

The Centerline

It's hard to believe that it's been almost a year since I became your President. This is the last time I will be addressing you in the centerline and in this capacity. It's gone by so fast but it's been a good full year of learning experiences both professionally and personally. Now that my term is coming to a close, please allow me to reflect on some of the lessons that I learned from this experience:

- That everyone has something to offer, and their personal uniqueness and experiences allow us to shine brighter and accomplish greater.
- That mentors are invaluable, and their words of wisdom strengthen us to be better and do better.
- That leadership is a shared responsibility, there is no perfect leader or solution, but positive guidance through constructive feedback empowers and leads everyone.
- It's ok to give praise and thank everyone for everything, even the little things. Every word means something to somebody.
- Lastly, to not take myself too seriously. To laugh and enjoy the process of learning and to allow everyone else to laugh with me. Humility is what we strive for, laughter is how we get there!

Through this entire process I was supported by an amazing group of officers, committee chairs and committee members. Without their wisdom, grace and mercy I wouldn't have been able to fulfill my duties. These individuals give new meaning to the words "leadership," "dedication" and "volunteerism." I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.

And last, but certainly not least, to our members. Without you we have no purpose. It has been a privilege and an honor to have served you as President.

As I moved from the role of President to International Director, I am glad that this is not farewell, but just a change of roles. I'm looking forward to working with our new President, Bruce Trepl, and his leadership team to continue to improve and elevate our professional and Chapter.

Again, thank you for letting me serve you.

Sincerely,

Ken Vacek, SR/WA



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IRWA Chapter 8 President

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Harness the leading edge knowledge and skills to excel in your Right of Way career, earn your credential, and enhance your lifelong continuing education journey.

Choose from five categories of professional education that are customized to fit your unique learning needs and wishes! The five categories are:

- VEIT classes- online classes with a classroom feel
- Leadership Institute- online classes for emerging leaders
- On Demand Classes- online audio/ppt classes
- Education-to-Go- mini-enrichment online classes
- Classroom-based classes- traditional in person classes

[IRWA Education Link](#)

Calendar of Events

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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MAY 12 - CHAPTER 8 MONTHLY LUNCHEO

HESS CLUB

CLASSES:

MAY 1-2 - C215 RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITIONS FOR PIPELINE PROJECTS CLS

MAY 5-11 - C421 THE VALUATION OF PARTIAL ACQUISITIONS PERCHERON

MAY 9-10 - C203 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CLS

MAY 12 - C431 PROBLEMS IN THE VALUATION OF PARTIAL ACQUISITIONS PERCHERON



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June 2017

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JUNE 2 - CHAPTER 8 MONTHLY LUNCHEO

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L to R: Bruce Trepl, Contract Land Staff; Rebecca Curry, Enterprise Products; Brandon Hodge, Allen, Williford and Seale, Inc; Kasy Chambers, Air Liquide; Ken Vacek, CenterPoint Energy

Announcing The 2017-2018 IRWA Chapter 8 Young Professional's Committee

Chair: Kelly Simmons, Paragon Partners

Membership Chair: Mintra Rickelman, Percheron

Events Chairs: Britney Christy, Spirit Environmental
Kirby Ewing, Contract Land Staff

Events Committee: Barrett Haby, Allen, Williford and Seale, Inc

Education Chair: Daniel Shaw, Pinnacle Consulting Management Group

Congratulations to our new IRWA C8 YPG Leadership!

Chapter 8 Website Sponsors

Gulf States Chapter 8 would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued support for our website. Their contribution helps offset our technology costs for website hosting, website maintenance and email communications. Without their support these services would not be possible. If your company is interested in sponsoring the website, please contact Brandon Hodge at bhodge@appraiser.com. All sponsors logos are displayed on the Chapter 8 website.



Industry Acronyms



Industry Acronyms You Need To Know!

IRWA – International Right of Way Association

ROW – Right of Way

RWA – Right of Way Agent

RWP – Right of Way Professional

SR / WA – Senior Right of Way Professional

RWIEF – Right of Way International Educational Foundation

CRWIEF – Canadian Right of Way International Educational Foundation

ROWCC – Right of Way Consultants Council

YPG, YP's or YoPro's – IRWA Young Professionals Group

CLIMB – Content knowledge and communication, Leadership, Instruction, Methodology and Behaviors

WHO SAYS THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH?

Chapter 8 Members,

The Chapter 8 Board has decided to offer its members the opportunity to receive a free lunch for the submission, acceptance and publication of a newsletter article.

To Qualify:

1. You must be a current IRWA Chapter 8 member. (Chapter Chairs and Executive Officers excluded)
2. Submit a newsletter article and have it published in the Award Winning The Centerline.
3. You receive a free lunch voucher for one of the regularly scheduled lunch meetings.

Submit your article today to

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New Requirements for Filing for SR/WA Candidacy

Transitioning Options Update

Transitioning your current certification from the old program to the new Industry Certification Program:

Pathway certification levels available under the new Industry Certification Program are:

Generalist	O&G Pipeline	Transportation	Electric-Utilities
RWA	RWA	RWA	RWA
RWP-GN	RWP-OG	RWP-TN	RWP-EU
SR/WA-GN	SR/WA-OG	SR/WA-TN	SR/WA-EU

Anyone who held an RWA certification prior to January 14, 2016 is automatically an RWA under the new Industry Certification Program in any of the -GN, -OG, -TN & EU pathways.

Anyone who held an RWP certification prior to January 14, 2016 is automatically an RWP-GN under the new Industry Certification Program.

Anyone who held an SR/WA certification prior to January 14, 2016 is automatically an SR/WA-GN under the new Industry Certification Program.

Anyone who held an RWA, RWP or SR/WA certification prior to January 14, 2016 is automatically granted credit for RWA level coursework under all of the pathways (-GN, -OG, -TN & EU) within the new Industry Certification Program.

Transitioning options for those partially through the old program (the pre-2016 RWA, RWP or SR/WA program):

You will have until December 31, 2016 to earn 64 or more credits hours of IRWA course work to qualify for SR/WA candidacy

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You will have until December 31, 2016 to apply for SR/WA candidacy.

Approved candidates must complete the requirements within the 5-year candidacy time frame. Candidates who complete this certification under the pre-2016 program will be granted SR/WA-GN certification.

The current SR/WA Review Study Session and Exam is intended for SR/WA candidates under the old program. The review study session and the capstone exam given at the end of the review class is not intended for individuals under the new program.

The new Industry Pathway Certification Program has four different capstone exams — one for each industry pathway. But unlike the old Generalist Program, the new program currently has no review class for the capstone exam. However, for individuals under the new program, the current SR/WA Review Study Session is a good general review to add to their own focused study of materials. But they should not take the SR/WA comprehensive exam at the end of the class.

Under the new program, the capstone exam is taken after completing all the required coursework because the exam questions are based on the specific courses they completed as part of the Industry Pathway. Since the new program will test the material taken in their specific industry, it is highly suggested that they review the material from each of those courses in detail on their own.

Fun & Games

“Life is more fun if you play games.” ~ Roald Dahl

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Alstroemeria

Daffodil

Golden Rod

Pansy

Amaryllis

Daisy

Hollyhocks

Peony

Anthurium

Delphinium

Hyacinth

Petunia

Aster

Forget Me Not

Hydrangea

Rose

Babys Breath

Foxglove

Iris

Snapdragon

Bell Flower

Freesia

Lavender

Statice

Bird of Paradise

Fuchsia

Lilac

Stock

Bouvardia

Geranium

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Tulip

Carnation

Ginger

Marigold

Violet

Chrysanthemum

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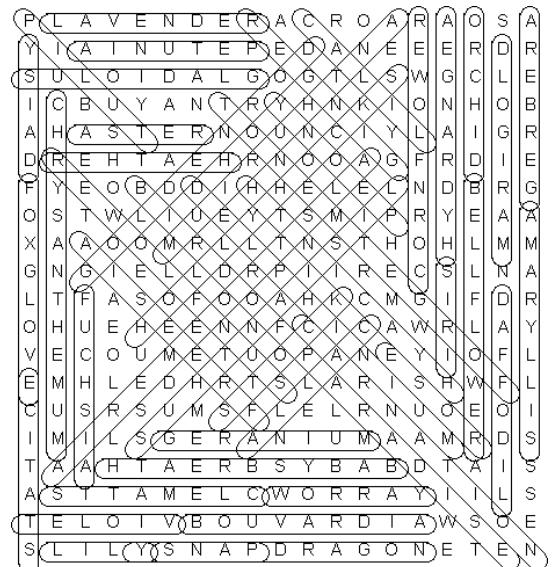
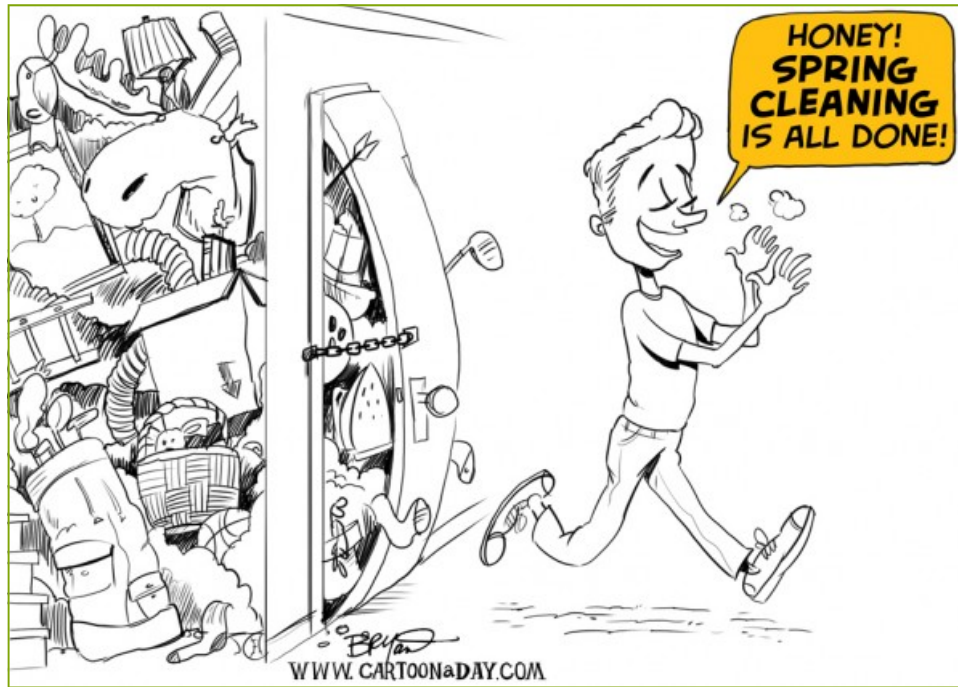
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Yarrow

Cornflower

Answers are on the next page!

Fun & Games



About the IRWA

Since its inception as a not-for-profit association in 1934, the IRWA has united the efforts of its members toward professional development, strong ethics and improved service to employers and the public, along with advancements within the right of way profession. IRWA is the

unsurpassed source of right of way educational programs and professional services worldwide.

Our Members

Dedicated exclusively to the right of way profession, IRWA has nearly 10,000 members throughout the US, Canada and Africa. Our members are multi-disciplined professionals employed by private industry and government agencies as Acquisition Agents, Appraisers, Environment Professionals, Engineers, Lawyers, Property Managers, Relocation Assistance Agents, Surveyors and Title Experts.

Please welcome our newest Chapter Members:



Jene Cash

David Mairs

Please help us congratulate the following Educational Milestone, Recertification's and Candidacy's:

SR/WA Recertification

Lisa Adams SR/WA

Matthew Bisson SR/WA

Robert Findley SR/WA

Michael Phillips SR/WA, R/W-RAC, URAC

David Sinclair SR/WA

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Meet Your Communications Committee:

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