

IRWA REGION 2 CAUCUS

2009 Indianapolis International Conference

June 29, 2009 – 6:45 A.M.
Indianapolis Marriott Downtown
+/- 35 members in attendance

Region Chair Wayne Goss, SRWA, called the meeting to order and welcomed all Region 2 members to the Caucus.

Region Vice Chair Steve Beck, SR/WA performed a roll call of each chapter in the Region and all chapters except Chapter 35 had a representative in attendance. He then passed out the 2009 Winter Forum Minutes. After some discussion it was noted that there were a few errors in the minutes. Steve stated he would correct the minutes and send them out to chapter representatives at which time an e-mail vote would occur to approve the minutes. (Doc Weathers made a motion via e-mail to approve the minutes and Laurie Markoe seconded the motion.....the e-mail vote took place and the minutes were approved on July 18, 2009)

Larry O'Neal, SR/WA spoke about the upcoming Bylaws Resolutions 1) establishing Region Chairs as a part of the IEC and 2) limit the number of years a past president would be a voting member of the advisory council. Larry noted that all past presidents would be grandfathered in. David Blakeney, SR/WA had some questions about the process and there was some discussion about the IEC and Region Chairs involvement.

Stuart Clark from Hartford, CT came in a visited with the region about holding the annual conference in Hartford in 2014. He stated he would appreciate a vote for Hartford in 2014. David Sinclair, SR/WA raised the only question which was “does the hotel have a full service spa with pedicures and manicures?” No other discussion continued as the room became silent while everyone looked oddly at David.

Wayne Goss announced that the Region 2 website was almost complete and would be launched soon. The web address to see the site in progress is www.dellamark.net/irwaregional Donna Harrison, SR/WA asked when the site would be released to the public and Wayne responded “soon”. (The site was released July 31, 2009 www.irwaregion2.org)

Wayne Goss announced the A&M Seminar would be held August 12-14 in College Station with golf/classes on the 12th and the seminar on the 13th and 14th. He stated individuals could go on-line at www.housmanandassociates.com to register.

Steve Beck announced that Region 2 Professional of the Year applications are due by Friday July 3rd.

Wayne Goss also announced that the Federal Agency Update (FAU) would be held in Las Vegas January 26-28, 2010.

Wayne also stated the 2010 Winter Forum will be held in New Orleans February 3-5, 2010. There will be a class the day before the meeting. Loni Mouton then stated she would like to survey members to see what class to hold. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Monteleone in the French Quarter.

Larry O'Neal spoke about the Board of Directors meeting and reminded everyone to sign in between 12:15 and 1:00. He also reminded people to be in the room before 1:30 because the doors would be closed at that time. He gave out his cell phone number in case anyone had any last minute questions.

Donnie Sherwood, SR/WA spoke about what the Highway Fed's wanted to see. The IRWA created a task force for URA certification for the Uniform Act. It would basically consist of IRWA courses plus an exam to get your certification. The exam would be broken up into 50 relocation questions, 25 management questions, and 25 appraisal questions for a total of 100 questions. He stated Lisa Harrison was asking for volunteers to take the beta test. He also noted that ½ of the facilitators who participated in the recently held Master Facilitator's Clinic were Region 2 members.

Wayne Goss noted that 2 of the 3 Balfour Award Finalists were from Region 2 (Donnie Sherwood, SR/WA and Kevin Stout, SR/WA).

Tammie Benson, SR/WA raised the question about 1% of the IRWA travel budget being used for international travel to China, Korea, and Japan. She basically said there was a lack of transparency on what the IEC is doing on travels abroad. David Blakeney asked "who approves International travel". Donna Harrison stated there was "lots of rub out there about this". Randy Williams, SR/WA addressed the subject and said we had a chance to partner with the Appraisal Institute in Japan and China. He stated we had the chance to introduce the IRWA to the World Congress of Real Estate.

Lisa Harrison stated she was running for the IEC and would like the region's support.

David Sinclair, a representative for the IRWA Education Foundation, thanked Region 2 for all their support both in donations and at the golf tournament. He stated that the Education Foundation would have their own website. He also noted that chapters in other regions were looking at Region 2 chapter donations and starting to "step it up".

Wayne Goss then asked for any additional items of new business and there being none, the meeting was adjourned and everyone went outside to take the Region 2 picture.

Respectively submitted,



Steve Beck, SR/WA
Region 2 Vice Chair