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November 2012

Newsletter for Beaver State Chapter 3 serving Oregon and SW Washington since 1950

Chapter 3 meeting Friday November 9th at Ernesto's

Board Meeting: 10:30am
Meeting: 12:00pm
Speaker: 12:15pm

8544 SW Apple Way
Portland, Oregon 97225
LUNCH: \$13

IRWA Chapter 3

Please RSVP
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PERSONAL SAFETY

Sara K. Johnson, Program Director of WomenStrength, will address the importance of the individual security in right of way work.



Sara K. Johnson, Program Director of WomenStrength, Program of the Portland Police Bureau.

WomenStrength is a program of the Portland Police Bureau. Since 1979, we have provided free self-defense classes and personal safety workshops to people around the Portland area. We have taught self-defense skills to approximately 30,000 women and teenage girls, and personal safety workshops to over 100,000 women and men.

WomenStrength has one paid staff member, program director Sara K. Johnson, and about 40 volunteer staff members, who instruct the self-defense classes and fully

participate in the creation of curriculum and policy. Many of the volunteer staff are graduates of WomenStrength who had such a good experience with the self-defense class that they decided to volunteer their time to teach it.

Your Invited to a HOLIDAY PARTY! *at the* RHEINLANDER

December 14th 7:00PM

We are going to skip lunch and head for dinner to celebrate the holiday with Bucky and our friends.

Please RSVP to dianemcirwa@hotmail.com

October 12th Prize Drawing Results

Terri House was not present to win the \$350 jackpot drawing.

Leigh Enger won the attendance free lunch. Congratulations!

Leigh Enger also won the potential new member free lunch.

November Lunch Jackpot is \$375
Good Luck!

Region 7 Spring Forum

April 10 - 12, 2013
Portland, OR

IRWA Ed. Confrence

June 23-26
Charleston, WV

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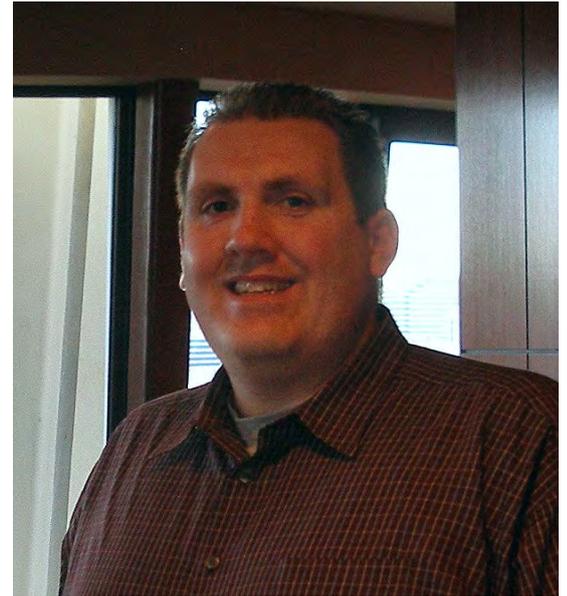
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Greetings Chapter 3,

It is already November. Times sure flies! It's time to start dusting off those skis, snow shoes and warm clothes and start planning for the cold weather right around the corner.

With Thanksgiving coming, I am always reminded of those who have made a difference in my life, mentored me and had a part in molding me into the person I am today. And in the spirit of Thanksgiving I plan on warmly thanking those who I can.

As I reflect on those who have made an impact on my life, I think of many of past teachers/mentors, both in academics and those along my professional career path, family and friends, I have been blessed. I have had the great fortune to be touched and molded by those who have not only had vision for themselves, but vision for others. They brought me alongside them taught me lessons, tough, solid and lifelong. They have also taught me to listen and exercise patience and understanding before always being a "know-it-all." Yes I can hear some of you now; I am still working on this one among others.



I can think of many individuals/mentors from my past and many that are still a part of my life today. Some of those are a part of this great organization, my career and my personal life currently. And I say "Thank You" for extending your hand, guiding me and for standing with me along my journey.

I want to encourage you to think of those who have impacted your life/career and had a part in molding you into who you are today. Take a moment during this month of Thanksgiving to say, Thank You.

Spring Forum is coming to Portland, April 12th 2013 and will be hosted by Chapter 3 at the Hilton Hotel Downtown. In conjunction with this Forum we are scheduling an Education Symposium held April 10th and 11th. (Check our website for details) SAVE THESE DATES and PLAN TO BE THERE.

These Region Forums are an excellent opportunity to meet other members from our Region 7's chapters spanning 5 states (AK, ID, MT, OR, & WA), exchange ideas and learn from one another. I also want to take this moment to reiterate that Chapter 3's Board Meetings are also open to all chapter members. Remember this is YOUR organization and your participation is vital to the success of our chapter.

The IRWA membership drive is here. Many of you have received the mailing of membership renewal notices. HQ is having a membership campaign with the possibility of 3 paid memberships for 2013 to the chapters that increase their membership by 5 percent new members.

As part of our 'Get Involved' campaign, I want to encourage the chapter membership and potential membership to bring your clients, colleagues, supervisor and/or manager to one of our Chapter General Meetings or special events. Help them to see the value of your IRWA and Chapter 3 membership.

This is your Chapter and your organization; let the Chapter 3 board hear from you. We are here to serve you, the profession and the community.

Have a creative idea for holding an educational offering for your agency, employer or the chapter, a community service project, job fair or special offering you would like to see our chapter provide or participate in? Contact me or any of the elected officers and/or committee chairs. We are here for you.

As always, be on the lookout for future gatherings and offerings in the newsletter and/or on our chapter website, www.irwachapter3.com. We are continuing to plan to offer some great opportunities to get our chapter members together for education, networking and fun.

Enjoy

Jim

"Member Spotlight"

"Here's looking at you..."

"Membership has its privileges"

When you joined IRWA you probably did so because you had heard that it was a great way to network. It was a way to meet people in the right of way profession and to get the type of education that is provided through courses associated with your job. Maybe that was the reason you joined the IRWA. However, for many people, once they had become a member, attended a few meetings and courses, many questions about the organization develop. Whether they were answered or not, is an important question.

As members of the IRWA we attend luncheon meetings, meet the chapter officers, hear about what classes are offered and often hear about what went on in the Board Meeting. Far too often that is where the information stops. To some folks the organization of IRWA has been a mystery.

Our Association is recognizing that there is an education gap within our group and it is working on fixing that gap. New ways are being developed to communicate to members how the IRWA works, starting at the Chapter to the Region and continuing on the International level.

There needs to be more than a one-time explanation. We need to have training and retraining about the Association on a regular basis to support continuing growth in new members. We also need to provide training more often because, as we gain new members, we lose seasoned members through retirement or career changes. When we lose those members we lose a lot of their old-time knowledge.

So, this month, our member spotlight is you, the member.

Do you know how you are connected with others in the Association? Do you understand the workings between local industry committees, our Region and the International Committee? I am not sure that all of this can be answered in one article, but my hope is to create more interest in knowing about how to get involved.

To start, at the Chapter level we have a Board of Directors which includes the Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs. The officers, including the Professional Development Chair, are elected each year but the Committee Chairs are appointed by the President.

Chapter 3 has a number of committees, industry type committees, like Transportation, and Environment. We also have some non-industry types, such as the Membership and Education Committees.

Our Chapter operates under approved Bylaws and an Operating Manual. We have just recently updated both of those documents. The Bylaws were approved by a Chapter vote, the Operating Manual by the Board of Directors. Participation at the Board Meeting and on the Committees is open to everyone in our Chapter.

I personally recommend that you attend the Chapter Board Meetings whenever you can. There is usually a lot of discussion about what is taking place in our area and what future plans our Chapter is working toward.

As you become more familiar with our Chapter, you might want to consider contacting any of the Board Members at any time about helping out, or volunteering, as we say. It is not a requirement, though, so don't hesitate to attend these meetings.



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EDUCATION CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON, WV 2013

JUNE 23 - 26

Welcome to the International Right of Way Association's 59th Annual International Education Conference held in Charleston, West Virginia, at the Charleston Civic Center. We invite you to attend this valuable industry event and take advantage of the many educational and learning opportunities, as well as the networking events that have been planned just for you. Please feel free to contact us if you have any specific questions regarding the annual conference, and check our website often for updates regarding our plans as we continue mapping out your educational event of the year!

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CredentiaLLing Tidbits – Part IV

The following bits of information regarding IRWA's Generalist and Specialist certification programs will help clarify some of the requirements and answer frequently ask questions.

This series will continue as a way of sharing answers to questions and requests received from members.

"I have completed Course 103, Ethics and the Right of Way Profession to meet the Ethics requirement for the Generalist Career Path. I have also completed Course 104, Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional which is also an Ethics course. Can I apply Course 104 towards the course elective requirement?"

No, you cannot. Both of IRWA's Ethics courses were developed specifically to satisfy the Ethics requirement in all IRWA Credentialing Programs (both initial and recertification). Therefore, if you have taken both Course 103 and Course 104, the other Ethics course cannot be applied to meet the elective course requirements.

Please click the following links to register for an upcoming in-class presentation of Course 103 or Course 104 , or to take the online version of one of IRWA's Ethics courses.

For any other questions regarding certification and designation, contact your local PDC Chair or Francis Vicente, Credentialing Manager, at vicente@irwaonline.org or (310) 538-0233 ext 123.

Relocation: The 49.24 Shades of Grey

Here is the premise of the column - Ask a group of 6 relocation specialists what they think in a situation you may end up with 12 different directions and opinions. Sometimes it's just so grey. What exactly is reasonable and necessary and how do you understand how the regulations speak to the individual situations. Each month I will create a situation that could be happening but is not based on any current situation. I then poll my secret, anonymous, sequestered panel of three relocation specialists. I'm not telling you their names because this is not advice – official or unofficial. When presented with a puzzling situation go see whoever it is in your organizational structure that makes those decisions. Do not take anything in this column as regulatory advice from any jurisdiction. This is just intended to provide lunch room discussion and questions to ponder as you are driving. So without further ado here is the first question.

Question:

You are presenting the Notice of Relocation Eligibility to a small business that repairs bicycles in an industrially zoned strip complex. You note a stack of mail on the owner's desk which has been forwarded to this address. You ask the owner to walk you through the shop as you discuss the various benefits and get to know his plans and business. In the back room there is a couch, TV, microwave, refrigerator and mound of laundry. You ask is he living on the site. The answer is yes. The economy got so bad he could no longer afford the rent on both the shop and an apartment so he has been living here for 45 days and had planned to live in the shop until business picked up and his finances were better. The complex owner does not know he is living there but the night security guard and onsite management employed by the complex owner do because they frequently drop by for a beer and/or to catch a bit of the football game. Is the bicycle shop owner eligible for residential benefits such as a rent supplement? Does your answer change if he had been there 6 months or if the complex owner knew he was living there?

Answers from the Esteemed Panel

Answer 1:

My initial response is to say that the occupant would only be eligible for business relocation benefits, not residential benefits. I would start by using provisions of 49 CFR Part 24, Section 24.2(a)(9)(ii)(K) which states that "a person who is determined to be in unlawful occupancy" is, by definition, a "person not displaced". Questions about lawful occupancy should focus on zoning, landlord knowledge (and consent), and actions by involved parties to clarify the issue. Further research, questioning and information gathering could easily change this response and determination. As we are so fond of quoting.... "It depends".

Answer 2:

He is a residential, as well as a business displacee, because on the date he is delivered a Notice of Relocation Eligibility this site is his "place of permanent or customary and usual residence", or "dwelling" per 49 CFR 24.2(a)(10). Since he has been in residence less than 90 days, the determination of how much monetary assistance he is eligible for will be based on 49 CFR 24.404(c)(3).

Answer 3:

First we would need to determine the following:

a) Is the he in lawful occupancy? Not a simple question. At first blush, one might say that because he is living in industrially zoned complex, he is not in lawful occupancy. But I would have a hard time saying he is there unlawfully when he is paying rent for the place, his landlord via its onsite management is aware that he is living there, and we would consider his business in lawful occupancy.

Generally, my view of the lawful occupancy question means that the person is doing something on the property that isn't lawful, i.e. growing marijuana. Or, they are trespassing in order to occupy the property. This doesn't appear to be the case here.

The CFR definition of unlawful occupancy under 24.2(a)(29) states:

Unlawful occupant. A person who occupies without property right, title or payment of rent or a person legally

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evicted, with no legal rights to occupy a property under State law. An Agency, at its discretion, may consider such person to be in lawful occupancy.

Given this definition and what we know about the case, I think I would err on the side of the displacee and consider providing a rent supplement.

b) Is bicycle repair shop owner really living there? We would need to verify and document that for all intents and purposes, this is his only home. So that means taking statements in writing from the management company that he is living on the premises and verifying the rent, if any, that he is paying. We would also want to verify his former address and that he is no longer living there, etc. We might go so far as having him sign an affidavit stating this is his only residence. What we want to do here is do our best to assure that he is has not just made it appear he is living there for the sake of obtaining relocation benefits.

c) Another question I would have is, is he paying rent separately for the space he is occupying as a residence. If so, this will make a difference in how we calculate the benefit. If not, we would need to do a market rent study to determine the rent he would be paying, in order to determine the base rent for the benefit calculation.

d) His length of occupancy would determine how the benefit is calculated. If he is less than 90-days, his benefit is calculated under CFR 24.2(a)(6)(viii)(C), which states that the benefit would be provided under CFR 24.404, Replacement Housing of Last Resort. Otherwise, if he had been there longer than 90 days, his benefit would be calculated under CFR 24.401 and 24.402.

So folks – that is the long and the short of it of your food for thought this month. Next month we look at personal property in a partial acquisition.

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Member Spotlight Continued...

We have two very good opportunities for Chapter members to get involved soon. One is the Right of Way Symposium in April. The Symposium will be held in conjunction with the Spring Region Forum. The other is our bid for the 2018 Annual Conference to be held in Portland. If we get the bid, we will need a tremendous amount of help from the members of this Chapter. It is fun though, so don't worry.

Our Chapter is one of seven that make up Region 7 of the IRWA. Region 7 includes Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Each Chapter in the Region operates fairly independently but we all come together at two Region Forums and the Annual Conference each year. The Forums are held in the Spring and Fall each year in a rotation among the Chapters in the Region. Our last Forum was in Montana, but the Spring 2013 Forum is in Portland.

Each Region elects a Region Chair and Vice Chair and some Regions also have a third position of Secretary. Each officer of the Region serves a two-year term.

The purpose of the Region is to take information regarding the Association and our profession from the International Executive Committee (IEC) and Headquarters and pass that information to the Chapter. It is also an avenue for the Chapter to take ideas and concern through the Region to International.

Becoming involved at the Region level is fairly simple too. Region Forums are open to everyone who wants to attend. The biggest issue to being involved is the travel that it sometimes requires. The Spring Forum - in Portland - will be an opportunity for our members to learn more about the IRWA and the connections between our Chapter and the Region.

The Region Forum meeting is usually a two-day event, a class the first day and the meeting the second day. Those attending from each of the chapters are the Chapter Directors or Officers (usually President and Vice President) or someone else appointed by the Chapter to act as their Director. The Directors are the voting members of the Forum.

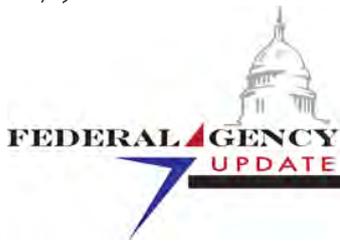
Others attending the meetings are the Regional Representative to the International Industry Committees. Each Region selects a volunteer from their Region to service on each of the International Committees as a Region Rep.

The meeting agenda will vary but there is usually an opportunity for some leadership training, and discussion on what is the latest information coming from IRWA Headquarters. It is also a chance for each of the Chapters to share what is taking place within their Chapter, especially concerns or problems to see if anyone has an idea for solution. Of course, there will be the opportunity to talk about the good things that are happening within each Chapter.

The Region Representative to each of the International Committees will report on what their committee is doing. Recently a new format has been developed for each of the committees to post a written report to the IRWA website. These committee reports can be accessed by everyone.

If you are interested in becoming a Region Representative to a committee, the first thing to do is to attend a Region Forum. Most of the Rep positions are filled by a recommendation of the Region Chair to the Industry Committee Chair.

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March 12, 2013

Washington, DC

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Washington Hilton
1919 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington DC 20009
(202) 483-3000
www.thewashingtonhilton.com

Online Registration Available in November!

***There will be NO onsite registration. All seats must be secured prior to the event. Registration closes on March 11, 2013, or when we reach 75 participants.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Within 24 hours from the time of registration, you will be refunded 100% of your registration fee. Beyond 24 hours, and through March 1, 2013 you will be refunded your registration fee, less a \$75 administrative fee. Due to limited seating at this event, beginning March 2, 2013, there will be no refunds for cancellations.

*A one-time substitution will be allowed at no charge.

**All refunds or substitutions must be requested in writing.

For more information about the Federal Agency Update, please contact:

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2013 Education Courses



Education courses are being planned now. If you are interested in a particular class coming to our area please email Education Chair, Lori Hathaway with your suggestion.

lhathaway@ufsrw.com

October Membership Meeting

Jeff Montgomery, Project Manager for K2 Environmental, shared about the importance of early planning for the staging of transmission lines. Those that were able to attend said it was a very interesting meeting. Thanks Jeff for sharing from your experience and expertise, we will definitely have you back again.



*Bucky and Chapter 3 would like to welcome
the new members to the Beaver Lodge*

Janine Kidd, Sherri Parrish, Jennifer Davis
and Caleb Stephens

Member Spotlight Concluded...

For example, currently there are several Region Representative positions that are vacant in Region 7. One of the vacant positions is to the International Asset Management Committee. If someone from Chapter 3 was interested in becoming involved and wanted to serve as the Region 7 Rep to that Committee, he or she would need to express that interest to our current Region 7 Chair, Patricia Thayer. The Region 7 Chair then makes a recommendation to the Committee Chair.

Involvement with an International Committee is not limited to appointment by the Region. Anyone can become a member-at-large to a Committee just by expressing interest to that Committee and attending their meetings. International Committees and their Chair and Vice Chairs are listed in the IRWA Magazine, and on the IRWA Website.

Committees meet two or three times a year, depending on the Committee. Several of the Committees have conference call meetings to cut down on the cost of travel.

There is opportunity to become involved in the Chapter now. The meetings are regular and the Board Meetings are open to everyone.

You also have an opportunity to attend a Region Forum in April. Instead of a one-day IRWA Course the day before the Forum, our Chapter is putting together a two-day right of way symposium. Both the symposium and the Spring Forum will be held at the Hilton Hotel, downtown Portland. The Forum will be on Friday, April 12th which is also the day of our Chapter meeting. We are going to hold the Chapter luncheon in conjunction with the Forum so that you will have a really good opportunity to mingle with some of the folks from our Region.

Leslie Finnigan, SR/WA
Chair, International Local Public Agency Committee

MAP - 21

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century

MAP-21, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (P.L. 112-141), was signed into law by President Obama on July 6, 2012. Funding surface transportation programs at over \$105 billion for fiscal years (FY) 2013 and 2014, MAP-21 is the first long-term highway authorization enacted since 2005.

A new Federal Transportation Act went into effect Oct 1. FYI, below is a page from a Federal site outlining the revised relocation benefits, In-lieu goes to \$40K, reestablishment to \$25K. However, effective date is not until Oct 1 2014, we should take a wait and see approach.

Question UA-1: What are the changes to the Uniform Act in MAP-21 Section 1521?

Answer UA-1: Section 1521 of MAP-21 makes the following changes to the Uniform Act (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.):

- Replacement Housing Supplement for Displaced Homeowners: increases statutory limit from \$22,500 to \$31,000
- Replacement Housing Supplement for Displaced Tenants: increases statutory limit from \$5,250 to \$7,200
- In Lieu of Payment for Displaced Small Businesses: increases statutory limit from \$20,000 to \$40,000
- Business Reestablishment Payments for Displacement Businesses: increases statutory limit from \$10,000 to \$25,000
- Reduces the occupancy requirement to 90 days in order for homeowners to qualify for up to \$31,000 in replacement housing payments and makes it applicable to all occupying homeowners. Homeowners will be eligible for benefits if they have occupied the dwelling at least 90 days before the initiation of negotiations.
- Provides authority for the FHWA, as the designated lead agency for implementation of the Uniform Act, to adjust, through regulation, the statutory benefit levels for replacement housing payments for homeowners and tenants, fixed payment for nonresidential moving expenses (In Lieu payment) and reestablishment for business. Specifies that the adjustments can be due to: increases in the cost of living, inflation, or other factors which indicate that the payments should be adjusted to meet the policy objectives of the Uniform Act.
- Requires that each Federal agency subject to the provisions of the Uniform Act provide FHWA, as the lead agency under Uniform Act, an annual summary report that describes the agency's real estate acquisition and relocation assistance activities conducted over the course of the year.
- Provides for enhanced lead agency services by requiring the lead agency and other Federal agencies subject to the Uniform Act to take certain steps to maintain and improve their capacity to manage and oversee their relocation and acquisition programs. It contains a requirement that each Federal agency, other than the lead agency, enter into an MOU with the lead agency, within one year, that:

"(1) provides for periodic training of the personnel of the Federal agency, which in the case of a Federal agency that provides Federal financial assistance, may include personnel of any non-Federal displacing agency that receives Federal financial assistance;

"(2) addresses ways in which the lead agency may provide assistance and coordination to the Federal agency relating to compliance with the Act on a program or project basis; and

"(3) addresses the funding of the training, assistance, and coordination activities provided by the lead agency."

Question UA-2: When do the new Uniform Act statutory benefit limits become effective?

Answer UA-2: The four new benefit levels are effective 2 years after the date of enactment of MAP-21 (as defined in MAP-21), which is October 1, 2014.

MAP-21 is a milestone for the U.S. economy and the Nation's surface transportation program. By transforming the policy and programmatic framework for investments to guide the system's growth and development, MAP-21 creates a streamlined and performance-based surface transportation program and builds on many of the highway, transit, bike, and pedestrian programs and policies established in 1991.

For more information on Map-21 go to: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/>



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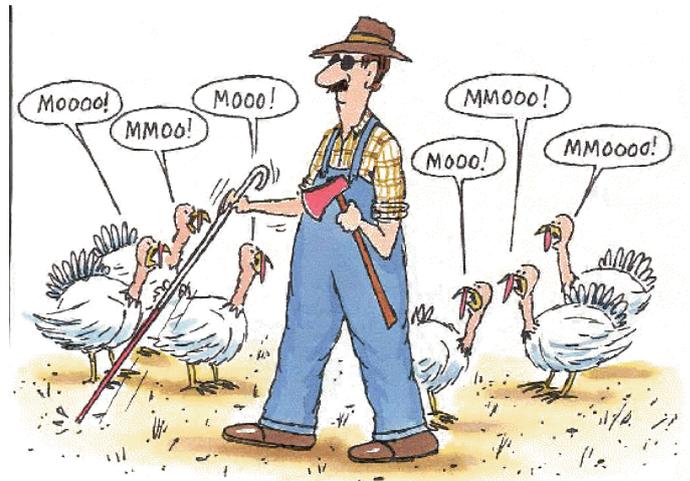
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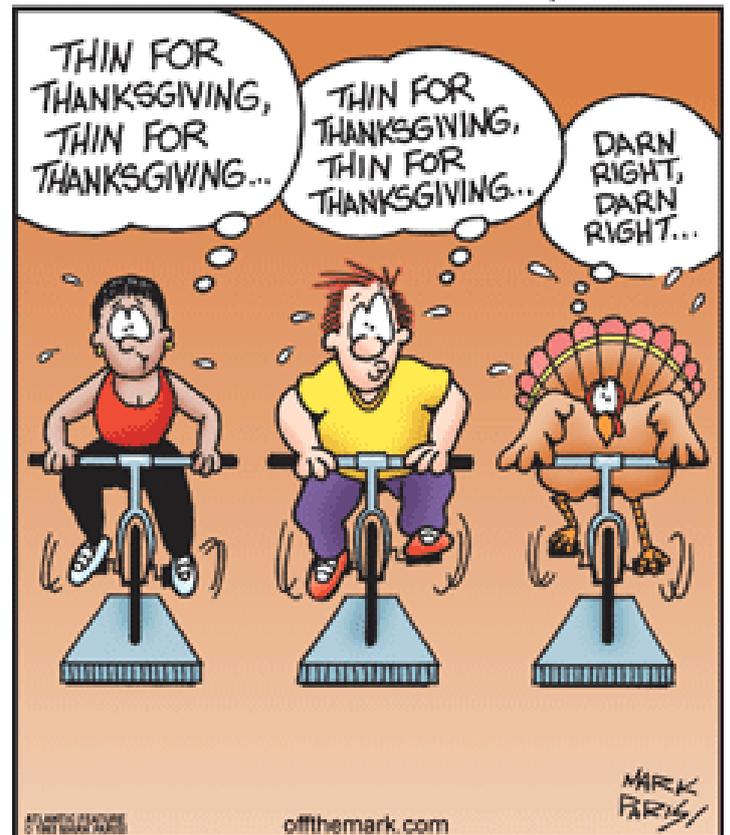
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DECEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	December Newsletter Information Deadline
2	3	4	5	6	7	Happy Hanukkah Begins
9	10	11	12	13	IRWA CH 3 Holiday Party at Rheinlander 7:00pm	14
Happy Hanukkah Ends	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	Merry Christmas	Boxing Day	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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DECEMBER

1 December Newsletter Information Deadline

8-16 Happy Hanukkah

14 IRWA Chapter 3 Holiday Party at Rheinlander 7:00pm RSVP

25 Merry Christmas

26 Boxing Day

**Beaver State Chapter 3, International Right of Way Association
Board Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2012
Ernesto's Restaurant – 8544 SW Apple Way, Portland, Oregon**

Call to Order: President Elect Matt Gossett, SR/WA called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

Determination of Quorum: Secretary Ken Hoffman determined that a quorum was present with proxies.

OFFICER AND MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

President's Report: arrived and continued meeting.

President - Elect: started the meeting

Vice President's Report: No report given.

Secretary's Report: Approval of September 12, 2012 Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes as written was made and seconded, unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report:

OLD BUSINESS:

Education Courses Discount – Lori Hathaway

1. Dan Beardsley, the instructor for C802: legal aspects of easements, was a good instructor; held on Friday 9/14/12; 2/3 received \$50 discount;
2. Coordinator course to be held in the future...IRWA to revamp somewhat so hold off on this course; discussion on discount procedure;

NEW BUSINESS:

2012-2013 Budget Final - Jim Lingeman, SR/WA

De-brief of Fall Forum - Jim Lingeman, SR/WA - Matt Gossett, SR/WA and Regina Thompson, SR/WA... two goals; 1.) March 1 tax deadline 2.) Work Session- outlining the SR/WA certification candidates to promote folks to that level. Regina was impressed with goal setting and networking. Matt - Chapter 45 was a good host. Lori from Chapter 94 impressed Jim that she will do well as the chapter president, of that chapter. Logo discussion and promoting design of logo.

Operating Manual Update: A motion was made to approve the changes to the operating manual and seconded, unanimous approval.

New Members: New Members: two members approved: John Foseid (Northwest Natural); Gregory A. Corbotti (US Dept of Interior).

2013 Spring Forum: Portland, OR, April 10-12, 2013. Luncheon at Forum

Christmas Party

Installation location: in May, Matt Gossett will plan.

Update - 2018 International Conference bid – Jim Lingeman, SR/WA will promote in Virginia.

Newsletter Information: we need to get information in on time.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Education — Lori Hathaway...more to come on course coordinator course...two months into the future.
- Awards: a motion to approve, and seconded, and approved to modify operating manual for award dates: March nomination; April vote; May presentation.
- Appraisal — Jo Ellen Jarvis...ideas for spring forum, which she will share with Leslie F.
- Local Public Agency — Steve Fox, SR/WA...Jennifer Walker (Region 7) contacted him. Discussion on how to help Steve Fox since he is new to this position.
- Newsletter, Publicity & Promotion — Barry Bliss- Timeliness in getting info to Barry. Jim shared about newsletter awards process and other awards process. Burney won chapter professional of the year.
- Pipeline — Steve Fox mentioned that Michael McNeil is interested in this position.
- Utilities: Kayla Carol, SR/WA submitted an article on vegetation around transmission lines from Steve Narolski, BPA, for the Newsletter. See attachment for report.

11:51 Adjourned

Luncheon Speaker: Jeff Montgomery, SR/WA; K2 Environmental, Project Manager.

Jackpot: Leigh Enger was the winner of the free lunch (drawing). Leigh Enger won a free lunch for bringing a potential new member. Terri House of Alan C House & Associates LLC was the \$350 jackpot name drawn but was not present to win (attendance required).

At your service,
Ken Hoffman, Secretary
IRWA Beaver State Chapter 3

Buckey's Utility Corner

Check out this link for Energy & Utilities Law Updates

<http://www.jdsupra.com/law-news/environment-energy-law/>

Now, all of you members who are with utility companies, please help Bucky with ideas or articles for the newsletter. What do you want to know about? Please submit questions to: bbliss@ufsrw.com

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Sudoku Answer Key :

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9	5	1	2	6	4	3	8	7
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