

Past President invites SD members to conference, meets fellow IAWP members in Nebraska

By Rich Vincent

The IAWP year is close to its yearly cycle culminating with our state educational conference. The State Conference is April 12th and 13th in Rapid City. There will also be IAWP sponsored training for newly hired DOL employees on April 11th.

The theme of this issue of the *South Dakota IAWP Messenger* is the State Conference entitled **Like the Colors of the Rainbow – So Is Workforce Development**. It will be held at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. There are conference details on the website at www.iawp-sd.com. It would be wonderful to see as many of our members attend as possible. It is a great opportunity to rekindle relationships with fellow members and learn more about our profession and growth. Linda Glorfield

our District X Director from Iowa will also be in attendance.



I was in Lincoln, Nebraska in March. I was able to tour the Unemployment Insurance call center. I was treated very graciously by the Call Center Manager Donna Heide and her staff. I was able to visit with fellow IAWP members from the Nebraska chapter. In the picture below are Becky Belohavy, Mary Kay Hackett, myself, Nancy Gewecke and Brenda Brockhoff.

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A Message from the President

By Tom Meyer
SD Chapter President



Dear Fellow Workforce Professionals,

What an exciting time to be in our profession!

The theme of this issue of *South Dakota IAWP Messenger* is the 2007 IAWP-SD Spring Educational Conference, April 11-13, 2007, at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in Rapid City, which is shaping up to be an outstanding conference at a very affordable price.

The success of the joint IAWP and DOL training at last year's conference in Pierre has prompted DOL to once again sponsor an additional day (April 11) specifically for training of new DOL staff. The remainder of the conference (April 12-13) will be a traditional format. We are very excited that our state IAWP chapter is partnering with South Dakota Department of Labor to be a training vehicle.

This year's conference will focus on Workforce Diversity, and will include workshops and activities related to Serving People With Disabilities, Veterans Programs, Professional Development, and others. There will be a variety of breakout sessions, from the different Program areas as well as information for Retirees, to provide a diverse selection of training options.

There are conference details on the website at www.iawp-sd.com. It would be awesome to see as many of our members attend as possible. It is a great opportunity to rekindle relationships with fellow members and learn more about our profession and growth.

Please click on the [Conference Information](#) link on this page or on the 'Conference' link in the menu for agenda information and to register. This year, we have added Online Registration, including the option to pay online using Paypal, a secure online service which enables any individual or business with an email address to securely, easily and quickly send and receive payments online. Check it out!

Mark your calendar now and begin making your plans to spend April 11-13, 2007, at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in Rapid City for the IAWP-SD Spring Educational Conference.

To view further conference details click on www.iawp-sd.com/conf/2007institute.html.

See you there!

Tom



A Recap by Awards Chair

By Rich Vincent
SD Chapter Past President, Awards Chair

Hello Everyone!!! I have not done a very good job in this area by not submitting articles for the *South Dakota IAWP Messenger* the past two editions. I hope everyone is well and survived the winter.

WOW is the word that comes to mind right now for the recent events for our IAWP chapter. We are on the verge of hosting the 2009 IAWP International conference, which would be a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our state to our fellow IAWP members from across the country. The announcement has been made that we officially will be given this opportunity for 2009. The reception and hosting held for Linda Barnes our IAWP International President and Mary Riddell from the executive office I heard was well done. Thank you to all the Rapid City members that took the time to make their trip a memorable visit.

As awards chair for Tom this year we ignited the yearly fire from last year to get the awards personnel together. We met on 1-20-07 at Cedar Shores Resort. This was the time to brainstorm nominations and awards criteria to help everyone put together the nominations prior to 3-1-07 when they were due at International.

I am sure by now those that have assisted with putting together our awards for both state and International are worn out listening to me but wanted to recap for everyone. Last year at International in Louisville we were awarded the Most Improved Chapter award. Overall we received 243 out of a possible 430 chapter development points. Overall we were 10th in points of all the chapters that submitted award nominations.

This year there are the usual categories but there were 2 new ones added: Unemployment Insurance and Membership. South Dakota submitted an award category in every major category. There are other categories that are not awarded chapter development points but we submitted nominations as well for Public Policy, One Stop, Administrator, and Lifetime Achievement. South Dakota should be very well represented again at the International conference in Idaho.

I want to recognize all those that worked very hard in preparing the award nominations. Without their help we would have never been successful in preparing the awards for submission to International by March 1st.

Merit - Sue Bogen and Robin Wallum
Citation – Greg Johnson
Specialized Customer Services – Brenda Luedtke & Bonnie Zachman
Veterans – Todd Kolden
Retiree – Dennis Coull
International Development – Duke Goodell
Education – Twila Ferguson & Shannon Bintliff
Legislation – Tom Meyer
Communications – Jane Husman
Professional Practices – Bonnie Zachman
Public Policy – Duke Goodell & Tom Meyer
One Stop – Lisa Johnson & Tom Meyer
Unemployment Insurance – Robin Wallum

Short and sweet that is what Tom always says. I am signing off for now. Stay warm and hope to see everyone in Rapid City this week.

Rich