

March 12, 2007  
RCC Board Meeting  
3:00 pm EDT

#### Teleconference

ROWCC held a round table discussion at the IRWA Public Real Estate Symposium on February 13, 2007. Gus Cannon of TxDOT, Wade Brown, SR/WA, Ray Armstrong, SR/WA were on the panel. The discussion focused on the use of consultants and how a better relationship could be built between users of R/W services and the consultants.

#### 3 Issues

1. Pre-qualifications of consultants
2. Session discussion of nationwide certification
3. Texas public records – SSN in public records, legislation to indemnify County Clerks

#### Items for discussion with AASHTO Board of Directors

1. Pre-qualification of consultants what are the issues across the country
2. How to do we get away from commodity pricing to professional selection
3. How we recognize the costs associated with maintaining certifications Jack
4. Some states wanting to have firms certified, Ben, Wade,
5. RCC can provide the recognition of a certified consultant

Ben – RCC recognizes firms not individuals, IRWA recognizes individuals

Ray – wants to have firms recognized as certified, Federal standards demonstrated separation between appraisal and acquisition.

Wade – can help

Mark – John Campbell would like to see RCC as a regulatory entity, our firms are qualified by stated criteria, have authority to disciplined authority, a governing entity. Company certification, the companies are the one responsible. Make replacements of personnel of like or better. Texas is stepping out on limb indicting a direction.

Friend in Campbell, as long as we show progress. Have to get into professional status. Until we set professional standards, hard to demand higher fees.

Mark RCC going to recognize IRWA, Appraisal institute, we need to come up with our credentials to be recognized as qualified firm. Bring new people into the industry by mentoring personnel.

Need to give an outline of what RCC will do.

Need to stand strong for the certifications, such as we did with membership.

Ben – Have support of incoming IRWA President and President-elect.

FHWA lead agency, but other agencies not involved in the research, Corps, DOD,

Faith can sit on the IRWA Foundation board for certifications process.

Ben – position paper by the RCC to present to the AASHTO Board

Wade has started a draft of such paper.

House keeping

Board elections are coming up. Wade, Denise, Ray.

Denise – AASHTO agenda – Consultants only, need to e-mail Juanice to change language.

Wade – notifications about elections.

Melissa – spoke with Gary Webb of THC, Gary to re-submit his application.

Wade more interest from interested firms. Ray to check website.

Session – open discussion about the certification process. Ray would not be very attended.

Denise – Board meeting to handle matters, at the end of the day.

First half session – working meeting to discussion certification criteria.

Wade ask for thoughts from the Board for the session.

Ask Juanice the e-mail list for conference.

Adjourned 3:56 pm EDT.