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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Colleagues,

I want to thank Lynn DeTosto, our outgoing secretary, who has completed her tenure, for all her hard work while serving our chapter. While at the same time, I would like to welcome Amy Lemaster-Solano, Marla Ann Kriney, Christine Roy and Melanie Brown to our board. They have hit the ground running and have joined the veteran board members in our planning for this year.

I am getting my feet wet representing you as your Chapter 15 President. I might even say that following our first Executive Board Meeting, it was more like getting dunked, but I dry out rather quickly.

Our Chapter 15 Executive Board has been working on the plans for this year's meetings and educational sessions. As you all may or may not know, there is a great amount of behind the scenes work that goes into the planning and execution of our yearly agenda. We encourage as many members to participate as is possible, so if you can help in any way, large or small, please let any of the board know.

We have a challenging year ahead of us. Our membership has been greatly impacted by the economic downturn. This fact has lead some companies to no longer provide sponsorship to their employees to participate in our chapter. I am asking those who have lost funding to continue to participate and also ask that we all actively seek out new members who can both be a value to our chapter while we provide a value to their professional life.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Please mark your calendars now and RSVP promptly.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Next Meetings

February 17 Chapter Meeting

Our next meeting is at Katmandu, where we will be talking about Tidelands, an issue that occurs wherever the tide now or formerly flowed. Please view our meeting announcement at:

http://www.irwanj.org/2-17-10_MARK_YOUR_CALENDARS.pdf

2010 Annual International Education Conference

To be held in Calgary, AB - June 27 - 30, 2010

For information on future meetings and a retrospective on the 2009 Annual meeting, please visit:

<https://www.irwaonline.org/EWEB/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=irwa071306&WebKey=8cf33960-2f15-46f3-ad2e-dc0895149269>

Regional Spring Forum

April 21-23, 2010

The Forum will be sponsored by [Allegheny Chapter 55](#)

The Regional Forum will be held in Washington, PA at the [Holiday Inn](#).

Located in Washington is the [Pennsylvania Trolley Museum](#).

At present no other details are available.

Previous Meetings:

Our Annual Holiday party was held at Oyster Point Hotel in Red Bank and like the last few Holiday parties we had some heavy weather. Fortunately, the storm blew over, leaving a partly sunny afternoon with a great view of the river from the hotel. We had a great attendance, in spite of the earlier storm with 25 people. During the meeting, we inaugurated most of the incoming officers, a few were unable to make it due to weather or other reasons. As outgoing President, I was given a lovely IRWA jacket. Normally, we receive a plaque with a gavel attached, but as I already had one from my prior term, it appears the Board knew I might hurt myself with too many gavels.

Chapter Elections Update

Our last newsletter had noted a number of candidates who had offered to serve in various offices. At our November meeting some negotiated changes were made in the offices people were interested in serving in. Once everyone was comfortable with the offices, Lorraine Gorman introduced the slate of officers. Lorraine then requested nominations from the floor. No nominations were made. Bob RaVell made a motion to accept the officer as listed by Lorraine. Mike Rutter seconded the motion. The vote to accept the new officers was unanimous

<u>Position</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Term</u>
President	Doug Webb	1/1/10 – 6/30/11
Vice President	Bruce Blair	1/1/10 – 6/30/11
Secretary	Marla Kriney	1/1/10 – 6/30/11
Assistant Secretary	Amy LeMaster-Solano	1/1/10 – 6/30/11
Treasurer	Walter Scharfenberg	1/1/10 – 6/30/11
Assistant Treasurer	Melanie Brown	1/1/10 – 6/30/11
Director A	David Kook	1/1/10 – 12/31/11
Director B*	Kristina Hofmann*	1/1/09 – 12/31/10

*Still serving term

Funnies

An ad in the (Rock Hill, South Carolina) Herald: "A-1 Adams Bail Agency. When you have more fun than the law allows."

A sign on the wall of an Army mess hall read: "Don't Waste Food -- Food Will Win the War." Beneath these words someone scrawled: "That's fine, but how do we get the enemy to eat here?"

It never dawned on my brother and me just how small our hometown really is. But we found out when we drove past a marquee near the square. It read "Support Our Troop."

Back in September 1996, I returned from Russia after living there nearly two years. One of the biggest changes during my absence was the advent of the Internet. My sister decided to surprise me by creating "welcome home" signs in Russian. She went to a website that offered translations and typed in "Welcome Home, Cole." She then printed the translated phrase onto about 20 colored cardboard signs. When I got off the plane, the first thing I saw was my family, excitedly waving posters printed with a strange message. My sister gave me a big hug, and pointed proudly to her creations. "Isn't that great?" she said. "Bet you didn't think I knew any Russian." I admitted that I was indeed surprised -- and so was she when I told her what the signs actually said: "Translation not found."

On my way to deliver a computer to a customer, I saw a handwritten sign at the entrance of an alley. It read: "Blocked! Do not pass! Difficult to turn back." I continued anyway, only to discover that the alley was indeed blocked by a fallen tree. As predicted, it took a while to turn the truck around. When I finally got back to the entrance, I noticed a second sign. It read: "Told you so!"

While working as a television-news cameraman, I arrived at an accident scene, and a cameraman from another station pulled up behind me. As I parked the news cruiser, I heard a policeman on the scanner using the radio phonetic alphabet to alert other officers. "Be aware that the Mike Echo Delta India Alpha has arrived," he said.

I approached the officer, looked him in the eye and said, "You might be surprised to know that some of us in the Mike Echo Delta India Alpha can Sierra Papa Echo Lima Lima."

(Readers Digest)

Interesting Websites

I found this website when searching for help on repairing my washer. Since the washer is over 20 years old I decided not to fix it, but I thought the website was pretty good, with how to guides for everything from washing machines to gardening. <http://www.acmehowto.com/home.php>

This website provides some interesting background and usage for the term RSVP, and since Doug used the term in his Presidential Message and my spell checker wasn't helping me verify the spelling, off to the web where I found this little gem with some etiquette I was unaware of.

<http://entertaining.about.com/cs/etiquette/qt/tip122500.htm>

If you have a favorite website, please feel free to submit it and we can share it.