



Right of Way Consultants Council

Board Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2009

Time: 10am

Meeting Place: Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis

Board Members Present: Lisa Harrison, Denise Jackson, Rebecca Thompson, Wade Brown, Melissa Wurtz, Daryl Knobbe

Members in Attendance: Candy Spitzer, Ben Ward, Jim Overcamp

Guests: Anna Rousch, Steve Hagen

I Welcome remarks – Lisa Harrison

- Lisa discussed how the Council has gotten some very good exposure in the past year, including at the FAU and at AASHTO. At the AASHTO meeting in April there was discussion of a group recently formed that is similar to the IRWA, called NAPREP. Lisa is attempting to get them to one of our meetings to understand what it is that they are trying to accomplish.
- The results of the recent board elections were announced, with Joe Coates being voted in, and Kerry Malone and Daryl Knobbe re-elected.
- Rebecca Thompson is leaving Smith Roberts and will be returning to the public sector. Rebecca let the board know she will be resigning from her board position. (See IV below)

II Presentation from Paul Gurtler of Stanley McDonald Agency of Illinois, Inc.

- Mr. Gurtler is an insurance broker. He has underwriters who understand right of way, and have set us up in a different category that is stand alone rather than lumped with Engineering firms. He offers a discount for IRWA members, and spoke about the potential of getting an even greater discount for member firms of the ROWCC. He can offer insurance in all 50 states. Packages were handed out to those in attendance, which included an E & O application.

III Treasurer's Report – Denise Jackson

- Motion (Wade Brown) was made to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Second by Daryl Knobbe. Motion approved unanimously.
- Dues invoices for 2009/2010 will be going out in the next week or so.

IV Open Board Position

- There was discussion regarding the open board position. With new people attending the meeting, we discussed what ideas and accomplishments the council has made as well as where we are headed. It was decided that we would hold a special election via the website and email. There will be two weeks to nominate people and 1 week to vote on nominations.

V Voting for Current Board Positions

- There were nominations for the various board positions
- Lisa Harrison for Chairperson
- Wade Brown for Vice Chairperson
- Denise Jackson for Treasurer
- Daryl Knobbe for Secretary
- Joe Coates for membership committee
- Kerry Malone for membership committee

Joe Coates motioned to approve board nominations. All were approved unanimously.

VI New business (partial)

We will need to begin to come up with ideas for sessions for the FAU in Las Vegas in January 2010. We need a representative to attend the planning sessions at the end of July. Ben Ward was selected. Ben will represent the ROWCC in this planning session.

We also discussed that we will need to begin to determine what presentations we will have at the AASHTO conference in San Diego in spring 2010 and also for the next IRWA conference.

Wade requested photos of the board members for posting on the website.

Paragon should be added to the membership list, as well as EPIC. There is one other firm interested in membership, which Joe and Kerry will work to determine their eligibility and then bring the vote to the board.

The minutes of this meeting should be sent to Wade to be posted on the website.

VII Next meetings

- Lisa will determine the next conference call to discuss possible topics for FAU, IRWA and AASHTO.
- January 26 – 28, 2010 – Federal Agency Update - Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Spring 2010 – AASHTO – San Diego, California
- June 27 – 30, 2010 – IRWA Annual Conference – Calgary, Canada

IX Adjournment

- Meeting was Adjourned at 12:00pm