

Spring Forum Report
Chapter # 28, City Phoenix, Arizona
April 4, 2009

Strengths:

- Active participation of Executive Board members in attending meetings and fulfilling responsibilities to ensure that the core business of the chapter is completed
- A sound education program (directed by a dedicated committee chair) with a variety of classes offered regularly
- Good past leadership available to provide direction for current chapter leaders
- A large and diverse membership (268 total as of December 31, 2008, per Headquarters), many of whom regularly participate in chapter functions
- Continued growth in membership (30 new members and 2 transfer members in 2008)
- A large number of SR/WAs (84 as of December 31, 2008, per Headquarters)
- Continued achievement of SR/WA designation and R/W certification by our members

Weaknesses:

- Lack of newsletter article contributions from the membership
- Difficulties related to the large geographical location covered by our membership (e.g., convenient meeting locations; regular assemblies)

Opportunities:

- Increasing membership by expanding to agencies and small utility companies that are not currently involved in the IRWA and that need quality right of way education for their employees
- Continuing to hold member meetings at different locations, in proximity to the different locales of our members, so that all have an opportunity to attend

Threats:

- Agency budget reductions
- Reduced agency support
- Current economic situation
- Increasing member meeting luncheon and seminar costs

General Condition of Chapter:

- With increasing membership, good education program, and healthy balance sheet, the overall outlook of the chapter is good