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**Wednesday • March 7, 2007
Membership Meeting**

RESPONSE REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 28, 2007

**Weber's Inn • Ann Arbor, MI
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Meeting Agenda

- 8:30 – 9:00 AM Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:00 AM Dr. Janice Beecher, Director of the Institute of Public Utilities: *Economic Regulations and Utility Planning*
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM Nancy Finegood & Martha MacFarlane Faes, Michigan Historic Preservation Office: *Historic Preservation Easements and Value*
- 11:00AM – 12NOON Mr. Brian Kirksey, KRES, Inc., *Historic Preservation Case Study*
- 12NOON – 1:00 PM Italian Lunch Buffet
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM Mr. Ken Trevor, Healthy Construction, *Designers and Builders*
- 2:00 – 3:00 PM Mr. Gregory Ulrich, Cummings, McClorey Davis and Acho: *Legal Update, Real Estate Issues - Uncapping Property Tax Issues - New Cable Competition - Transferring Land Held in Trust - Uh Oh!*

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Greetings Fellow Members

Many of you have asked about the roster. Let me begin by stating on behalf of the entire Executive Board of Chapter 7, I apologize for the fact that publishing of the roster has been delayed. However, I have been informed that the roster is in production. Once proofreading is complete, it will be published and distributed. Each advertiser will receive a personal letter with additional details.

In the meantime, I ask all members to visit the IRWA International website: https://www.irwaonline.org/ to update your personal information. If you have forgotten your password, or user name, click on the link for that and you will be notified by International with your access codes. (Please use these codes even if they appear incorrect. Once you log in, you may change and update your personal profile). This is a perfect time to correct mailing or email addresses, spelling errors or other information.

In keeping with President Roth's address this month, I invite anyone with suggestions to improve this newsletter to contact me. In fact, you may contact me with any suggestions, or comments, which may better serve the members, or improve this organization whether related to the newsletter, or otherwise.

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform and serve the membership in all matters related to disciplines of the IRWA. It also recognizes our members in appropriate ways.

Finally, let me remind you of *the schedule change for the March meeting: March 7th, Wednesday*, and invite all of you to attend. See you there!

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Every man owes some of his time to the upbuilding of the profession to which he belongs.

-Theodore Roosevelt



The following is a synopsis of the:
IRWA – MICHIGAN CHAPTER 7 – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007

CALL TO ORDER – 9:38 am

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT - approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Roster – Status of the 2007 roster was discussed.
Newsletter, Advertising, Quality – Mike Oakes will invoice for the 2007 newsletter advertising.
Discussion on how to get more information in the newsletter

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President & Int'l Dir.- Dick Roth, R/W-AC; Pres. Elect. & Int'l Dir. - Andy Reed;
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COMMITTEE REPORTS: International; Chapter

NEW BUSINESS: Roster – Tim Davis has agreed to take over the roster for 2008 and will present a plan to the Board at the April 5, 2007 meeting on how to get the 2008 roster to members in a timely fashion

ADJOURNMENT – 12:00 noon

submitted by: Dick Roth, Michael Oakes, Laura Southwell



president's chapter message
Richard W. Roth

Welcome to IRWA Michigan Chapter 7 for 2007! We've started our 53rd year, and as always have great expectation for the coming year.

I would like to congratulate Val Lafferty, SR/WA for her leadership this past year. She passed the gavel to me with the Chapter in great condition. I would like to thank the members of the Chapter for allowing me the opportunity to serve as President and lead us through 2007.

As most of you know, we had our installation banquet on January 12, 2007 at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. The evening went very smoothly in no small part due to the planning of Alicia Worthley, SR/WA. Thanks Alicia! I am sure I'll be repeating that phrase more than once in this column before the year is over. I also want to thank the evenings sponsors, PHILLIP F.GRECO TITLE CO. and APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES, INC. As always, we are grateful for our corporate sponsors.

As I stated earlier the Chapter is in such good shape. Chapter 7 is strong financially, it has a history of good leadership, and has a strong base of active members from which to draw new executive board members. Unfortunately, this seems to be taken for granted by many of our members. But, I can assure you that not every chapter is as fortunate. Some barely have enough funds to put on a meeting, others recycle their officer positions yearly. It takes a continued effort to maintain the health of our Chapter.

I do have some concerns for our chapter as we move forward: First, education has been the primary means of making money for the chapter. However, with the changes that are taking place at the international level, I believe it is going to be very difficult to make much of a profit on any course within a few years. This means that; A) we are going to have to make money in other ways, or B) reduce expenses. In other words, I believe the chapter is facing a period of financial transition.

Secondly, we did not get a roster published last year, and that is not acceptable.

Finally, I believe we can improve the content of this newsletter.

So, what do I want to accomplish this year?

I want all of us, from the officers and committee members to the general membership, to think about how the Chapter can improve. I know the officers and committee members are all volunteers and many are only in a position for one or two years and then move on. Many times it's easier to just do what the last person did than to make changes. The problem is the individuals move on, but the organization stands still at best, and in all likelihood, declines. Let us keep our Chapter going forward!

I want the board to consider ways to improve our membership meetings. This may include accepting credit cards for payment, assuring continuing education credit and cutting the costs of the meetings, as examples.

We need to review the whole process of how we keep our membership informed, i.e., newsletter, roster, website. It is not my goal to make changes for the sake of change. I do not care if a single change is made this year, but I do hope, by the end of this year, we will have recommendations for the future. We also have to start planning a first class Region Forum for spring 2008.

The Executive board needs the help of all members from ideas for speakers, to articles for the newsletter. Ideas can be presented at any board meeting, or passed along to any officer or committee member. Speakers names should be passed along to Norm Thomas, SR/WA: rstnorm@sbcglobal.net and newsletter articles or other content should be forwarded to Mike Oakes, Newsletter Editor: maoakes@cmsenergy.com.

I look forward to working with everyone this year. *Please make a note of the schedule change:* our first General Membership Meeting is **Wednesday, March 7**, at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor. See you there!



Congratulations!

New Member at Large

Mike Odette has been invited to join **Ed Bradley** as a Member at Large of the International Asset Management Committee.

Way to go, Mike! Keep us posted.

Pipeline magazine reports:

Atwell-Hicks is one of the nation's largest and fastest-growing land development consulting firms and was named to the *Zweig Letter Hot Firm List* again for 2006, and was one of only three to be named for the seventh consecutive year!

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Our congratulations to Atwell-Hicks and their lucky clients!



Committee Report:
Continuing Education and Asset Management

Continuing Education Certification: We are

attempting to get CE credit for the May general meeting, and thereafter.

Asset Management: IRWA Chapter 7 is invited to participate in an Asset Management Conference being presented by Lawrence Institute of Technology this summer at a date to be determined. Please see either Mike Odette or Paul Sander if you or your firm/organization are interested in being either a presenter, panel member or on the sponsor teams for the event. This will be the first annual event and is expected to continue in the future, so charter partners are needed to join LTU, MDOT, SEMCOG, and others in our leadership in this area.

*submitted by: Michael Odette
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at right: taking their oaths of office from Jeff Jones and below: all lined up in order

Your 2007 leadership team (left to right):
 Dick Roth / President
 Andy Reed / President-Elect;
 Norm Thomas / V.P. & Program Chair;
 Kimberly Tassen / Treasurer;
 Laura Southwell / Secretary;
 Paul Sander / Asst. Sec't-Treasurer;
 Pat Petitto / Professional Dev. Chair, 2009



Ann Arbor, MI • January 12, 2007

Annual Dinner Meeting & Installation of Officers



above left: a trio of photos of pre-dinner fellowship

near right:
 Dick and Val exchange the *accoutrement* of office and share a laugh with the audience about the official "spittoon" and briefcase





Dorothy Boone is a Development Manager for the City of Lansing. Her job duties include managing federal community development block grant programs, real estate sales, acquisitions and development activities, and supervising a staff of 10. Previously, Dorothy was the Director of Supportive Housing for Michigan State Housing Development Authority for 33 years. She is married to Ernie Boone, a retired Director of Delinquency Services for the State of Michigan and currently a Journalism instructor and writer at MSU. They have 4 children: Ernie II, 37, Omari, 28, Chad, 24, and Adia, 22 and are grandparents to Sydney and Symone Boone. Dorothy enjoys entertaining, traveling, home & garden projects, dogs, MSU sports, photography, painting and genealogy She volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and is a volunteer youth entrepreneurship instructor.

(our apologies to both Dorothy and Carla Eno for the misidentification in the last issue)

Andy Reed is the Owner/Proprietor of Andrew Reed & Associates, Inc. in Berkley. Andy joined the IRWA as a result of researching various appraisal organizations for professional development and to better serve his clientele. With many of his assignments involving condemnation, he chose the IRWA. Andy is the current President Elect of Chapter 7 and served as V. P./Program Director in 2006.



In 2002, Frank Del Vecchio approached Andy about filling a vacancy on the Executive Board of Chapter 7. According to Andy, "I was humbled and gladly accepted." Before being approached, he had asked then-President Lynn Hall about being more active in the Chapter. As she later told him "Be careful what you ask for..."

In response to the question "What does the IRWA mean to you" here is Andy's Response in his own words, "I would say that the diversity of people and professions within our chapter and International make IRWA the most personally and professionally beneficial organization to which I have ever belonged. The combination of professions under the ROW umbrella makes for practical continuing education on a daily basis. Also, I feel the educational offerings and membership meetings are 'second to none' in terms of other, similar professional organizations."

Andy was born in Flint, raised in Grand Blanc and now resides in Troy with his wife, Jennifer and two children, Diane, 10 and Michael, 6. When he is not appraising or serving IRWA Chapter 7, he enjoys golf, fishing, lacrosse, travel and watching any and all sports. He also enjoys his "second job" as Girls Lacrosse Coach in Bloomfield Hills.



left: Dick Roth, Incoming President outlines his agenda

above: Dick receives his President's pin from Marilyn Roth

below: Val Lafferty recounts her year in her Outgoing President's address



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Integrating Appraisal Standards

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April 5	10:00AM	Board Meeting	Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Livonia
May 4 & 5		Spring Region Forum	Columbus, OH
May 10		General Membership Meeting	Ford Motor Co. / Dearborn
June 7	10:00AM	Board Meeting	Commonwealth & Assoc., Inc. Jackson
June 17-20		International Education Conf.	Sacramento, CA
August 2	9:30AM	Board Meeting	W.C.R.C. / Ann Arbor
September 26-28		Fall Seminar	Inn at Bay Harbor / Petoskey
September 27	5:00PM	Board Meeting	Inn at Bay Harbor / Petoskey
October TBA		Fall Region Forum	Niagara Falls, NY
November 8		General Membership Meeting	MDOT / Lansing
December 6	9:30AM	Board Meeting	W.C.R.C. / Ann Arbor

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