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CHAPTER MEETING

10:00 A.M. on May 12, 2010:
Ramada Inn
Route 3, Arsenal Street
Watertown, NY
Telephone 315-788-0700
(See Proposed Presentation on page 2)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 2010

Now that the holidays are behind us, its time to get excited about our Chapter. An executive conference call was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at which time upcoming Chapter events for the 2010 calendar year were formulated.

An outline of Chapter meetings and events scheduled for this year is as follows. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010 or Thursday, March 18, 2010

Event: General Membership Meeting/Nominations for Officers

Location: Embassy Suites Hotel – 6646 Old Collamer Road,
East Syracuse, New York

Comments: General Membership Meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon (12:00 – 1:00) with guest speaker from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. The cost of the luncheon will be announced.

Nominations for Chapter Officers for 2010/2011 fiscal year will be held during our business meeting. We will also discuss changes to our Chapter Bylaws regarding the term of officers and the potential merger of President Elect with Vice President.

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 or Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Event: General Membership Meeting/Election of Officers

Location: Watertown, New York (Host facility to be determined)

Comments: Dave Champagne is attempting to secure a speaker. Start time to be announced.

Date: Friday, June 4, 2010 or Friday, June 18, 2010

Event: Installation of Officers/Golf Outing

Location: Rochester/Finger Lakes Region (Host facility to be determined)

Comments: In-coming Chapter President Timothy Magyar has elected to hold a golf outing as part of the Installation of Chapter Officers for 2010/2011. Specific details will be provided to membership when they become available.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2010
Event: General Membership Meeting
Location: Canandaigua Inn on the Lake
770 S. Main St. – Canandaigua, New York

Comments: General membership meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. Following the meeting there will be a 2 hour boat cruise on Canandaigua Lake with Captain Gray's Boat Tours that will pick us up at the Inn. Donated refreshments will be accepted. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with Chapter members and potential members who register to attend our annual symposium the following day.

Date: Thursday, August 19, 2010
Event: International Right-of-Way Association, Empire State, Chapter 18 Right-of-Way Symposium
Location: Canandaigua Inn on the Lake – 770 South Main St. – Canandaigua, New York

Comments: Registration for our annual symposium will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the session running from 8:30 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m. Chapter Officers encourage everyone to try to attend, bring a non-chapter member and seriously consider presenting. Once presenters and topics have been determined we will apply for continuing education from IRWA and NYDOS for appraisers.

Date: Monday, October 4, 2010
Event: General Membership Meeting
Location: Albany, New York (Host facility to be determined)

Comments: A general membership meeting will be held in the afternoon of October 4th in Albany. The exact time and location to be determined.

Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2010
Event: 7 Hour USPAP Update Course
Comments: Time and location to be determined. We are seeking a Course Coordinator for this event.

Date: Monday, October 18, 2010 thru Thursday, October 21, 2010
Event: IRWA Course 40
The Appraisal of Partial Acquisitions
Location: Embassy Suites Hotel
6646 Old Collamer Road
East Syracuse, New York

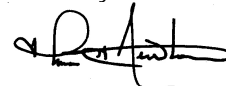
Co-Facilitators: David Layne, SR/WA and Frank Cirillo, SR/WA

Course Coordinator: Ed Zehler

Comments: As you are aware, the Chapter had planned to host this course in 2009, however, due to the State's financial crisis and their inability to support their NYSDOT workforce we were forced to cancel. We are committed to host this course and seek everyone's input for creative ways to make this happen. During our conference call on January 13, 2010, the group discussed offering this course at a reduced rate with no fees for the facilitators and Chapter 18 providing subsidies as needed for class costs and expenses not covered by the reduced rate and/or enrollment numbers. Further discussion regarding this course offering will be addressed at our next Chapter meeting.

In closing, I encourage all Chapter members as well as non-members to attend our General Meetings and course offerings. Collectively we can make our Chapter grow in numbers and continue to prosper. I look forward to seeing everyone in March.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Newton, President, Ch. 18

Proposed Presentation, May 12, 2010;
Chapter 18, IRWA; 1 to 3 pm, with 10 minute break.

**IMPACT OF PLANNING
CONSIDERATIONS ON THE
APPRAISAL PROCESS**

A joint presentation by: Jessica Jenack, AICP, Town of Leray Community Development Coordinator and Planner, and David Champagne, SR/WA, NYS Certified General Real Estate Appraiser.

This presentation will utilize case studies to discuss the impacts of SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review Act) and other Planning considerations on the Real Estate appraisal process. Proposed developments, particularly large scale housing or commercial propositions, are subject to numerous requirements. A lead agency must be designated to evaluate potential environmental impacts, coordinate with several other agencies, and suggest solutions to impacts which may involve dedicating one or more areas for impact mitigation.

These requirements can alter the area available for development, and/or require the purchase of additional mitigation areas, which may impact both the front-end investment necessary and the available or net area for development. Thus the analysis of potential comparable properties, as well as the subject property can be affected, both on a unit price basis and as an overall price. It is also possible for planning considerations to limit or alter the highest and best use determination in some situations.

Two hours of Appraiser Continuing Education credit is anticipated from NYS DOS.

2010 DAVID LAYNE, SR/WA SCHOLARSHIP

Presented By

CHAPTER 18 INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

Applications are being accepted for the 2010 David Layne, SR/WA Scholarship presented by Chapter 18 of the International Right of Way Association.

The 2010 scholarship(s):

1. Shall be a maximum of three scholarships at \$500 each.
2. Must be applied to educational expenses at an accredited college or university of post secondary education.
3. Will be paid directly to the student(s) for tuition or other school expenses.

Candidates for the scholarship:

1. Must be a child, grandchild, or ward of an active or retired member of Chapter 18.
2. Must not have previously received the award.
3. Must submit the completed application and other materials, either by mail or electronically, to the Scholarship Committee no later than June 30, 2010.
4. The candidate's member sponsor must be a member of the International Right of Way Association as of January 1, 2010, and must retain membership through December 31, 2012.

Required material to be submitted:

1. Application.
2. Personal essay. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to, educational plans, future goals, interests, employment, or any unusual circumstances relating to this application.
3. Most recent high school or college transcript.
4. Letter of recommendation from a teacher, instructor, advisor, cleric, etc.

Selection process:

The Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipient(s) from the candidate applications. The Committee will base its selection on the following criteria: scholastic ability, extracurricular activities, recommendation, and the applicant's personal essay.

2010 APPLICATION
DAVID LAYNE, SR/WA SCHOLARSHIP
Presented By
Chapter 18 International Right of Way Association

Name _____

Address _____

Ch. 18 Member's Name _____

EDUCATION

High School _____

Graduation or Anticipated Graduation Date _____

College or University _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Extracurricular activities, special awards, interests, employment, etc.

Candidate's signature _____

Member's signature _____

All application information will be kept confidential. Return the completed application material by June 30, 2010 to:

David Layne, SR/WA
PO Box 8
New York Mills, NY 13417
or
lcs360@roadrunner.com

To be considered, the following items must be included:

- Application
- Personal essay
- Transcript
- Letter of recommendation

IRWA Chapter 18 General Session Minutes

Offices of Emminger, Hyatt, Newton & Pigeon, Inc.
950-A Union Road, Suite 213, Buffalo, NY 14224

December 17, 2009

Attendees: Tom Newton, Bill Dow, Tim Magyar, Kathleen Lafko, Frank Cirillo, Frank J. Krajcer

Call to order by Tom Newton, President, at 2:08 P.M.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the August 26, 2009 general session were distributed and reviewed by Bill Dow. Frank Cirillo moved to accept the minutes and Tom Newton seconded. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report: None

Committee Reports:

- Professional Development – There are four (4) applicants for SR/WA designations in the Chapter. Frank Cirillo is attending the Federal Update in Las Vegas.
- Education – We are proposing the same class schedule for 2010 as for 2009, USPAP, Course 401, and the summer Symposium. However, State funding for Course 401 is still an issue. The summer Symposium is scheduled in August and we need to start soliciting speakers.
- Membership – None
- Newsletter – a recent issue of the newsletter was published and sent out by e-mail with a link to the website.
- Website – Bill Dow reported the website is maintained by AT Services and once the invoicing was switched over to him, service improved. However, we had an issue with the domain expiring and the site went down, but they eventually renewed the domain and service should be acceptable now.
- Facilitating fees – a motion was made by Frank Cirillo, to reimburse Angela Miraglia for facilitating fees and expenses totaling about \$400. Tom Newton seconded. **Motion passed.**

New Business:

- 2010/11 Slate of Officers – a slate of new and potential officers will be developed at an upcoming executive committee meeting coming up in January. The group discussed candidates and will try to speak with them in the next few months.
- 2010 Meeting Schedule – the group discussed the number of meetings to be held and locations for meetings for the upcoming calendar year. Tim Magyar and Tom Newton

both thought the meetings should be held around the state next year, to encourage attendance and participation. A complete schedule of meetings will be discussed with locations and dates established at the upcoming executive committee session.

- 2010 Summer Symposium – the Summer Symposium is already scheduled for August 19th at the same location at the Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua, NY. A general session will be held on the 18th at the Inn, followed by a boat ride on the lake.
- An executive committee meeting was set up for January 13th at 9:00 a.m. to be held by conference call at the offices of Emminger, Hyatt, Newton & Pigeon.

Old Business: The group discussed the possibility of hosting the International Education Seminar.

Tom Newton adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Chapter 18 Profit & Loss January - December 2009		Total
Income		
40 SPECIAL EVENTS INCOME		
4000A Special Event #1		2,000.00
Total 40 SPECIAL EVENTS INCOME		2,000.00
4020 Interest & Dividend Income		62.43
4041 Member Dues/Assessments		1,185.00
4045 Newsletter Income		500.00
410 COURSE INCOME		121.14
47 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES INCOME		
4091 Summer Symposium		5,450.00
9750 Other Conventions & Meetings		170.00
Total 47 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES INCOME		5,620.00
Total Income		\$9,488.57
Expenses		
50 SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE		
5000A Special Events Expenses #1		1,125.33
Total 50 SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE		1,125.33
504 CONTRIBUTIONS, GRANTS, ETC. PAID		
8003 Contribution to Regions		1,000.00
Total 504 CONTRIBUTIONS, GRANTS, ETC. PAID		1,000.00
60 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES EXPENSES		
5091 Summer Symposium		3,330.28
6500 Other Conventions and Meeting Expenses		112.07
Total 60 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES EXPENSES		3,442.35
7099 Charitable Contributions		1,100.00
7100 Bank Charges & Credit Card Fees		100.00
7440 Newsletter, Printing, Publication		54.38
7990 Website Expense		678.30
Total Expenses		\$7,500.36
NET INCOME		\$1,988.21
Monday, Mar. 15, 2010 11:00:24 AM GMT-4 - Cash Basis		

IRWA Chapter 18 Executive Meeting Minutes

Offices of Emminger, Hyatt, Newton & Pigeon, Inc.
& Conference Call

January 13, 2010

Attendees: Tom Newton, Bill Dow, Ed Zehler, Tim Magyar, Joe Barnes, Dave Layne, Dave Champagne

Call to order by Tom Newton, President, at 9:05 A.M.

Secretary's Report:
None

Treasurer's Report:
None

An executive meeting was called by President Tom Newton, in order to establish meeting and class schedules for the calendar year.

Fiscal Year: Tom Newton and Joe Barnes discussed the fiscal year for Chapter 18, being changed to July 1 – June 31st in order to mirror International's fiscal year as requested by International. As a result, all current officers extended their terms by 6 months to coincide with the new fiscal year. This year, the installation of new officers will occur in June. We also discussed the merger of the President Elect with Vice President, and to extend the Treasurer's term to 2 years. We later discussed the need to review the bylaws to see what changes were needed to account for these changes. Tim Magyar thought some changes in the language would be needed.

Meetings: The following meetings were scheduled:

March 10th – Syracuse, NY – General Session

Nominations for officers, changes in the bylaws, and a speaker. This meeting will probably be held at the Embassy Suites in East Syracuse, NY.

10:30 a.m. – 12 noon General Meeting

12:00 noon – 12:45 p.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Speaker

May 12th – Watertown, NY – General Session

May 19th alternate date. Nominations, bylaws, and a speaker (town planner). Dave Champagne to arrange meeting location and speaker.

June 4th – Rochester/Finger Lakes – General Session

Install officers with possible outing to follow, as suggested by Tim Magyar.

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use wagers.

August 18th – Canandaigua, NY – General Session

Meeting held the day before the annual Symposium, and before the boat ride.

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

October 4th – Albany, NY – General Session

Meeting held the day before the USPAP course on October 5th.

Class Schedule: The following classes were scheduled:

Symposium, Thursday, August 19th, Canandaigua, NY

The Inn on Canandaigua Lake Conference Center, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

On Wednesday, August 18th, there will be a general Chapter 18 meeting at 2 p.m. followed by a boat ride at 4 p.m.

USPAP, Tuesday, October 5th, Albany, NY

On Monday, October 4th, a general meeting will be held in the evening at the site of the class.

Course 401, October 18th – 21st, North Syracuse, NY

Course to be held at the Embassy Suites as previously scheduled last year. The group discussed offering this course at a reduced rate with no fees for the facilitators and Chapter 18 providing subsidies as needed for class costs and expenses not covered by the reduced rate and/or enrollment numbers.

Tom Newton adjourned the meeting at 11:34 A.M.

Chapter 18 Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2009		Total
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
10 CASH & BANK		
1001 Checking - HSBC		12,230.00
1004 Money Market/Saving - HSBC M/M		29,665.61
1005 Money Market/Saving - RBC Wealth Management		5,804.01
Total 10 CASH & BANK		47,699.62
Total BANK ACCOUNTS		\$47,699.62
Total Current Assets		\$47,699.62
TOTAL ASSETS		\$47,699.62
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		
Equity		
3500 Retained Earnings		45,711.41
Net Income		1,988.21
Total Equity		\$47,699.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$47,699.62
Monday, Mar 15, 2010 11:00:54 AM GMT-4 - Cash Basis		

IRWA Chapter 18 General Session Minutes

Embassy Suites Hotel
6646 Old Collamer Road
East Syracuse, New York 13057

March 10, 2010

Attendees: Nancy Mullin, Dick Stropp, Joe Barnes, Todd Thurston, Dave Champagne, Kathleen Lafko, Frank Cirillo, Patricia Scofield, Chad Stropp, Jim Deloria, Karen Pendle, Ed Zehler, Patti Darch, Tom Newton, Margaret Budd, Tim Magyer, Mark Porter, Dave Layne

Call to order by Tom Newton, President, at 10:30 A. M.

Secretary's Report: President, Tom Newton circulated the minutes for meetings held on December 17, 2009 and January 13, 2010. Patti Darch moved to accept the minutes and Todd Thurston seconded. **Motion Passed**

Treasurer's Report: Richard Hite distributed copies of his 3 page report consisting of a Balance Sheet as of March 9, 2010, Profit & Loss for January – December 2009 and January 1 – March 9, 2010. The members discussed closing out the existing Money/Market Savings with RBC Wealth Management by Dick Stropp and consolidate with the HSBC Money Market. Tom Newton mentioned that all checks must have a dual signature by either of the elected officers consisting of Tim Magyar, Ed Zehler or Rich Hite. Dave Layne moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Dave Champagne seconded. **Motion Passed**

Committee Reports:

Professional Development: Joe Barnes reported that Dave Champagne has completed his SR/WA recertification. One (1) Member is working on completing his certification and three (3) members are pursuing their SR/WA designation. Frank Cirillo mentioned that there is an on going chapter policy to reimburse members up to \$ 500.00 for receipted expenses to those who receive their certification or SR/WA designation. Maggie Budd moved to accept the report and Tim Magyer seconded. **Motion Passed**

Education: Frank Cirillo reported that due to the economic conditions he is very doubtful that Course 401 or USPAP would be well attended and suggested serious consideration be given to drop the courses from the schedule. Frank suggested that the Summer Symposium is our premier event and our main focus should be the soliciting speakers and promoting the symposium. Dave Layne mentioned that he would consider teaching USPAP with further discussion pending. Joe Barnes moved to accept the report and Tim Magyer seconded. **Motion Passed**

Membership: Nancy Mullin reported no new applications.

Newsletter: Dave Layne suggested that the Website be more pro-active and the Newsletter be sent to the members by email.

New Business:

Tom Newton circulated two thank you notes from the two Scholarship Awards for 2009

(Zachary Adams and Gina Pigeon).

Tom also presented Frank Cirillo with a plaque recognizing his outstanding service to IRWA and Past President pin.

Existing By-Laws were reviewed and necessary amendments discussed to reflect the merger of the President Elect and Vice President positions, term of officers to a fiscal year from July 1 to June 30, which would coincide with International. Revisions would be prepared by: Bill Dow, Frank Cirillo, Ed Zehler, Tim Magyer, and Tom Newton. As soon as possible the changes would be provided to the membership for review and sent to International for approval. Revised By-Laws and a new slate of officers for 2010-2011 will be voted on at the May 12, 2010 meeting to be held in Watertown, New York.

Tom reported on various costs associated with attending the Annual International Education Conference in Calgary, Alberta from June 27 thru June 30. A discussion regarding the need to provide financial support to the two directors resulted in a motion by Nancy Mullin for the Chapter to reimburse up to a maximum of \$ 2,000 to each of the directors, Tom Newton and Tim Magyer, based on receipted expenses. Motion seconded by Frank Cirillo. **Motion Passed.**

In addition, the chapter will reimburse five (5) members for receipted expenses up to a maximum of \$ 500.00 each to attend the Calgary Conference. Those members interested must apply to Bill Dow by May 1, 2010. Moved to accept by Tim Magyer and seconded by Ed Zehler. **Motion Passed**

Break for lunch from 12:00 – 1:00

Following the Lunch break, David Buzzelli, Design Engineer, New York State DOT, Region 3 demonstrated the capabilities of the Micro-Station/Inroads program he utilized in the design of a wetlands mitigation project and a pending highway project. The capabilities of this program to the Right of Way Professional for understanding and explaining a project to property owners was discussed and recognized as a valuable tool.

Tom Newton adjourned the meeting at 2:00

ROWie SAYS

**Whoever fears to submit any
question to the test of free
discussion, loves his own
opinion more than the truth.**

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