



**Meeting Minutes  
Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 2014**

The “Heart of America” – Chapter 5 of the International Right of Way Association held its quarterly meeting at the Macelli’s in Lawrence. Registration and member networking began at 10:00 am.

President Dave Rein called meeting to order about 11. He introduced some new faces today; Steve Nelson of Keller and Associates, Debbie Davis of KDOT, Stacy Gomez and Dennis Barnes both are training under Dennis Keegan and Cindy Broxterman of Westar and KDOT. Deena Prentice is retiring from Westar. Missy Wurtz was not present today but Dave Rein mentioned the Richard J Wurtz scholarship fund.

The region three meeting will be in Minneapolis Minnesota in March.

The slate of officers has been set:

President; Kent Fredlund  
Vice President; Brent Kliebert  
Secretary; Connie Genser  
Treasurer; Bill Wright  
International Director, year 1: David Rein, Jr.  
International Director, year 2: Paul Blee

Our next meeting will be April 4 in Springfield Missouri.

Our speaker today is Paul Welcome of the Johnson County Kansas Appraisers office. Paul talked about appraisal, construction, building permits, building trends nationally and in the Johnson County area.

We voted to approve the December meeting minutes.

**Officers Reports**

**Treasurer:** Bill Wright reports we have a \$2129.52 deficit for the fiscal year. The current bank balance is \$13,775.61. The financial report has not been posted on the website. Bill is looking into whether members can use PayPal or credit cards to pay for meetings and

classes. Bill and Dave are both investigating the chapter's tax exempt status. Apparently we are the first chapter to try for tax exempt status.

**Membership:** Marlene Nulph and Marilyn Laybuck co-chair this committee. There was no report.

**Pipeline:** Nancy Greer attended the January meeting in San Diego. The next meeting is April 17. Nancy asked for pipeline volunteers. There are four meetings per year. Brent Kliebert said he may volunteer. Nancy said many states are requiring a real estate license.

**Professional Development:** Paul Bleese was not able to make the meeting but submitted a written report on current candidates and recertification's.

**Ethics:** We have no chair on the chapter level.

**Education:** Martha Long reported on this week's classes with Clyde Johnson and the weather. Dave Rein will teach the upcoming ethics class and imminent domain law at Kansas City Missouri City Hall. Parking may be an issue there. The SR/WA study review and exam will be held April 14 15th and 16th. Carol Brooks will teach this class. Burns and McDonnell will host some classes in the fall.

**Other Business:** Dave suggested we ask someone to sponsor an education class, lunch, golf or social outing. Kent will contact chapter 37 about a possible joint meeting. Natalie Meighan suggested Columbia Missouri for a joint meeting or possibly Jefferson City. Dave Rein talked about regional meetings. There are two per year and one chapter member should attend. It does not have to be the president.

We pay the annual dues for retired members. Should they be required to attend one meeting per year? The membership committee will look at the issue and ask the retired members. Matt moved that the membership chair require two meetings per year for new retired numbers. We would not require this of current retirees.

We were asked to contribute to the RWIEF at the regional meeting. We have been asked to contribute to Chapter 20's bid to sponsor the National Education Conference in 2018. Dave moved that we give Nancy Greer the authority to donate \$500 total to Chapter 24 for the RWIEF and bid to sponsor education conference.

We are still investigating annual corporate sponsorship for the chapter. There would be one platinum level sponsor for \$2000 and one gold level sponsorship of \$1500. There would be an unlimited amount of silver level sponsorship. We voted and the motion passed.

We talked about the website. We have a domain name, IRWChapter5.com. Marlene Nulph has helped with the website but we need someone to take charge of it.

Meeting adjourned.