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(IRWA)

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The past month was very busy for our chapter educationally. We hosted course 104 in Fargo in late October and two environmental courses in the Twin Cities the first week of November. In addition our chapter was well attended at the Region Fall Forum in Omaha, Nebraska in mid-October.

Invitations have been sent out for our Holiday Installation Banquet on December 1st at the Minneapolis Hilton. Seating is limited to 110 so please RSVP early. It should be a great time!

This year has gone by so quickly. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make Chapter 20 a success. We've had many great courses throughout the year, we have 30 new members since January, and have been well represented at region forums and the international seminar. Our active and energized members are our greatest asset and their efforts really made an impact this year. Thank you all.

Please join us at the upcoming chapter meeting at Mendakota County Club on Wednesday, November 15th and the Holiday Chapter Installation Banquet on December 1st at the Hilton.

I hope you all have a great holiday season and will see you soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHAPTER 20 DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS:

Please contact Brad Brown at 952-887-1734 or e-mail at bbrown2@enron.com with name, address or phone number corrections for the next chapter directory. **Please note that if your area code will be changing, please inform Brad of the new area code.**

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

November 15th, 2000
Wednesday

Mendakota Country Club

January 17th, 2001

Mendakota Country Club

NORTH STAR CHAPTER 20 INSTALLATION BANQUET:

December 1st, 2000
Friday Evening

6 pm Social Hour
7 pm Dinner Seating

HOLIDAY BANQUET AT HILTON:

The installation banquet for the Chapter 20 Board for 2001 will be held on Friday evening December 1st, 2000 at the Hilton Minneapolis. This is a banquet for our members and spouses or significant others that is being paid for by the Chapter in appreciation of our members.

Social hour begins at 6 pm in the Duluth Room with a cash bar.

Seating for dinner will be at 7 pm.

For those interested in enjoying the evening or weekend in Minneapolis, the Hilton is offering a special holiday rate of \$89 per night. To take advantage of this rate, please call the Hilton at 612-376-1000 for reservations and mention the "Holiday Catering Rate".

All members should have received a prior mailing on this event with an rsvp card which was to be returned by November 8th. Please note that at this time the banquet is full but additional rsmps will be acknowledged and a waiting list will be prepared. If cancellations occur, openings will be filled from the waiting list.

It is requested that attire be appropriate for the event .

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday November 15, 2000

Time: Noon (Board Meeting at 10:00 am)

Location: Mendakota Country Club
2075 Mendakota Drive
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

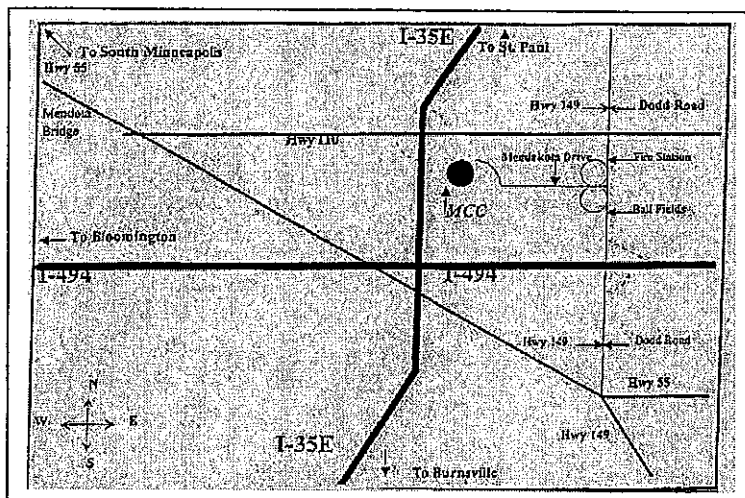


Cost: \$ 15.00

Speaker: A representative from the Minnesota Wild will be speaking about the new franchise.

Plan to support our chapter and attend the membership meeting.

Call Matthew Storm (952-930-3100) by Thursday November 9th to make a reservation for the luncheon.



Location Map of Mendakota Country Club.

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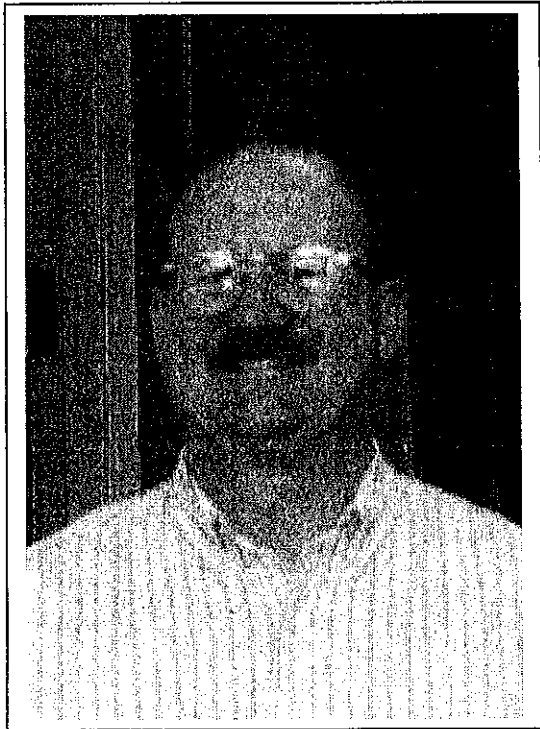
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BEST WISHES TO DENNY WERKMEISTER:

Denny's office appears deserted with the exception of pictures leaning against the wall that have not yet been brought home. The computer is quiet as well as the telephone. The parties have been thrown and the cakes have been eaten. Speeches and farewells have been given and yet his presence is near.

Denny Werkmeister announced his resignation in August 2000. It did not come as a complete surprise to many, as this was his long time goal. For personal reasons, Denny decided to leave Enron, a company that he had been with for 20 years. Anyone, who has worked with him, knows that Denny's standards of professionalism have contributed greatly to their own profession.



Denny has been a strong advocate for the International Right of Way Association. He had the support of his supervisor, Director of Right of Way, David Sinclair. Denny not only supported the IRWA, he also supported his staff and their participation in Chapter 20 and the IRWA.

Due to Denny's love of the game, he was the coordinator for the International Education Seminar Golf Tournaments in Minneapolis and Albuquerque. He also sits as Secretary on the International Pipeline Committee and is actively instructing Course 215, Pipeline Right-of-Way Agent's Development Program. He was instrumental in publishing the chapter's first membership directory in several years and has had a heavy influence at board meetings. Denny's work behind the scenes has contributed immensely to the success of Chapter 20.

We will continue to see Denny at luncheons and seminars, as his plans are to remain active with Chapter 20 and the IRWA as an independent Right of Way Agent. Thank you Denny for your support and participation over the years and we wish you well.

A THOUGHT:

"I've learned

That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile."

- Andy Rooney

2001 EDUCATION CALENDAR:

DATE	COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE & LOCATION	LENGTH
2001			
January 9-11, 2001	201	Communication in Real Estate Acquisition Eagan, Minnesota	3 Days
February 19-20,2001	800	Principles of Real Estate Law Rochester, Minnesota	2 Days
February 21-22,2001	900	Principles of Real Estate Engineering Rochester, Minnesota	2 Days

Course 201 – Communication in Real Estate Acquisition will be held on January 9-11th in Eagan, Minnesota. The instructor will be John Blubaugh. For more information please contact Craig Knudsen at 651-463-6332.

Course 800 – Principles of Real Estate Law will be held on February 19-20th in Rochester, Minnesota. For more information please contact Lisa Beckman at 507-529-2759.

Course 900 – Principles of Real Estate Engineering will be held on February 21-22nd in Rochester, Minnesota. For more information please contact Lisa Beckman at 507-529-2759.

REAL ESTATE CREDIT ON IRWA COURSES:

By Matt Storm

It has come to my attention that questions have been raised on the procedure for allowable credits on real estate continuing education for IRWA Courses. The Minnesota Department of Commerce is the governing body or watchdog for the State of Minnesota for real estate c.e. credit as well as other licensed trades (such as appraisal). When credit is desired for a particular course the coordinator (Matt Storm for real estate and Doug Johnson for appraisal) sends an application and course syllabus/outline for approval. The Commerce Department will only grant credit for time spent on instruction and not for registration, break time, lunch, preparation for test and the test itself. Credit for IRWA classes will vary due to these factors, 7 hours of credit per day is the highest I have been able to receive. In a nutshell this is how the credits are obtained, if anyone has a specific question or desires further interpretation please do not hesitate to call.

PIPELINE R/W AGENTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

The Pipeline Right of Way Agent's Development Program that was recently held in Eagan was a smashing success! On Wednesday October 4th and Thursday October 5th, 31 participants gathered at the Hampton Inn in Eagan, Minnesota and were treated to an intense session of right of way agents development. Heading the course on Wednesday was Terry Mock and Dennis Werkmeister on Thursday.

Not only did we have great classroom participation, we also welcomed new members to Chapter 20 that had registered for this class and in the process became members.

Comments most commonly heard throughout the two-day course, other than the room was slightly small, (sorry) was that this course could easily be applied to any utility that has right of way involvement.

Again, thank you Terry and Denny for your time and to all those who participated.

MN/DOT BREEZY POINT CONFERENCE:

Recently Chapter 20 hosted a membership table at Breezy Point during the MNDOT Right of Way conference.

Many individuals attending the conference stopped by to inquire about upcoming courses or to learn about chapter membership. A total of 40 new member packets were handed out with information on the IRWA and the SRWA Program. We received a lot of positive feed back not only for our representation of Chapter 20 but also for the unlimited supply of candy that Leland so generously contributed.

Some of the courses that we promoted were the Pipeline Right-of-Way Agent's Development Program, Environmental Awareness, Understanding Environmental Contamination in Real Estate, Property Descriptions and Standards of Practice. Conference attendees either registered on site for courses or contacted the Course Coordinator at a later date to register.

Special thanks to Leland Mann, Brad Brown, Melissa Janssen, Craig Poorker and Joanie Miller for taking time to support the chapter and encourage membership and education.

NOMINATIONS FOR YEAR 2001 BOARD MEMBERS:

The Nominations Committee of Kaye Anderson, Craig Poorker, and Bud Storm have made the following nominations for the year 2001 Chapter 20 Board:

President/Director:	Matthew S. Storm
President Elect:	Elizabeth Babcock
Vice President:	Leland Mann
Treasurer:	Paul Gustafson
Secretary:	Brad Brown
Director 1 Year:	Susan M. Pariseau

Elections for the Year 2001 Board will occur at the November membership luncheon on November 15th.

The installation of the 2001 Board members will occur at the Installation Banquet at the Hilton Minneapolis on Friday evening, December 1st, 2000.

CALL FOR ADVERTISEMENTS FOR 2001:

Advertising space is available in the Communique for the year 2001. The Communique is published 6 times per year and is sent out to approximately 200 fellow professional members in various organizations. The annual rate for advertising is \$ 75 per business card.

If you or your company would like to advertise in our chapter's newsletter, send or e-mail your ads (and send your payment) to the following address:

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November 15th, 2000 Membership Meeting

Luncheon at Noon
Board Meeting at 10 am

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**Make reservations by Thursday November 9th
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