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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The next Executive Board and will be held on Wednesday June 4th @ 4:45pm in the 3rd floor Conference Room at Az State Land. Additional information can be found on the Chapter website.

→JUNE CHAPTER LUNCHEON←

DATE: Tuesday, June 10th @ 11:30 am

PLACE: Holiday Inn Select (See website for address & map)

MENU: Buffet featuring Rosemary Pork Roast with Apple Chutney, Au Gratin Potatoes, Tossed Garden Salad, Warm Rolls with Butter, Chef's Vegetables, Chef's Choice Dessert, and Tea or Coffee.

COST: \$15.00 for members and guests. Please have exact change or your check made out to IRWA Chapter 28.

GUEST SPEAKER: Brian Fisher, Southwest Geomatics

RSVP: Through the Chapter website or call Pam Hicks @ 602.236.5948

JOB BANK

**For current job openings, please visit the Chapter website:
www.irwaaz.com/jobbank_openings.**

Please visit www.irwaaz.com/region1 for current information on Region 1 activities. You can also contact Mark Keller, SR/WA at 602.236.8164 or makeller@srpnet.com for information.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Toni Soderman, SR/WA, Chair

We have been receiving calls from members about how they can get their SR/WA certification. Anyone may take courses sponsored by the Chapter and the Association without being a Chapter member or an SR/WA candidate. To be an SR/WA candidate, an applicant must first be a member in good standing with the International Right of Way Association (IRWA). You must complete the "Certification and SR/WA Program Application for Candidacy" application. The application is then submitted, along with a check for \$20.00, (made payable to IRWA)

to the Chapter Professional Development Chair (PDC) who will review the application and send it on to Headquarters. It is not necessary to have taken any ROW courses prior to your SR/WA candidacy.

If you would like to submit an SR/WA candidacy application, please mail it to me, Toni Soderman, at Maricopa County Department of Transportation, Right-of-Way Division, 2901 W. Durango St., Phoenix, Arizona, 85009-6357.

IRWA application forms can be found on the Internet at <http://www.irwaonline.org>. Requirements for the Certification and SR/WA program are listed in the back of every Right of Way Magazine.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Melita Hillman, SR/WA

WOW!! What a program at the May luncheon. The Mexican fiesta luncheon is always a hit and this year was even more so. We had 81 for lunch and many more who responded too late to get a reservation. About 25 non-members attended including several appraisers and representatives from ADOT. Great job by Doug and Brett for putting together the program and many thanks to all the panelists for their participation. Thanks to Pam and Dan as well as Mark for putting together all the details and decorations for the lunch. And finally to SRP for hosting the event and all who helped with the set up and clean up.

For those or you who were not there, we were treated to analysis of recent case law on the appraisal of partial takes from the City of Phoenix v. Wilson case. Each of the appraiser panelists weighed in including Dennis Lopez who was involved in the case. Other issues covered included types of appraisals, changes in the definition of value, and changes in the eminent domain statutes as they affect appraisals and making offers. The perspectives, opinions and views of the attorneys from the city,

county and federal agencies were enlightening.

The program for the Annual Seminar in September is being finalized with speakers and presentations. Look for more information and the brochures in July. The classes to be presented will be 213 - Conflict Management and 802 - Legal Aspects of Easements. If your agency's education and training budget is tight, start planning now to be able to attend in September.

The Seminar in September will include the election of officers for next year. If you are interested in serving as an officer or committee chair, or want to nominate someone, please contact Doug McLaughlin and Paul Herndon. The Seminar is also the time to recognize our Employer and Professional of the Year. While this may not happen every year, we are honored that last year's Professional from Chapter 28, Mark Keller, is one of the finalists for the Balfour Award to be presented in Kansas City in June.

Speaking of classes, we are trying some new locations. The University of Phoenix makes its facilities available to non-profits for daytime use at a nominal charge. We are using their campuses at 40th Street and the Maricopa Freeway (Hohokam Campus) as well as the I-17 and Greenway campus for classes. If you are thinking about coordinating a class, keep this in mind for locations.

See you in June at the luncheon.

Quote for the Day

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of the dream.

Please consider submitting an article for publication in the Chapter newsletter. The deadline for submission is the 15th of each month for the following month.

Maneuvering Your Way through the International Right of Way Association's Annual Conference

Mark Keller, SR/WA, Region One Vice-Chair

Attending an International Right of Way Association's Annual Conference provides a great educational experience. If this is your first conference, the number of sessions, events, and chapter functions associated with the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) Board of Directors can be overwhelming. Seasoned veteran attendees also need assistance with all the opportunities and events that are available. For this article, let's focus on the first-time attendees.

Prior to your journey to the IRWA Annual Conference, a packet outlining the region caucus meetings and the IRWA Board of Director's Meeting will be sent to you. Your responsibilities include attending these meetings as a Chapter President or International Director. Please review and bring this packet to the conference. Briefly, the region caucus meeting is held early Monday Morning of the conference. This provides a forum for all the chapters in a region to discuss issues and events for the upcoming week. Also, the Region Chair and Vice-Chair will present pending resolutions and issues associated with those resolutions. It is important to attend the Region Caucus so that all attendees are included in the attendee count and most importantly be prepared for the Board of Director's Meeting.

The IRWA Board of Director's Meeting is held on Thursday Afternoon and is required for all Chapter Presidents and Directors. It is open to IRWA members and guests. IRWA general business is presented along with the pending resolutions. As an officer you play an important part in this process. Your vote does count. This meeting is very exciting and will provide you a different perspective on how the IEC and IRWA Regions and Chapters interact.

The week is filled with a variety of educational sessions, committee meetings, trade show, and social events. Plan on attending as many of these as possible as the networking is tremendous. The best guide available is the IRWA Annual Conference Program and Schedule. This handy guide will be your roadmap for the entire week and will be available at check-in. By the end of the IRWA Conference, you will become very familiar with the location and events and too will become an IRWA Conference seasoned veteran attendee. Please visit the IRWA web site for additional information and the latest updates for the upcoming conference in Kansas City. The IRWA Headquarters' Staff as well as your Region Chair and Vice-Chair are available to assist you. Enjoy your journey.

CHAPTER 28 SCHOLARSHIPS

For the past two years, Chapter 28 has presented two \$250 scholarships to students at Arizona State University. Last month, a representative of ASU attended our Board meeting to both thank us for prior support and to solicit additional funds. The Board voted to increase the scholarships to \$500 each. These scholarships are awarded annually to two upper-class students - one in the Business/Real Estate School and one in the Engineering School. In both the past two years, at least one of the recipients has attended our Seminar in September.

REGIONS 1 and 9 REALIGNMENT PROJECT

Mark Keller, SR/WA, Region 1 Vice-Chair

As we move closer to the Annual Conference in Kansas City, Ronn Carlentine and I are requesting your participation in the Region 1 and 9 Realignment assignment given to us from the International Executive Committee (IEC) at our Spring Forum.

As Presidents, we are asking you to present the Region 1 and 9 Realignment task to your Chapter officers and members. After your Chapter explores this item, each Chapter is afforded the opportunity to prepare a written Region 1 and 9 Realignment proposal, which will include a recommendation. The Chapter recommendation may be as simple or as complex as you choose. The criteria used in connection with your proposed realignment may consist of but not limited to; membership numbers, travel distance, geography, issues, etc.

Now, to assist Ronn Carlentine and me with this effort, Carol Brooks, SR/WA Chapter 11, and Keith Shorey, SR/WA Chapter 27, have volunteered to be available to your Chapter in this process. Please contact Carol or Keith with any questions you may have on this assignment.

Each Chapter President will be required to submit their Region 1 and 9 Realignment proposal at the Region 1 Caucus Meeting in Kansas City. Your Chapter's realignment proposal may be as simple as: do nothing, redistrict Region 1 and 9, or a comprehensive redistricting of Region 1, 7, and 9. Carol Brooks, Keith Shorey, Ronn Carlentine, and I will review each Chapter proposal. Your proposal may be used as one of our recommendations to the IEC. Your Chapter proposal must be in writing and include a recommendation, statement of criteria used, and any other supportive information. Ronn and I believe that your involvement with the Region 1 and 9 Realignment assignment is essential and extremely valuable to the final Region 1 and 9 Realignment Report submitted to the International Executive Committee (IEC).

Your early submittal of your Chapter recommendation will allow the team to draft a report for the Region 1 Fall Forum. During our Region 1 Fall Forum a draft report will be available, and a final report will be delivered to the IEC on or before December 31, 2003.

Thank you for your attention on this assignment, and again, if you have any questions contact any of the members on the team.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Now is the time to start thinking about the Special Awards that will be given out at the Educational Seminar in September. The criteria are posted on the Chapter website under the Seminar section which can be accessed from the index page of the site.

☆☆☆☆☆Our very efficient **Education Chair**, Dwight Davis, will be relinquishing his position at the end of this year. The Chapter is extremely appreciative of Dwight's service in this very critical position for our Chapter. The Chapter is seeking a member or members to fill Dwight's shoes and continue on with the tradition of providing the Chapter with excellent leadership in this area. If you are interested, please contact Paul Herndon or any of the Executive Board Members.

We are also seeking candidates for the 2004 Chapter Officers. If you have any desire to serve your Chapter, please contact Paul Herndon at 623.932.6729 or paul.herndon@aps.com.

The **Seminar Committee** is working hard to have all available information out to the general Chapter Membership on or about July 1st. We will be mailing out brochures to the Membership and the same information will be available on the Chapter website. We will also be offering PayPal as an option to pay your fees. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact any Board Member or info@irwaaz.com.

Your Seminar Co-Chairs this year are Melita Hillman, SR/WA and Douglas McLaughlin, SR/WA. Their contact info can be found on the Chapter website under Committees.

SURVEYORS CORNER

Gregg Tuttle, Survey Chair

Just how many AZ/RLSs are there? Are there too many?

NOTE: This column is about a question that was received back in July of 2001. The response is from that month/year; however, the overall insights are still relevant in 2003.

Gregg – I thought you might be interested in the following facts: Out of 50 states Arizona ranks third in total number of registered Land Surveyors, out numbered only by California and Texas. But when looking at the number of surveyors per capita the other states don't even come close to Arizona. The numbers came from Westfed's survey and the US Census.

State	Total # LS	Total Population	LS per capita
California	3,751	33,871,648	1/9,030
Texas	2,880	20,851,820	1/7,240
Arizona	2,696	5,130,632	1/1,903

The Response about the *statistics*:

Those can be startling statistics, - let's see if we can put some perspective into them.

Back in 1984, the AZ legislature allowed for the "grand-fathering" of ANY existing engineer (who filled out appropriate paper work and paid a fee) to become an AZ/RLS. That number is in the neighborhood of (+/-) 1,200, (of which - personal editorial opinion follows - maybe only about 100 - 200 were competent to perform land boundary surveys.)

In CA in 1982, they did not issue additional RLS licenses, they simply noted that ANYONE possessing a P.E.-Civil license with a number lower than (whatever it was) could (continue to) perform land boundary surveying, so that there was not the 'duplication' of additional RLS numbers in CA.

I do not believe that Texas ever went through any similar scenario of engineers being "grand-fathered" into land surveyors, so, similar to CA, TX did not get the *extra* numbers of "apparent" land surveyors that AZ received during its grand fathering phase.

Out of those 1,200+ AZ/RLSs, (in the year 1984), which created a 'virtual' ("apparent") increase in the number of surveyors, - in reality, less than 200 were (are) actually actively attempting to utilize their AZ/RLS licenses.

The remaining 1,000+ pay the tri-annual \$126 fee and have a certificate on their office wall and another line item on their corporate resumes. A 'win/win' scenario for those individuals, the protection of the public, and for the Board of Technical Registration to subsidize other active registrants.

Another insight of possible interest, Arizona, (more than most all other states), has an extremely high percentage of "out-of-state" registrants, (in all professional discipline categories.)

For 1999, (the last year that I have available statistics), the total AZ/RLS "population" was tabbed at 2,159 - out of which there were 852 out-of-the-state registrants, (and 6 who were out-of-the-country, i.e. foreign), and 858 is about 40% of 2,159.

So if we figure that there are about 1,000 AZ/RLS, who are quasi-inactive - ("grand-fathered") - registrants, and, that another 40% are out-of-state registrants (40% of 2700 = 1,080), and combine those two figures - we get about 2,080 AZ/RLS who are either quasi-inactive grand fathered, and/or out-of-state (as some may fall into both categories).

So, in actuality, that roughly leaves about 620 +/- active registrant land surveyors who are available for practicing land boundary surveys. That total is only slightly high that a previous approximate-guess made by this guessimate back in 1997 when I first got on the BTR.

Given that the new AZ-LS registrants since then are barely keeping up with the reduction via attrition, this number of about 600+ actively involved AZ-RLSs still seems relevant today.

Many are registered, but, a significant percentage, are NOT practicing in our fair state, by choice, or, by the fact they are physically elsewhere.

Well that's my take on it. And we all should remember what Mark Twain said about statistics!

In my July 2001 response, I did not take into account that the AZ/BTR also allows for formerly active registrants to place their licenses into a 'in-active' status for up to five years, - so, if anything, the actual number of "active & practicing" AZ/RLS is probably lower.

My July 2001 response first appeared on the AZSURVEY list serve.

(To find "AZSURVEY" please go to: <http://www.topica.com/lists/AZSURVEY@igc.topica.com/>)

Well, until next time... Thanks, for reading the "Surveyor's Corner" - Gregg Tuttle.