



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> of April, 2014**

The “Heart of America” – Chapter 5 of the International Right of Way Association held its quarterly meeting at the Library Station in Springfield MO. Registration and member networking began at 10:15 am.

Acting President Mary Beth Garner called the meeting to order at 10:45. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and she made some introductions of guests.

The Richard J. Wurtz scholarship fund is available for all chapter members. The amount is \$500 and is available for classes or meetings.

We recognized Missy Wurtz for the chapter professional of the year award.

Paul Blees introduced our speaker for the day Don Saiko P.E. of MODOT. Don talked about MODOT's new diverging diamond interchange.

The new chapter officers were then sworn in.

President; Kent Fredlund  
Vice President; Brent Kliebert  
Secretary; Connie Genser  
Treasurer; Bill Wright

The business meeting began at 1:15. We thanked Paul Blees and Mark Stiles for setting up the meeting today.

We approved the minutes from the February meeting in Lawrence.

There was a discussion about the charitable activities letter. We are the first IRWA chapter to get a sales tax exemption.

**Officers Reports:**

**President:** Dave Rein was unable to make the meeting and had no report.

**Treasurer:** Bill Wright reports a loss of \$3,724.31 for the year and \$12,180.82 in the checking account.

**Secretary:** Kent Fredlund had no report.

**Education:** Claudia Vines and Martha Long were not present today. Chapter 5 held the SR/WA Review and Exam on April 14-16 in KC. A total of 9 students took the test and 6 passed it including, Claudia, Vines, Martha Long, and Curt Powelson. Chapter 5 is offering two classes in September 2014 in KCMO. They are: C901 Engineering Plan Development and Application and C902 Property Descriptions. We will be offering two more classes in October 2014: C801 United State Land Titles and C802 Legal Aspects of ROW.

**Committee reports:**

**Pipeline:** Nancy Greer reported the next meeting is April 17 in Austin. She asked if anyone could take over the pipeline committee. Brent Kliebert may.

**Utilities:** Missy Wurtz. A conference call is coming up to finalize conference workshops.

**Professional development:** Paul Blees left to attend a funeral. Missy Wurtz talked about the credentialing committee. Francis Vicente, Credentialing Manager qualifies outside courses and online courses. Paul has received his R/W-NAC recertification.

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

**Membership:** Marlene Nulph and Marilyn Laybuck co-chair this committee. There was no report. We had a discussion about membership. IRWA national is okay with the chapter spreading out the fees for new members. It does present accounting problems. We compared IRWA fees against other organizations and professions. We talked about the member fuse site.

**Old Business:**

We talked again about corporate sponsorship.

**New business:**

Missy Wurtz would like a brainstorming workshop. The conference is coming up in Hartford Connecticut and we need directors. The president is one director. Kent as president will attend the directors meeting. We voted on Missy Wurtz & Dennis Keegan as alternate directors. We pledged \$500 to promote Minneapolis for the national conference in 2019.

Meeting adjourned.