



INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

Chapter President Report Form:

Region 3 Fall Forum 2009

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Chapter President Name: Angela Lawson, SR/WA, R/W-NAC **Chapter No:** 37

Date: September 27, 2009

Strengths of Chapter: (“snapshot” of your Chapter since the last Region Forum)

**Chapter 37 completed amending (in whole) its Chapter’s By Laws and received approval from IGC.*

**A well attended and successful joint chapter meeting with Chapter 5, Matt Armfield, R/W-NAC President. Mark Jordan, SR/WA, R/W-NAC and Lou Ann Dollar, SR/WA along with Gerald Johnson were valuable players in our endeavor to have a successful joint meeting. Ameren U.E. provided the meeting facility at the renowned Willmore Lodge, Lake of the Ozark, and the guest speaker, Byran Vance of AmerenUE Field presented a slide presentation on the history of Bagnell Dam.*

**Presentations from three guest speakers invited to Chapter 37 meetings: Bob Merryman, R/W-RAC, O.R. Colan discussed Cool Projects: Whats’s New, What’s Interesting, R/W Implications, at the September meeting. Geoffrey Douglas, SR/WA, Ameren U.E. is scheduled for November 6th meeting, and Tom Green, Ombudsmen for The State of Missouri agreed to provide a presentation for our first available meeting in 2010.*

**Chapter 37 received valuable feedback from our member interest survey. The survey results are available on the Chapter web-site and in the September issue of Chapter 37 newsletter.*

**As of the Chapter’s last report we have one member who obtained their SR/WA, Reginal Franklin. Three members obtain their Asset Member Certification: Sandra Rupert, SR/WA, Genetra Bowser, SR/WA, and Matha Scott, SR/WA who also obtained her Negotiation-Acquisition Certification.*

** The Chapter added C200 Principles of Real Estate Negotiation and C501 Residential Relocation in November at the request of individuals working on projects in the Illinois area. Simultaneously, the chapter is marketing to individuals in the east of the River in Illinois. The course offering is an avenue to obtain additional chapter members form Illinois.*

**One of the Chapter's greatest strength is the variety of industry representing the Chapter, the pool of knowledge, resources, expertise, and networking opportunities.*

Chapter 37 has a core group of members dedicated to the Chapter for ten or more years that actively serve the Chapter and support the active participation of new members.

**Quarterly meetings continue to be well attended and guest attendance typically results in membership.*

**The Chapter's course participation is consistent and well attended.*

**Our Chapter receives and disseminates information from International and Region to the members in a timely manner via e-mail or posting in our quarterly newsletter, if not time sensitive and appropriate. The Chapter officers and chairs are responsive and work well together in directing the business of the Chapter. The chapter treasury is well balanced and well funded.*

**Our Chapter has the support of businesses and companies that encourage their employees to participate in the chapter and pursue a SR/WA designation or certification. Kudos to chapter members of a company in the St. Louis area for their support of the Chapter by offering their facility to accommodate our Chapter sponsored courses.*

**The Chapter is continuing to work toward member participation and activity in the Chapter's standing committees.*

**Chapter 37 continues to refer to the Chapter's two year strategic plan to maintain and enhance our mission to increase the Chapter's membership and member participation, and promote the Educational and Certification component.*

**Please return to:
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Region 3 Chair,**