

ROWCC Conference Call April 25, 2007

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Reviewed the layout of the certification. Create an independent institute for the certification. FHWA & AASHTO can fund a non-profit organization.

Certification comprised on courses from multiple associations. Not a specific organization.

Lisa is concerned that all states could accept the certification process.

Wade: Licensing would be separate issue.

Faith: Licensing is separate from the certification. Cert would stand on its own. States would favor but not require cert.

Wade: If cert comes, states would need to approach legislature to recognize rw as a professional service.

F: Best shot to get a certification established is now.

L: IRWA struggles to patrol its own certification. How would the institute patrol the certification.

F having certification with the broad course requirements, there is a check and balance to get the required qualifications. Designed for Uniform Act cert. Has clock hours for certification. This is a draft, tell us what else we need to do make it creditable.

L How will it be policed.

F If IRWA and ROWCC does not do something, several fed agencies were working towards their own certification. Major agencies are participating in setting the requirements.

W summarized where we are and now what will it take to get AASHTO to endorse.

F John Campbell will be a champion for the cert cause.

W need to stress that AASHTO needs to throw in their support.  
Where does IRWA see this

F the cert meets the needs of the fed agencies.

L Grayness of the experience requirements. How would a non-appraiser get the experience for appraisal.

F Cert will show agent understands the requirements of the Uniform Act for each section of the cert.

Verification would have to be in depth for various experience categories.

Funding would be shared among AASHTO, IRWA, ROWCC.

L How will other entities be able to provide approved courses.

F Need a review process for approving other courses to be added to cert curriculum.

L Will cert cause more cost to consultant, can

F AASHTO directors need to know that a real estate license does not meet the requirements of the Uniform Act. They need to understand that RW professionals have a different skill set.

W ROWCC is pushing for the states to go to their RE Commission. Need AASHTO support.

L Financial motivation is pass staff in the courses. To have better practitioners.

W Monday meeting to outline what AASHTO needs to do.