in that a number of people chipped in to help with meeting relating tasks like attendance and collecting funds, which helped make the meal run very smoothly. I was also happy to see some creative networking happening, including an opportunity to suggest another person to NJDOT's review list. The chance to work together to help each other out is one of the founding principals of our chapter (see Andy Cella's speech on our website) and is something I find very rewarding. My thanks to all who came out and shared in a fun event.

Educational Opportunities

Chapter 15's next planned course is Course 205 Bargaining Negotiations March 24 & 25. The course will be taught by David Layne, SR/WA. Details are on our website at <http://www.irwanj.org/education.htm>

This course should be a good one. Most of us know how to engage in problem solving negotiations, but resolving an issue where the other party is not willing to work together is much harder. Even seasoned negotiators need to refresh their bags of tricks to keep Still plenty of room, so contact Bob RaVell

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>

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 please visit our newsletter link at <http://www.irwanj.org/newsletter.htm>

Funnier

A cannibal was walking through the jungle and came upon a restaurant operated by a fellow cannibal. Feeling somewhat hungry, he sat down and looked over the menu...

- + Tourist: \$5
- + Broiled Missionary: \$10.00
- + Fried Explorer: \$15.00
- + Baked or Grilled Politician: \$100.00

The cannibal called the waiter over and asked, 'Why such a price difference for the Politician?'

The cook replied, 'Have you ever tried to cook one? They're so full of hot air, that it takes all morning to clean and cook.'

Little Johnny grew up in the city, and went to visit his Uncle Joe on the farm. For the first few days, his uncle showed him the usual things chickens, cows, crops, etc. After three days, however, it was obvious that Little Johnny was getting bored, and his uncle was running out of things to amuse him with.

Finally, Uncle Joe had an idea. "Why don't you grab a gun, take the dogs, and go shooting?"

This seemed to cheer Little Johnny up, and with enthusiasm, off he went, dogs in trail. After a few hours, Little Johnny returned.

"How did you enjoy that?" asked Uncle Joe.

"It was great!" exclaimed Little Johnny. "Got any more dogs?"

A couple was touring the Capitol in Washington D.C., and the guide pointed out a tall, benevolent gentleman as the Congressional chaplain.

The lady asked, "What does the chaplain do? Does he pray for the Senate or the House?"

The guide answered, "No, he gets up, looks at the Congress, then prays for the country!"