



**IRWA Carolinas Chapter 31 Summer Seminar**

Date: 10/28/16

Location: Charleston, SC

The meeting was held at:

Wild Dunes Resort

Isle of Palms, SC

Meeting was called to order by President Matt Rhode at: 8:10 AM.

Minutes from the Summer Meeting and Seminar held August 8, 2016 in Asheville, NC were approved.

Attendees were welcomed and the following announcements were made:

Next meeting in Cola Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Region 6 Forum members and Young Professionals were welcomed.

All attendees were encouraged to stay for the business meeting this afternoon

The 2022 Conference bid update was discussed

The following sponsors were thanked for their support:

North by Northwest Consulting, Inc.

ERM Group

Chapter 31 attendees were then shown presentations from:

***IRWA Update*** - Tim Drennan, Manager, Field Operations, IRWA

Education – Country specific

Instructor Development

*CLIMB program*

Global focus

*“We improve people’s quality of life through infrastructure development”*

***Charlotte 2022 IRWA Conference Bid (Nashville’s Lessons Learned)*** - Jenni Kriner & Dan Gill

Bill Christian update on our conference submission  
Hopefully know something about submission by Jan  
Jenni and Dan – how to win bid  
What worked best?

Nashville city name sold itself  
Held there before  
Promotional – email blast before Atlanta conference  
Big ticket drawing items  
“bag stuffing” - little paper – letter openers, etc.  
Has to be fun!  
Convince BOD – Gift Specific  
“Goo-Goo clusters”, Stickers, candy, pens  
Make it personal!  
Competitive advertising/ consistent message  
Work well with others  
Be flexible and creative  
Element of surprise  
Commitment

*The History of Eminent Domain* - Mazie Leftwich, Contract Land Staff

*History of the Land & Right of Way Industry* - Brent Leftwich, Contract Land Staff

*Local Matters: Why Local Representation and Messaging is Essential* - Shaun Tweed, ERM Group

The group broke for Lunch at 12:40pm.

The Chapter 31 business meeting began at 1:50 pm.

Secretary John Palmer called the Leadership roll.

**Board Members Present** – See Leadership Roll Call Sheet

**Board Members Absent** – See Leadership Roll Call Sheet

**Advisory Council Present** – See Leadership Roll Call Sheet

The minutes from the Fall Seminar held April 22, 2016 in Asheville, NC were presented as shown in the Fall newsletter. A motion was made by Buzz Prescott to accept the Minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Larry Wright and the motion was approved.

A motion was made by Bill Christian to approve 4 hours of Recertification Credit for today’s seminar. Motion was seconded by Julie McDonald and the motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – see website for details.

Treasurer Anthony Alderman presented the Treasurer's report.

- Need system of accounting for payment for socials/seminars

Motion to approve financial report made by Paul Thompson.

Seconded by Buzz Prescott. Motion approved.

Revised income to include PayPal monies over the past year

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Asset Management Report:**

- Discussion concerning presenting information
- Possible case study presentation from Duke – remnants? Protection of linear corridors.
- Reclamation and encroachment

### **Education Report:**

- *Course 803 - Eminent Domain Law Basics for ROW Professionals* presented (2 days Wed & Thurs)
- Well attended
- Course 501 and 502 to be presented in Columbia

### **Young Professionals:**

- Bonnie – Transitional – national reorganizing – startup kits in development. Regional development focus.

### **PDC Report: *Steve Chastain new chair***

- No report.

### **Environmental Report:**

- No report.

### **Membership Report:**

- 18 new members in fourth quarter (44 total new members this year). Total membership 301

### **Newsletter Report:**

Submissions due by: January 8, 2017

Advertisements due by: January 15, 2017

Money for advertisements due by: January 15, 2017

New newsletter chairperson: Laura Stoddart, [lstoddart@nxnwconsulting.com](mailto:lstoddart@nxnwconsulting.com)

*- Newsletter needs to come out 30 days before meeting. Need information 2 weeks before then.*

**Pipeline Report:**

- ACP project working through. Property acquisitions done. Need to get gas to customers in South Carolina. Line through Western North Carolina.

**Relocation Report:**

- No Report

**Survey Report:**

- No report.

**Transportation Report: Greg Lee NCDOT new chair**

- No report.

**Utilities Report:**

- See submitted committee report.

**Valuation Report:**

- No report.

**Wireless Report:**

- No report.

**Audit Report:**

- No report.

**Webmaster Report:**

- Transition from Mark to Laura not responsive.

**Nomination Committee:**

- No report.

**RWIEF Update:**

- No report.

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**Old Business:**

2022 conference bid update – Telephone update between Matt, Bill Chastain, and Julie

**New Business:**

A discussion of about how many of the current committees are needed and which ones are necessary. This issue would be studied with more information to follow.

New member's lapel pin was discussed and introductions were made.

**Free Membership Drawing**

\_\_\_\_\_ Stanley Briggs \_\_\_\_\_ won the \$50 gift cards.

Motion to adjourn made by: \_\_\_\_\_ Julie McDonald \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Anthony Alderman \_\_\_\_\_

Motion was \_\_\_\_\_ Approved with vigor \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting was adjourned at: \_\_\_\_\_ 3:20pm \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by John C. Palmer, Secretary

