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*SR/WA Requirements Due to Change*

*By Carolyn Carrica, SR/WA*

It has been mentioned before, but having it in print sometimes helps. The SR/WA Candidacy Program will be changing this year on June 30, 2010. If you wish to use the old program, there are some things you should know. If you are not a candidate now but are thinking of applying, please take a few minutes and review the items below.

You have to apply for Candidacy before the deadline, which is June 30, 2010.

You will have 5 years to complete your course work for the SR/WA designation. That is just one 5-year cycle.

If you do not complete the work in that 5-year cycle you will have to start over with the

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Contact your PDC (Professional Development Committee) 1st Chair for a review of your course work. She will either help you herself or assign another member of the Committee to help you.

This review will give you direction and an idea how much work is left to complete the SR/WA designation program. Together you can then decide how best to proceed.

Remember the Committee is here to help you in your quest for success, use them.

Your PDC is:

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*Election of New Chapter Officers in April*



It's time once again to elect officers for the upcoming year. At the April 21st meeting,

these dedicated and courageous people are up for election:

- John Dyer of AMEC for **President**
- Karen SooHoo of Property Specialists for **Vice-President**
- Kathy Renfrow of NV Energy for **Secretary**

- Jo Pinther of Property Specialists for **Treasurer**

Nominations will be accepted from the floor. We encourage all our members to attend this important meeting. The newly elected officers will be installed into office at the May 19th meeting.

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*President's Message*

By Kelly Hirning, SR/WA



Spring Time Greetings,  
Members and Friends!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with their families and friends. With my term almost over I would like to say that I feel honored to have served as your leader and I hope that I have done so to your satisfaction. I would still like to encourage members to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

I would like to congratulate Karen SooHoo for doing such a superb job as Treasurer. She has been very dedicated and has converted our finances to Quick Books quite smoothly. Fred Nasri was very satisfied with Karen's work and she has

turned in the tax information that Headquarters requests every year in a very thorough and timely fashion. Thanks Karen!

I would also like to thank Kathy Renfrow for becoming a volunteer as Secretary within the first year of her membership, a very courageous step for her and a job well done.

A big thanks to John Dyer as Vice President. John has been extremely committed to the Chapter and very supportive of me.

Thanks to Heather Edmunson for stepping up to Membership Chair and coordinating the V&T Train Ride when she already has a plate over flowing.

Thanks to Patty Paulson for learning the evolving task of Professional Development Chair with the help of Carolyn Carrica who has been a PDC since I have been a member.

Special thanks to Carolyn for being Education Chair and her continued dedication

to Chapter 46 and Region 1.

And thank you to Carol Buonanoma for her continued work putting out the Zephyr and maintaining the Chapter 46 and Region 1 websites.

I appreciate all Members and the wonderful and unique camaraderie of our group.

Noting that the economy has taken such a dive I am happy to say that our membership has lost a few retirees but gained a few new members. If there are any members that are having difficult times and are finding it a financial burden to renew their membership I encourage you to contact IRWA Headquarters staff Bonnie Gray or Daniel Stekol. They may be able to work something out with you. No one is immune to hardships during these times. I wish peace, love, prosperity & good health to you all. Shine on!

Warm Regards,  
Chapter 46 President,  
Kelly Hirning

*The Zephyr Wins Top Honors*

By Carol Buonanoma, CMS, GISP

The official Chapter 46 newsletter *The Zephyr*, has been recognized in this year's International Competition with the prestigious "Newsletter of the Year" award for chapters with under 100 members.

Everyone who has written an article during the past year shares this honor. As the Zephyr's editor, it is gratifying to work with such a knowledgeable group of professionals who are willing to share their experiences with the organization.

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## The Zephyr

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**The V & T Railroad Rolls Again**  
By Heather Edmunson, SR/WA, BV/WMAC

ALL ABOARD!!!! It's time to gather up our colleagues, friends and family for a fun fall adventure. Please join us to RIDE THE V & T RAILROAD from Carson City to Virginia City and back, on 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 23rd.

The trip is twelve miles long and will last about an hour and a half. We will depart from the newly constructed Esplanade station located on the east side of Carson City. Once onboard, we'll experience a scenic journey following the historic Carson and Nevada Railway Mainline to Virginia City. Along the way, we may see exposed silver ore veins and possibly some wild sheep, bighorn and other wildlife. Stops of interest include: Tramp's Stop, which is 500 feet long, Comstock mines and shafts and the historic Gold Hill Station which was completed in September, 1858 and restored in the 1970s. There is a scenic boat ride in Virginia City where we will have the opportunity to board together or on our own. The boat's price will be announced in the next future. The trip returns back to Carson City at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under and \$14 for seniors over 65 and veterans.  
Call Heather Edmunson at 834-8071 or email her at [hedmunson@tmwa.net](mailto:hedmunson@tmwa.net) to place your ticket order ASAP!!

## March 17 Meeting in Carson City a Success

By Kelly Hirning, SR/WA

On March 17, 2010 the IRWA Chapter 46 membership meeting was held at Red's Old 395 Grill in Carson City.

Although served a little late the BBQ Sandwich Buffet with Cobb Salad was a very good choice for the luncheon. Attendance was what we had hoped for; a number of NDOT Right of Way employees and several members who reside in the Carson City area attended, including George Wilkerson, which I found as a nice surprise seeing George at a meeting other than our Installation Meetings.

Our business meeting was brief and the slate of new officers was announced by David Vill, Nominations and Elections Chair.



Chapter 46 Vice-President, John Dyer (left) with guest speakers Jack Yates and David Friedman

The guest speakers were Jack Yates and David Friedman with Nevada Division of Environment Protection (NDEP). The presentation was about the Carson River Mercury Site which happens to be the only site in the state of Nevada that is on the Superfund National Priorities List.

The presentation explained that NDEP must work with developers in the Dayton area, downstream along the Carson River to

Lake Lahontan and lands that fall on old Comstock Era gold mill sites, with soil sampling, to determine the levels of mercury, and the cleanup process prior to any future development to protect human health and the environment.

NDEP continues to work identifying and monitoring potential risks to the public as a result of mercury in the soil caused by approximately 130 old gold mill sites identified being formerly located in the Carson River watershed. The presentation was very interesting, especially for NDOT folks that will have to work directly with NDEP regarding right of way improvements that fall in these potentially contaminated areas prior to construction.

### Meeting Dates

<b>Board</b>	September 2, 2009
<b>Membership</b>	September 16, 2009
<b>Board</b>	October 7, 2009
<b>Membership</b>	October 21, 2009
<b>Board</b>	November 4, 2009
<b>Membership</b>	November 18, 2009
<b>Board</b>	December 2, 2009
<b>Membership</b>	December 16, 2009
<b>Board</b>	January 6, 2010
<b>Membership</b>	January 20, 2010
<b>Board</b>	February 3, 2010
<b>Membership</b>	February 17, 2010
<b>Board</b>	March 3, 2010
<b>Membership</b>	March 17, 2010
<b>Board</b>	April 7, 2010
<b>Membership</b>	April 21, 2010
<b>Board</b>	May 5, 2010
<b>Membership</b>	May 19, 2010



## Highlights from the Region 1 Spring Forum

By Chris Banks, Region 1 Chair, SR/WA

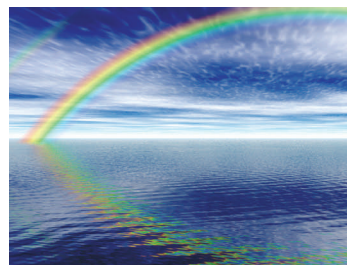
The Spring Forum held on March 20, 2010 in San Diego was a great success.

The elections for Region Chair and Vice Chair were held for the year 2010-2011. Carolyn "Chris" Banks, SR/WA was elected for a second year as Region Chair and Renee Marruffo, SR/WA, RW-NAC was elected Region Vice Chair.

Other noteworthy items

from the Forum include:

- Chapter 11 San Diego announced their bid for the International Conference in 2015. We heard a rumor that their competition will be Anchorage Alaska.
- Sandra Durbin, SR/WA, Chapter 11, was the recipient of the 2010 Region 1 Professional of the Year. Congratulations, Sandra!



- The two Region 1 Newsletters of the Year award winners for 2010 were chosen – Chapter 50 Fresno (chapters under 100

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### Next Meeting

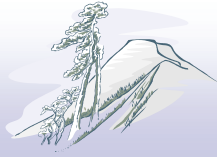
Noon to 1:00

April 21, 2010

Location:

NV Energy  
6100 Neil Road—Reno, NV  
Cafeteria Conference Room

Our speaker will be Rob Hooper, Executive Director of the Northern Nevada Development Authority. He will speak about new business outreach and the economic outlook in Nevada in the upcoming year.



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### Spring Forum Highlights

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members) and Chapter 11 San Diego (chapters over 100 members). However, to give credit where it is due, there were many other very fine newsletters submitted for consideration and the race was a close one!

- A new program, "Make Change Work", was developed by Randy Pennington of the Pennington Performance Group and the abbreviated version of the program was presented at the

Forum. The program will also be offered to leaders at the Calgary Conference.

- Region 9 Chair, Lee Satterfield Hamre, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, flew in from Colorado with her husband, Austin, and announced her candidacy for the IEC.

- The 2010 Fall Forum date and location were announced – it will be hosted by Chapter 27 in Sacramento on Oct 1-2, with the Region meeting on October 2nd. More information will be forthcoming soon.



- And don't forget the International Education Conference is in Calgary, B.C. in June.

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