

**Spring Forum Report
Chapter 50
March 24, 2007**

Strengths:

We have a strong and committed executive board. Our membership remains solid as we rarely lose members. We get consistent attendance from our retired people. As of recently, several Cal Trans employees have joined IRWA. Our annual Christmas party is very well received and is our highest attended event of the year.

Weaknesses:

We need to get new blood on the executive board. It seems like the same seven or eight people rotate through the chairs. Our current President has held the position in 1994, 2000 and now for a third time in 2007.

Our speakers seem to be critical to attendance. With an overall membership of 50+, we may get only 20 to 22 at a meeting if the speaker doesn't have a broad based appeal. On the other hand, if the topic or speaker is top flight we will see 30 to 35 attend our monthly meetings.

Opportunities:

We try and hold at least one IRWA class each year. Class 401 with partial acquisitions was held the week of Feb.26th and we had 30 students. Another thing we do is an annual field trip. It is generally held in place of the May meeting. We may see a high Sierra hydroelectric project, a major building under construction, an environmental trip or even go to a museum.

Threats:

Until recently the majority of our SR/WA's were retired people. It made it difficult to staff the PDC committee. Fortunately, in the last two years we have had 4 younger members earn their SR/WA designation.

General Condition of Chapter:

Chapter 50 is financially sound. We need to cultivate leaders from our newer members to help spread the responsibilities and keep the future of Chapter moving in the right direction.