

## INTERNATIONAL UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The International Utilities Committee met on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 in Los Angeles, California.

Attendees:

Patti Morris, Committee Chair

Glenn Winfree, Committee Vice Chair

Ana Rausch, Secretary of Committee

Mary Anne Marr, Region 5, Member at Large and member of the Specialty Task Force from the Utilities Committee

Becky Merkley, Region 5, Member at Large

Larry Griffin, Region 6, Member at Large

Randy Ferris, Region 9 Representative

Guests:

Lisa Harrison

Pat Petitto, IEC

Valarie Fries, International Headquarters

Conference Call Attendees:

Nick Anitsakis, Region 2, Member at Large

Mark Handley, Region 6 Representative

Mike Burns, Region 1, Member at Large

The Specialty Task Force and the International Utilities role for presentation to the Task Force was discussed in detail. The discussion centered around the Certification Program and the career path in reference to the IUC. After much discussion it was determined that the IUC felt that no Specialty Certifications was needed.

It was determined that Course 218 "Linear Acquisition for Non Transportation" would be a course that would benefit the Utility members of IRWA, as it is, or tailored to be a utility course.

Hot Topics with continuing education credit would be a benefit to the Utilities Industry.

The Project Management Certification should not be above the SR/WA in stature.

The IEC needs to know that the IUC's focus should be on Industry knowledge and not transforming into an education committee.

Classes to be offered in Atlanta:

Germany-Trees and Underground Utilities (International & Asset Management joint sponsorship)

Landowner, Assisting My Project?

Railroads and Utility Crossings

What's a Smart Grid

Wireless program (Asset Management joint sponsorship)

Next Meeting will be a Conference call, probably March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM Pacific time.

Mike Burns, SR/WA, Member at Large IUC

As a side note I stepped down as Region 1 Representative a couple of months ago. I am doing this report to Region 1 in lieu of a new Region 1 Representative being selected.