

**Spring Forum Report  
Chapter # 46, Reno, Nv  
April 4, 2009**

**Strengths:**

Chapter 46 has a loyal core that consistently steps up to get the business of the chapter accomplished. Our membership is growing slowly, and many of the long-time members are mentoring newer ones in leadership positions. We are seeing new faces at each luncheon, and have recently re-recruited old and new members from the State government.

**Weaknesses:**

Our board has suffered this year due to illnesses and resignations of some in leadership positions. Rather than appoint untrained members to fulfill the last third of the term, some board members have decided to take on the additional duties and, hopefully, train a replacement.

**Opportunities:**

We are coordinating more classes this year than previous years, and although the post of Education Chair has been in flux, most of them have been very successful. A recent effort to recruit members from other fields (Engineering, Appraisal, Forest Service and Environmental) has been promising through displays at career fairs and the university campus, and e-marketing. Our newsletter has also switched over to electronic format to save costs.

**Threats:**

As the senior members retire, our leadership is being recycled through the same members that have held officer and committee chairs before. Newer members have been nominated for the 2009-2010 term. Added stress from personal and professional upheavals has caused some dissension.

**General Condition of Chapter:**

Our finances have improved and membership has remained balanced. All in all, we have been living in interesting times and been entertained.