



Annual Meeting of the Members Minutes June 14, 2015, San Diego, California, USA

Call to Order: President, Lee Hamre, SR/WA called the IRWA 61st Annual Meeting of the Members to order at 2:19pm, following opening remarks by the event co-chairs and presentation of the flags of all fifteen IRWA member countries.

Quorum: Secretary, Jeff Jones, SR/WA confirmed that a quorum for the Meeting of Members was present.

Leadership Introductions: President Hamre introduced the International Executive Committee, Advisory Council members, International Governing Council, Region Vice Chairs, Committee and CoP leadership and welcomed guests from allied organizations and new members from around the world.

Lifetime Achievement Award: President Hamre then introduced IRWA's Lifetime Achievement Award, noting that the award recognizes and acknowledges the many contributions of an individual who has been selfless in their support of the IRWA over many years and is reserved for those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the right of way profession and the association during their lifetime.

Lee then presented IRWA's 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award to Clyde Johnson, SR/WA, noting that Clyde exemplifies all of the qualities the Award was created to honor. He has been instrumental in shaping and molding the professionalism and educational development of countless members of our Association since he joined our Association in 1978. Clyde achieved his SR/WA in 1983, his Relocation Certification in 2006 and R/W-URAC Certification in 2010.

Retired from FHWA after 30 years of service, Clyde teaches more days in a year than anyone in the Association. He also is certified to teach the greatest number of courses and has been a strong ambassador for IRWA, teaching and reaching out to new members outside of North America.

Clyde was the Frank C. Balfour Award recipient in 1995, was the inaugural recipient of the W. Howard Armstrong Award for Instructor of the Year. He is the ONLY IRWA member to date to have received both of these prestigious awards. Clyde is currently Treasurer of the Right of Way International Education Foundation, to which he was elected Trustee in 2002. Clyde provided his thanks to the Association via video from his home state of Georgia.

Introduction of Balfour Finalists: President Hamre then introduced this year's Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Finalists, allowing each member to address the audience:

- Lara Bailey, SR/WA, Region 4
- Cynde Barker, SR/WA, Region 5
- Raymond Bennet, SR/WA, Region 9
- Georgia Snodgrass, SR/WA, Region 2

Minutes Approved: The Minutes of the June 27, 2014 Meeting of the Members in Hartford, Connecticut were presented as posted on the IRWA Leadership Resources website, with Jeff Jones, SR/WA moving their approval, seconded by Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA. The minutes were approved as presented. Members were advised that all officer and committee reports are on file, either on the IRWA website or at IRWA Headquarters and are available for review upon request.

State of the Profession Address: President Hamre presented her State of the Profession Address, stating it has been honor and pleasure to serve as International President this year. She then thanked IRWA leadership, membership, partners and Headquarters Staff for making this one of the most successful years in IRWA's history.

President Hamre proceeded to share a list of the Association's major accomplishments, beginning in early July with a Leadership Retreat attended by the IEC and Key staff members where the group established a collaborative team in which everyone leads. The next step was to address and update IRWA's Mission and Vision. The new Vision Statement now reads: To be the central authority for global infrastructure real estate. And IRWA's Mission Statement is to create a community that fosters ethics, learning and a standard of excellence within our industry. The time was also used to create a New Three-Year Strategic Plan that will take IRWA to the next level, and identified several Key Project Areas including Education, Member Value, and Succession Planning, in which to best focus Association energies going forward.

In the U.S., IRWA completed MAP-21 Uniform Act statutory updates to all relevant IRWA education products, and helped the Federal Highway Administration roll out a new Uniform Act Discussion Group on our IRWA's Member Network. The Association continues to develop closer partnerships with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (or AASHTO'S) Real Estate, Utilities, and Outdoor Advertising Directors and is putting the finishing touches on an innovative program offering industry-specific pathways to the SR/WA designation. IRWA's legacy courses are being reviewed, revised and corrected, through an innovative table read process and we are exploring alternative educational development/delivery methods by working with partners like Consumer's Energy, Warren Doyle and OR Colan Training. IRWA also presented a new Video Capture concept of The Uniform Act Executive Summary Course 105, which will be the next generation of IRWA online education. This technique may also allow the organization to capture and provide additional modules of user specific information like state DOT policies and procedures to online learners.

Elsewhere in North America, IRWA re-established a connection with the Appraisal Institute of Canada and are developing a program together to bring more value to the members of both Professional groups. We are also well under way with our new IRWA Canada Initiative to increase collaboration with our chapters in Regions 8 and 10, paving the way for our first Canadian Field Office. Another very exciting development is the establishment of IRWA Mexico Chapter 85. The careful nurturing of our relationships with these amazing professionals over the past few years has flourished into our direct collaboration with the Government of Mexico on Land Use Policy and given us an unparalleled opportunity to offer education and training throughout Latin America.

Around the globe this year, IRWA has continued to lead the way in infrastructure real estate. In September, IRWA helped our German friends at the Institute for Underground Technology (IKT) celebrate their 20th Anniversary, and we marked the occasion by collaborating with them on an educational “Managing the Crowded Underground” certificate program which will formalize IRWA’s foothold in Europe. In March President Hamre attended IRWA South Africa Chapter 83’s Annual SARWA Conference in Pretoria, and experienced first-hand the amazing work they are doing in the industry as well as the substantial progress they have made in the accreditation of IRWA education and credentialing with the South African Government. President Hamre also traveled to China and signed a formal agreement with CREVA, the Chinese Real Estate Valuers Association, for the training of land use consultants in China’s Ministry of Land. President Hamre ended her remarks by thanking the membership for their support of our dynamic organization that becomes more relevant every day as we develop infrastructure projects around the globe.

State of the Association Report: President Hamre introduced Executive Vice President, Mark Rieck for a State of the Association Report. Mark reported that the IRWA increased membership income to \$1.587 million, with 9,791 members through April 2015 and welcomed new members into the association through local chapter recruitment, government agency agreements and contacts made in fifteen countries. The Association increased education income to \$1.718 million, and the number of IRWA classroom and online participants totaled 4,980 and 2,183, respectively. IRWA now has 3,127 certified and designated members, with 32% of membership holding a credential and hundreds others working on one.

Mark then introduced a cadre of new programs, products and services for next fiscal year to simplify, innovate and automate our Association and make it easier for our members to stay current and advance in their careers. Mark completed his report by introducing all twenty-one members of the IRWA staff and thanked the entire membership for its continued involvement and support.

Adjourn: President Hamre adjourned the Annual Meeting of the Members at 2:55pm and turned the program back over to San Diego, California Annual Education Conference Co-Chairs, Mr. Joe Currie, SR/WA and Nick Von Gymnich, SR/WA.

Minutes reviewed and approved by IRWA International Secretary, Jeff Jones, SR/WA for presentation at the next regular meeting of the International Board of Directors in Nashville, Tennessee.

Signature

Date