



INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

Chapter President Report Form:

Spring Forum 2009

Overland Park, KS

To be completed by the Chapter President and submitted to the Region Chair prior to the Region Forum

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

Date: March 22, 2009

Strengths of Chapter: What are the major strengths and positives of your Chapter?
Chapter 37 currently has 85 active members. Nine new members have joined Chapter 37 in 2009. The Chapter's goal is to maintain our current membership and increase membership by 25% for the combined years of 2009 and 2010.

Thirty-four percent (34%) of Chapter 37 membership holds a SR/WA designation and 13% are SR/WA candidates. Seventeen percent (17%) of the Chapter members have a certification in various disciplines.

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 are 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.

Weaknesses of Chapter: What are the major weaknesses of your Chapter?

One area of improvement is member participation and activity in the Chapter's standing committees.

Opportunities of Chapter: Are there unique opportunities in the Chapter for advancing IRWA's and the Chapter's mission?

Absolutely. To this end, our chapter has developed a 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. Additionally, our Chapter members are in the process of completing a "Chapter 37 Membership Survey" to ascertain their interest and contribution to the Chapter for 2009-2010. The results will be disclosed at our May, 2009 meeting.

Problems in Chapter: Are there any emerging threats to IRWA's or the Chapter's mission in the region?

No known threats are recognized. However, there is concern the current economic climate of the County will have an impact on membership recruitment, and course participation for 2009, if the financial cost is sponsored by a business or an individual.

Specific actions for Region 3 or IRWA headquarters to take:

Specific actions for Region 3 or International Executive Committee (IEC) to take:

Other comments or suggestions:

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