

Right of Way Consultant Council
Teleconference Minutes
August 14, 2007

Attendees: D. Wade Brown, SR/WA
Ben Ward
Jim Struble, SR/WA, IRWA President

Purpose of the call was to obtain an update on the IRWA IEC meetings that were held in Washington, DC July 19-20, 2007.

Jim Struble provided the following:

1. The IEC is committed to re-connect with the ROWCC. It is the desire of the IRWA to build the relationship between the groups. We need to work on the promotion of each group.
2. The IEC met with their Federal agency partners. IEC wants to make sure that the IRWA is meeting their educational needs and identify areas that require betterment.
3. Visited the AASHTO national offices. Met with John Horsley, Executive Director to briefly discuss the URA certification. John Campbell, TxDOT R/W Manager and AASHTO R/W Subcommittee Chairperson also attended the meeting. Jim and John Campbell explained the URA certification. Jim explained that it is the intent to obtain the endorsement and support of AASHTO. Mr. Horsley understood the concept, but stated that the State agencies will be the ones who need to buy into the idea. The certification is a small matter on the AASHTO agenda. Support of AASHTO is a must if the certification is to go forward.
4. The IEC briefly discussed the URA certification with FHWA and other agencies. The push to get the certification in place has waned for now. There is still a need to get the state agencies to commit to the certification program.
5. Jim stated that the IRWA needs to get state R/W Managers/Administrators to endorse the IRWA and support employee membership and course attendance. An example of a converted supporter is Lyle McMillian of Utah DOT.
6. Jim is IEC liaison to the ROWCC. He will be attending the Board Meeting on September 11th.
7. Need to follow-up with Faith Roland and Cathy Muth to find out the next steps for preparing for the PRES.