



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
June 12, 2011; 8 – 12 AM

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Present: Della Berwanger, Chair  
John Hooson – Vice-Chair  
Carolyn Carrica  
Brent Arnold  
Vance Tuttle  
James Laramie  
Fred Walasavage  
Josh Sherretz  
Darrel Vanhooser

Regrets: Clyde Johnson  
Cristin Cochran  
Curt Proud  
Orell Anderson  
Dhugal Hanton  
Terry Matheson

Guest: Bruce Trepl

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**Item 1 - Opening Welcome & Review of Attendees (Della)**

Della & John welcomed all that could attend & asked them to introduce themselves.

Bruce Trepl, Project Manager, Contract Land Staff, Houston TX joined us as interested IRWA member.

Brief Review of February 16 2011 Conference Call Minutes (Della)  
Della moved minutes be adopted as distributed; Carolyn seconded.

**Item 2 – Seminar Topics for 2011 Conference – Atlanta (John)**

John briefly discussed the final arrangements for various sessions in Atlanta.

- Monday 9 -10:30 AM - Alberta Oil Sands Development and the Environment (Speaker: Alan Reid, Cenovus Energy; Moderator: Dhugal Hanton)
- Monday 3:30 – 4:30 PM - Energy Siting & ROW Related Assessment – Policy Challenges and Opportunities (Speaker: Vijay Satyal, Oregon DOE; Moderator: John Hooson) - John already in contact with Vijay
- Tuesday 1 – 3 PM - Using Geospatial Intelligence to Improve Business Decisions for Right of Way Planning and Execution (co-sponsored with Surveying & Engineering Committee) (Speaker: Howard Botts & Steve Egge, CoreLogic; Moderator: John Hooson)
- Wed 8 – 9:30 AM - Environmental Justice (panel discussion co-sponsored with Relocation Committee) (Panel: David Blakeney, Robert Merryman, Anne Morris; Moderator: Mack Dickerson)
- Wed 10 – 11:30 AM - Current Environmental Mitigation Requirements & Issues (Panel: Gail D’Avion, John Campbell, Betsy Shirk; Moderator: Carolyn Carrica – Clyde Johnson was unavailable at last minute)



### **Item 3 – Seminar Topics for Seattle (John)**

Darrel – mentioned company out of Seattle & would recommend topic on Brownfields which might have a US and Canadian perspective

< Wayne Goss dropped in to present himself as Candidate for the IEC >

< Mary Anne Marr dropped in to present herself as Candidate for the IEC >

< Valerie Fries Wade dropped in to brief us on the status of the course reviews – discussed on more detail under Item 5 >

Other ideas for topics at Seattle:

- Everyone agreed that we should try to organize for an environmental tour in Seattle.
- Interest was expressed for a presentation on oil spill cleanup. BP and Kalamazoo River spills were planned for Atlanta but legal issues at the time prevented them from being given.
- Topic on wind farms as there are lot out west. Oregon Dept of Energy conducted public hearings and study of impacts as a result of public concerns.
- Interest was expressed for topic or panel discussion on major water rights issues and/or dam removal environmental issues.
- Interest on topics related to flooding and wetlands regulatory issues (potential for US Army Corps Engineers, and natural resources attorney previously contacted by John Hooson to speak)
- Interest expressed for a topic on endangered species at risk from project development and the use of mitigation banking.
- Environmental issues associated with development of tar sands and oil shale in Utah, Wyoming, ?
- Presentation on controversial NEPA oil or gas pipeline transmission line or highway project

### **Item 4 – Reviews of Existing Courses**

Della related that Headquarters had reviewed briefly new strategy for course updating. This had arisen as it related to the revamping of the department at HQ with Valerie Fries Wade taking over.

Valerie dropped by to give the committee a brief overview and provide handouts (appended to these Minutes) on proposed new Course Revision Process (appended). Valerie indicated that he group had taken over the responsibilities that Ron Ellis and his staff had been responsible for. Apparently revisions to the Environmental Courses were not scheduled at first. Hope was that committee would prioritize those that require revision in priority sequence. Work is still progressing on the conversion of select classroom courses to online courses.

Discussion on prioritization of course revisions:

- 604 – US & Cdn Versions both suffer for poor quality graphics & need for updated content – while some comments could be provided by the committee, Fred had suggested that might be wise to engage a contractor to revise.
- 600 – US & Cdn Versions could both be freshened up. Fred had enhanced slides.
- Then 603 – newer and facilitators felt it needed less done

- 606 – newest revised course – US Version for classroom seemed ok but was long; US Online version has never received a thorough review by committee members due to technical problems accessing the online version with having to enroll to take the course. Also the committee did not feel that it was right for online application due to the complexity of the course. 606 Cdn Version suffers bit from developer’s US bias & just trying to convert the US Version into a Cdn version – bit needs to be done to fix issues – graphics were fine when developer did them but HQ modified when they converted format, so there are typos and poor graphics. No online version for 606 Cdn at this time. (since this meeting, one of few Canadian facilitators and as committee chair, Della was asked to look over the online script for 606 Cdn Version & Della asked Janet Walker, also Canadian and on IPDC to help, as she had assisted before with the classroom version – revisions to the online version are being compiled by developer & new version will be circulated before it goes live).
- Also discussed potential of added hyperlinks to online courses or to slides for courses so can have extra value added to the course materials

#### **Item 5 – Update on Specialty Certification & Related Proposal New Courses/Modules (Della)**

Potential revisions to the specialty career paths and supporting new courses/modules is still under review by the IEC. They were going to be polling the membership and industry to understand what would be desired specialty career paths & try to get feedback on the potential new career path options. The report on the specialty career paths was not widely distributed.

#### **Item 6 – Committee Membership Review (Della)**

Review of representation is ongoing so we have representatives for each Region. Also we haven’t heard from some people for long time and we are aware that few likely have retired.

#### **Any Other Business**

No other business

Meeting adjourned.

Please provide any errors/omissions in these minutes to Della Berwanger.