

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION
International Environment Committee
Region 1 2008 Fall Forum, Honolulu Hawaii
Submitted By Carolyn Carrica, SR/WA

Members present: Derek Blackshare, Outgoing Chair, Terry Matheson, Incoming Chair, Della Berwanger, Incoming Vice Chair, Shelby Hicks, new member, Fred Walasavage, Carolyn Carrica, Brian Fairchild, Greg Cade, Craig Poorker, and Rick Dickson.

Guests present: Sandy Grigg (IEC), Ron Ellis, HQ Education, Kyle Ray, IPDC

- I Minutes of Sacramento Meeting and 3/7/08 conference call accepted
- II Review of all Sessions for Austin Educational Conference.
 1. Routing and Engineering Pitfall of the Electric Utility Industry
Craig Poorker: Ready to go
 2. Management of Lake Travis
Asset Management has this one covered.
 3. Understanding the Basics of Environmental Contamination and Valuation
Fred Walasavage: Orell Anderson and I with Rick Dickson as moderator have this one covered
 4. Wind Farm Impacts on Value and Sitting Challenges
Brian Fairchild: Dave Maturen and I have this one covered
 5. Bats and Bridges:
Carolyn Carrica: This one is well in hand. We are sold out on the boats for the tour and we have the OK for live bats to be brought in and we have the speaker from Texas DOT on board it should be great.
 6. NEPA – A tool for Right of Way Professionals
Carolyn Carrica: I asked Harold Draper of Burns & Macdonald to sit on their panel and Transportation said they would do the rest.
- III Fred: Orell Anderson has a pilot course this conference: Valuation of Contaminated Properties: Phase 1
- IV Course Update:
The IEC moratorium on course rewrites has been lifted. Courses approved before moratorium: 600 Canadian and 602(US & C). Fred disagreed; the US and Canadian versions were always proposed together. When we submitted the US Course the Canadian Version was submitted with it. Ron agreed to send out the RFP as soon as he gets back to Torrance. We want it out ASAP. Discussion with Kyle Ray – Ron had dropped the ball and part of one of the courses had been cut out and Fred had to call and have it put back in. It was replaced but now the new one had not been returned to the committee for checking after Dave Layne's review. We as a committee said we would provide oversight and we need to be kept in the loop.

V Discussion of Topics for Indianapolis 2009

Derek suggested: The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals; Construction on Storm Water Permitting; exempted in the past, now appealed; oil and gas; highways too.

Craig suggested: Bridge Closing and Permitting Problems; recent bridge collapse and permitted in weeks; how did this happen, normally takes 2-3 years. Fed, State, ACOE; problem believed to be gusset plates rusting out; so should we shut down other projects that used same (joint session with Transportation possible)

Greg suggested Invasive Species on Right of Way [Brian: And/or restoration of right of way]; {Derek: Call it maintenance}; [Brian: both, restoration and maintenance]

Comments: Terry to send email to Regions and ask what they'd like to see especially in Indiana's region.

Della: Suggestion: don't schedule Canadian and US comparative sessions at the same time many want to see both.

Derek: we need 3 or 4 good ideas to propose

Della: U.S. and Canada are proposing the neighboring states and provinces join forces to form a group to protect the Great Lakes

Kyle: Feds talking about lifting the ban on offshore drilling; environmental permitting involved: MMS issue really; but need pipelines to connect; joint session with pipeline Committee perhaps

Derek: Lets not forget about Environmental Jeopardy; very popular

VI Spring Meeting Location/Date

We still have Butch's proposal for Chattanooga

Carolyn: Reno/Lake Tahoe

Shelby: Chesapeake Bay

Fred: Oregon Coast

Faith wants us to meet in Vegas we'll talk more later on.

VII Other Business

Discussion of Governances for the IRWA and changes in Committees

Adjournment All in Favor