

Region No. 7 Report

International Relocation Committee - International Right of Way Association

Meeting Date: January 29, 2010 (FAU)

Representative: C. Michelle Colby, SR/WA R/W-RAC # Pending! ☺

1. **Current market trends/challenges/opportunities related to relocation in your area [i.e., availability and applicability (stock, value, credit mortgages, rentals) of housing/commercial replacement properties].**

As expected, poor credit and inability to get relocatees financed for a replacement home has proven challenging throughout Region 7. Agency policies regarding whether to directly finance individuals or pay for homes outright are being decided on a case-by-case basis.

2. **What recent laws and/or agency enacted policy and procedures affecting relocation efforts (or will affect future projects) in your region?**

N/A

3. **Please list all Series 500 courses that *have been offered* throughout your region since your last report to this meeting together with the date of those offerings and if determined, name the Facilitator for the course.**

C-503 - Mobile Home Relocation: January 13, 2010, Anchorage, AK – Chapter 49  
C-504 – Computing Replacement Housing Payments: January 14-15, 2010, Anchorage, AK – Chapter 49

Both courses facilitated by AI House, SR/WA

4. **What is the *proposed C-500 Course* offering for your region during all of the Year 2010?**

C-501 - Residential Relocation Assistance: March 22, 2010, Edmonds, WA – Chapter 4  
C-503 - Mobile Home Relocation: July 22, 2010, Portland, OR – Chapter 3  
C-505 - Advanced Residential Relocation Assistance: November 4, 2010, Portland, OR – Chapter 3  
C-506 - Advanced Business Relocation Assistance: September 16, 2010, Olympia, WA – Chapter 4 and November 17, 2010, Portland, OR – Chapter 3

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5. Have you or the members you represent identified any specific relocation needs for your region that this Committee may address?

Not at this time.

6. What is the breakdown of members in your region that 1) earned their R/W-RAC; 2) candidates for a R/W-RAC (*this information may be obtained from HQ*)?

To my knowledge, 1 member from Chapter 4, Paul Gould, was awarded his R/W-RAC since our last meeting. I have been unable to verify if additional candidates received their certifications since our last meeting or the number of R/W-RAC candidates within the Region to date. I will verify the information with HQ and send an updated report if there is additional information.

As an aside, I have completed all my education requirements and will be submitting for my R/W-RAC certification in the next 2 weeks! ☺

7. Any additional relocation related comments?

The participants in C-504 in Anchorage found the class very informative and useful in their day-to-day jobs; however, there was an overwhelming sentiment that the course materials need to be organized similar to how files are organized with the SDOR first, the calculations behind the SDOR, etc. The flipping back and forth to find the information you need to finish the case study was frustrating for all participants.