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PRESIDENT STEVE CHASTAIN





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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My how time has flown by. Even amidst the restrictions of COVID, Chapter 31 has remained active on so many fronts. Since our last newsletter, the LPA committee conducted our first LPA virtual lunch & learn (free event) which was a great success, well attended and provided 1 hour of CE for participants. Our very own Lisa Norris (Chapter 31's Professional of the Year) has been nominated for Region 6 Professional of the Year. We had a super Winter networking social and seminar

"It's not enough to be busy, so are the ants. The question is, what are we busy about?" - Henry David Thoreau

which we held live and in person in Fort Mill, SC with around 40 members and guests in attendance at both events along with 20 or so who joined our seminar virtually.

On top of that we added to the event our first "Giving Back to the Community" component where our members brought food items or contributed cash to a

local food bank. We plan to continue this at all our upcoming seminars. We are on track to attend the Region 6 Spring Forum on April 1st and 2nd in New Orleans as we join with Region 2 and IRWA to conduct and participate in the 2021 Transportation Symposium. Many of our members, including myself, have already booked our rooms and flights for this exciting event. Our very own Frank Mundy with Stewart Engineering will be presenting at the event and Lisa Norris will be there representing Chapter 31 as the Professional of the Year. Several others have indicated they will be there so Chapter 31 will be well represented! In addition, we are on track for our Spring Seminar (in person and



virtually) in Raleigh on April 22nd and 23rd. Registration for this event is already on the Chapter's webpage (www.irwa31.com). Don't wait till the last minute to register. Still coming is our annual board of director's meeting which will be held in person in Fort Mill, SC this year (virtual option available) on May 13th. I'm sure I've left something off. I know a couple of us are working behind the scenes with HQ on some training options for public agencies which we hope we will be able to provide additional details on soon. So if you ever think the Chapter doesn't do anything, think again! Our membership is working hard to provide value for membership. While I'm on that topic, if you know someone who has been a member but has fallen away, give them a call and catch them up on everything they're missing. See you at our next event!

Steve Chastain President Chapter 31 IRWA

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR:

- RECERTIFICATION FORM
- · MINUTES FROM PAST BUSINESS MEETINGS
- · SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

RECERTIFICATION FORMS, MINUTES AND PRESENTATIONS FOR 2020 CAN BE LOCATED ON THE MEMBER NETWORK LIBRARY PAGE.

RECERTIFICATION FORMS AND MINUTES PRIOR TO 2020 CAN BE LOCATED ON CHAPTER 31'S WEBSITE.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 22nd - 23rd 2021 Spring Social & Seminar

Social: April 22nd 6:00-8:00 PM King's Raleigh, 141 Park at North Hills St, #120, Raleigh, NC 27609

Seminar: April 23rd 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM In-Person: Hilton Raleigh North Hills, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609

Guests can book reservations by calling our Hilton Worldwide reservations line at 919-872-2323, Option 1 or online at www.northraleigh.hilton.com; by referencing the group code **IRWA.**

Negotiated room rate of \$115 will be good through April 8th.

Virtual: Registered participants will receive link to meeting the week of the seminar.

May 13, 2021 - Board of Directors Meeting

Register now www.irwa31.com Meeting will start at 9 am In-Person: Tidemark Land Services 3556 Centre Circle, St A, Fort Mill, SC 29715 Virtual: Link will be sent to registered attendees the week of the meeting.





SPRING FOOD DRIVE

April 23, 2021 @ Spring Seminar, Raleigh, NC Food Bank: Inter-Faith Food Shuttle



MOST NEEDED ITEMS



Proteins Beans, Tuna, Soup, Meat, Pasta, Peanut Butter

Fruits &

Vegetables

No Heavy Syrup,

No Salt Added

Infants & Kids

Pedialyte, Infant Cereal,

Mac & Cheese Cups,

Fruit Cups, 100% Juice

Boxes, Diapers, Wipes



Breakfast Whole Grain Cereal. Oatmeal, Grits





Healthy Snacks Raisins, Granola Bars, Fruit Pouches

Hygiene Items

Hand Sanitizer, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Deodorant

For drop-off locations and times, please visit FoodShuttle.org/Donate-Food



Whole Grain Pasta & Rice Pasta Sauce



Seniors Nutritional Shakes Adult Hygiene Products

Household

Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues, Masks, Disinfectant Wipes, Bleach, Trash Bags, Cleaning Solution



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***No monetary donations will be taken at seminar. If you are unable to attend in person and would like to make a monetary donation, go to foodshuttle.org. ***









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SECRETARY'S REPORT

IRWA CHAPTER 31 WINTER SEMINAR 2021

The Winter Seminar and Business Meeting were held in Fort Mill, SC at the Hampton Inn in person and virtually on February 26, 2021 and was well attended. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Chastain at 8:00 am. Attendees were welcomed and announcements were made.

President thanked our Special Sponsors of the Winter Social & Seminar:

- Platinum: THC, Inc., North By Northwest Consulting, Smith Anderson, Integra Realty Resource, Colliers Engineering & Design, and Carolina Right of Way
- Gold: Gulf Coast, Telics, ORC, Stewart, and LJA Engineering
- Silver: Tidemark

Attendees were shown presentations from the following:

- Electric Distribution" Lisa Norris, Sr. Real Estate Representative, Duke Energy
- "Pennies for Progress" Patrick Hamilton, Assistant County Engineer Transportation, York
 County
- "Dig Greenville: ReWa's Tunnel Project" Jason Gillespie, Project Manager, Renewable Water Resources
- "State of the Art Technology in Surveying" Dustin Spillman, Sr. Project Manager & Kevin LaGreca, Sr. Project Manager, Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.

The Business Meeting began at 1:00 pm. Minutes from the Fall Seminar held October 23, 2021 in Charleston, SC were presented as posted online and shown in the Winter Newsletter and they were accepted and approved.

RECERTIFICATION CREDIT - a motion was made to approve 4 hours of credit towards recertification and it was seconded and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Treasurer Neil Burleson presented the report and it was approved. Please see the Treasurer's section of the newsletter for details.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Education: Should we try for in person? Group said No for Raleigh, Yes for Asheville. Steve teaching course 215: March 10-11 (live, virtually)
- PDC: 6 new certifications: R/W AC1 Appraisal (2), RWP EU (1), SR/WA (2), SR/WA OG (1) 12 Recertifications
- Membership: 4th Quarter New Members: 2, with 295 Total Members as of Dec. 31, 2020
- Nominations & Elections: No report
- Young Professional: Vacant
- Newsletter: Welcome pictures from Fall Event for newsletter
- Oil and Pipeline: See full report on page 11.
- Transportation: No report
- Local Public Agency: Successful LPA Webinar, well attended.
- Utilities: No report
- Audit: No report
- Sponsorship: No report
- Webmaster: Erin Hogge left North By Northwest
- Strategic Planning Group: Meet monthly. Discuss growing our chapter, reaching LPA's. They are a sounding board so let them know if you have something to address. Add a YP to group.

Discussion: How do we get voice back into the chapter? - Give away membership. Reach out to co-ops and municipalities to come as our guests.

Increase YP membership?- Scholarship opps for students - Sponsoring YPS to go to conference Ways to get involvement? - Give away classes, Turn in nametags & do raffle at Business meeting, Mentorship, Offer free classes, Speak at board of realtors, Virtual Angel Banks offered Meeting Space

OLD BUSINESS: Nominations

NEW BUSINESS: None

Business Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.





Integra Realty Resources

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEEREPORTKEVIN MULDOWNEY



During the period between January 1, 2021 and March 15, 2021, five (5) new membership applications and one (1) incoming transfer were processed and communicated as approved to IRWA HQ.

1st Quarter New Members

Silver Sponsor

Gold

Sponsor

Allen Reich, T.B. Harris, Jr. & Associates Benjamin H. Curran, T.B. Harris, Jr. & Associates Melissa Lewis, North Carolina Dept. of Transportation Chip Cisne, Charter Appraisal Group, Inc. Bobby Byrd, Robert Byrd Real Estate Joseph Looney, City of Charlotte

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Total CH 31 Membership 301





FORT MILL, SC WINTER SEMINAR PICTURES



SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR CHAPTER 31 ELECTION **Virtual Election - Please watch email for upcoming election info**



1 YEAR DIRECTOR: STEVE CHASTAIN



2 YEAR DIRECTOR: LISA NORRIS



PRESIDENT: LISA NORRIS



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OIL & PIPELINE COMMITTEE REPORT JEREMY MILLER & PAUL MCMAHAN

The Oil and Gas Pipeline committee is excited to announce the addition of Jeremy J. Miller, Business Development Manager for Oil & Gas

and Utilities for LW Survey Company, to the IRWA Chapter 31 - Oil and Gas Pipeline Committee. Kevin Muldowney stepped down.

The committee reports that due to the extensive cold weather in parts of the country there will be a consequence of reduced oil production. The deep freeze havoc will likely affect production for weeks as companies deal with frozen equipment and lack of power to run operations.

Texas who produces more oil and gas than any other state was especially hit hard by the freeze due to not being accustomed to dealing with frigid temperatures. Texas has recently experienced their coldest temperatures in thirty years. North Dakota experienced temperatures as low as minus 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Some wells were frozen. Additionally, rolling electrical blackouts and difficulty in travel throughout the regions have halted or reduced production.

In addition to the impact of winter weather, the Oil & Gas industry is experiencing significant challenges under the new Administration, most notably the cancellation of the Keystone XL Pipeline and potential halting of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Employees across the industry, both Union and non-Union, along with Tribal leaders have voiced their concerns as jobs have been cut and production has been halted. As such, support is slowly growing, possibly even across both sides of the aisle, as select lawmakers aim to address the impact of these widespread climate executive orders.

Good news for Natural Gas; after decades of stagnation and multiple false starts, the hydrogen economy is finally taking off, with some experts predicting that hydrogen could become a globally traded energy source, just like oil and gas. Those gases can now be captured, cleaned up and used interchangeably with conventional natural gas. And with Shell's \$6 billion ethane cracker plant close to completion, the market for Marcellus/Utica NGLs will profoundly change.

We all need to remember that the Oil & Gas industry is resilient, we are resilient, and with new ways of improving fossil fuel production, transportation, storage and refinery, there will come new and exciting opportunities for everyone. Continue to stay focused and strong, the industry needs our determination and support now, more than ever.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

NEIL BURLESON

LJA ENGINEERING

Report Created 3/9/2021 July 1st, 2020 thru March 9, 2021

Profit & Loss

Income: Expense: Net:

Balance Sheet

Checking: Savings: Total:

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\$ 33,232.11 \$ 21,667.74 **\$ 11,564.37**

\$ 48,245.82 \$ 16,536.20 **\$ 64,782.02**



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MEMBER CORNER SPOTLIGHT



North by Northwest was proud to work on the new pedestrian bridge going over Highway 127 in Hickory, NC. It will connect Lenoir-Rhyne University to the downtown City Walk. We feel the arched design of the bridge looks like furniture frames, which is a fantastic way to honor our region's history of furniture manufacturing.

We were honored to be part of such a transformation project for Hickory that will enable students and staff to connect more easily to the heart of the community without risking unnecessary injury from crossing the busy highway. We project that this new pedestrian access from the university to the city walk will be greatly beneficial to the City of Hickory.



CELEBRATING LIFE

Remembering George Edwards Midgett

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of George Edwards Midgett, SR/WA, a loyal and dedicated International President of IRWA and long-time leader with Duke Power Company, the predecessor company of today's Duke Energy Corporation. George was born on October 8,



1924 in Engelhard, a coastal town in Hyde County, NC.He passed away on August 27, 2020 in St. Petersburg, FL following a long battle with cancer.

George was a naval aviator during World War II and flew torpedo bombers. He attended The Citadel and graduated from Duke University after the war. George joined Duke Power on November 1, 1948 and held numerous management roles of increasing responsibilities culminating in leading Duke's Real Estate Division for several years. He retired from Duke Power after 36 years of service on November 1, 1984.

During his tenure at Duke Power, George was a strong supporter of IRWA and its educational programs. Not only was he an instructor in the negotiations discipline for the Association's original Principles in Land Acquisition course, but George also ensured all of Duke's right of way agents and staff appraisers successfully completed that course. He was the 1973 recipient of the Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award, served as Carolinas Chapter 31 President in 1977 and IRWA International President 1980-1981.

George was preceded in death by his wife Loretta on August 10, 2017 after 71 years together. They had relocated from the Charlotte, NC area to Florida in March of 2017.George is survived by his sons David and Robert, his granddaughter Jahni and his great granddaughter Jasper.Memorials may be sent to the Right of Way International Education Foundation in George's honor.

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