

## Letter From the President

Greetings Chapter 8!

I hope this note finds you all doing well and ready for the Holiday Season. Speaking of which, I hope everyone can make it on Friday, December 1 to the Christmas Luncheon. Remember to bring toys or money donations for Toys for Tots. As always, we will be bringing you great food, entertainment, lots of awesome raffle prizes and you get to see a lot of folks who otherwise do not attend.

It seems our November luncheon was a tremendous hit. We had over 90 in attendance. Like I said in the meeting, either everyone was there to see the Corp of Engineers or maybe it had something to do with it being on a Thursday. I'm going to assume the latter. If I was a betting man, which I am, I would say you will begin seeing more Thursday meetings in the near future.

The board is considering hosting an Electric and Utilities Symposium in the Fall of 2018 and if you have any experience or ideas on this matter, please get these to the Board as soon as possible. If we do decide to host this in Houston, we will need a lot of help!!

Thank you again for all the support you give to Chapter 8 and I look forward to seeing you on December 1<sup>st</sup>.



*Bruce Trepl, SR/WA  
IRWA Chapter 8 President*

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[IRWA Education Link](#)

# Calendar of Events

## November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30		

Nov 2 - Chapter 8 Monthly Luncheon

Hess Club

### CLASSES:

Nov 8 –C213 Conflict Management

Kinder Morgan

Nov 27-28—C501 Residential Relocation Assistance

TxDOT

Nov 29-30—C502 Non-Residential Relocation Assistance

TxDOT

**Beginning April 2018, Chapter 8 will no longer be accepting educational vouchers for its classes. We encourage you to utilize them on classes prior to April.**



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**Dec 1 - Chapter 8 Monthly Luncheon**

**Hess Club**

### CLASSES:

**Dec 4-5 –Practical Negotiations for US Federal and  
Federally Assisted Projects**

**Kinder Morgan**

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# Chapter 8 Monthly Meeting Recap

## IRWA Chapter 8 Meeting Recap – November 2, 2017

By Jason Reece, R/W-AC, Sendero Appraisals, LP

**Speaker:** Tim Nelson, Chief, Real Estate Division

**Topic:** Galveston District, Real Estate Division

Mr. Nelson provided a general overview of the Corps of Engineers and their operations. The Corps has 9 divisions worldwide with 44 districts and 9 centers/labs. Approximately 37,000 civilians and 700 military personnel keep the Corps running. The Corps has served the nation for last 242 years. As the nation's number one federal provider of outdoor recreation, the Corps owns and operates over 600 dams; operates and maintains 12,000 miles of commercial inland navigation channels; dredges more than 200 million cubic yards of material annually; maintains 926 coastal, Great Lakes and inland harbors; restores, creates, enhances and preserves tens of thousands of acres of wetlands annually; owns and operates 24 percent of the US hydropower capacity; provides technical and construction support to more than 100 countries and manages the Army Military Construction Program. The Corps has six primary missions; Civil Works, Military, Environment, Emergency Operations, Research, and Development and Sustainability. Mr. Nelson discussed the boundaries of the Galveston District which runs the length of the Texas coastline plus parts of 3 parishes in Louisiana and 100 miles inland with a total of approximately 50,00 square miles. The Galveston District is home to 28 ports that handle 550 million tons of commerce annually. Mr. Nelson discussed how the recent Panama Canal Expansion is causing Texas ports to expand their capacity and depth in order to accept these additional ships. After a very brief mention of the Addicks and Barker reservoirs in Houston, Mr. Nelson stated that obviously he is not able to discuss these bodies of water due to the pending litigation after Hurricane Harvey. Mr. Nelson also covered the Corps of Engineer's Real Estate Outgrant Process and the real estate application process and how the Corps is actively working to make each process a little easier. The Corps is currently conducting several large-scale studies like the Jefferson County Shoreline Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, the Houston Ship Channel Deeping Project (classified as a Mega Study), as well as studies on seawall work and creating hurricane reduction areas.

### Bio

In July 2014 Mr. Nelson was appointed the District Chief of Real Estate for the Galveston District. In this position he supervises a staff of 18 to 20 Realty Specialists as well as supporting staff. Mr. Nelson is responsible for the management of the Galveston District's ex-

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isting real property holdings and oversees efforts of our local sponsor partners in their acquisition of property rights support civil works projects. Mr. Nelson serves on the Galveston District Board of Director, Project Review Board and Manpower Approval Board.

Mr. Nelson began his career with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in Carbondale Illinois in 1979. He worked as an Engineering Technician for a short time, however soon transferred to Land Acquisition Branch as an Appraiser. During his time in the Land Acquisition Branch, he expanded his experience to include work as a Negotiator, Property Manager and Relocation Assistance Agent.

In November 1987 Mr. Nelson started his career with the St. Louis District, Corps of Engineers in the Acquisition Branch of the Real Estate Division. His responsibilities included providing Relocation Assistance to displaced businesses and residences and negotiating to acquire real property interest for the District's various civil works projects. In 1989 Tim transferred to the Appraisal Branch as a District Review Appraiser and in 1994 became the Chief of the Appraisal/Planning and Control Branch.

In December 2010 Mr. Nelson was named as the Interim Chief of the St. Louis District Real Estate Division. On September 11, 2011 the Missouri Valley Real Estate Divisions were regionalized to form two Regional Real Estate Divisions. Mr. Nelson was assigned as the Interim Geographic Chief of Real Estate for the St. Louis District and the Regional Chief of Management & Disposal for the Real Estate Region (North).

Mr. Nelson served as a charter member of the MVD Regional Program Budget Advisory Committee (RPBAC) the team that developed and instituted the Combined Departmental Overhead (CDO) for the Mississippi Valley Division. Mr. Nelson also served on the Operation and Management (O&M) Budget Team for the St. Louis District, helping to direct the District's O&M funding. While in Real Estate Chief in St. Louis, he was a voting member of the MVD Real Estate Functional Board (REFB). He served as the Real Estate representative to the MVD Regional Management Board.

Mr. Nelson is a Certified Real Estate Appraiser in the State of Missouri and owned and operated a small appraisal firm specializing in residential real estate appraisal.

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Join us

## IRWA Chapter 8 Christmas Luncheon!

Friday, December 1, 2017

11:00 am—2:00 pm

Hess Club, 5430 Westheimer, Houston, Texas 77056

### Guest Speaker:

Bill McCalpine  
Performance Coach, Keynote Speaker

A talented and versatile individual, Bill is a nationally published cartoonist and has appeared as a regular contributor in King Feature Syndicate's New Breed comic strip. He illustrated Care Packages for the Workplace by Barbara Glanz. An avid cyclist, Bill is a former competitive USCF road cyclist.



**Thank you for  
supporting the  
Chapter 8 Toys  
for Tots  
Program!**

Don't forget to bring a new unwrapped toy or cash, check or credit card to donate at the meeting.

Remember, all money raised will be used to buy educational and imagination inspiring toys at wholesale cost from our partners at Discovery Toys. These toys will be donated to a local United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots campaign brightening Christmas for many of the less fortunate children in our area.

# Young Professionals



IRWA Chapter 8 Young Professionals

The IRWA Young Professionals Network is focused on building a strong foundation for the next generation of Right of Way Professionals. Ethics, education and encouragement are the nucleus of our organization. Be a part of the initiative!



Chapter 8 Young Professionals Present ...

**YP Educational Luncheon Series**

Thursday, November 30th, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Sponsored By:



**The Appraisal Process and its Role in Right of Way**

Presented by:

Michael Miggins, Managing Director  
Callie Howard, Senior Valuation Specialist  
Colliers International

**WHERE:** Colliers International- 1233 West Loop South, Suite 900  
Houston, TX 77027

**RSVP:** In order to accurately prepare for guests, please kindly reserve  
a seat at [irwaypc8@gmail.com](mailto:irwaypc8@gmail.com) by Tuesday, November 28, 2017.



## **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  
[teri.cameron@contractlandstaff.com!](mailto:teri.cameron@contractlandstaff.com)



# C213 - Conflict Management

**Start Date:** 11/8/2017

**End Date:** 11/5/2017

**No. of Days:** 1 day

**Course Level:** Core

**CEU Credits:** 8.00

**Class Time:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Tuition:** \$265.00 Member/\$330.00 Non-Member

**Sponsored By:** Chapter 8

**Course Description:** [C213 Conflict Management](#)

## INSTRUCTOR:

**Sheila M. Mills, SR/WA** serves as the Right of Way Project Delivery Director for the Texas Department of Transportation. Sheila oversees the statewide project delivery program including the right of way acquisition, relocation and utility accommodation process. Sheila has been employed with TxDOT for the past 27 years working in various positions during her career including that of a right of way agent in the San Angelo District, Right of Way Administrator for the Waco District and served as the North Degree in Business Administration prior to her current position. Sheila is a graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a major in Finance and Real Estate. Sheila was certified as an IRWA Instructor in 2014 and is a member of Chapter 74 in Austin, Texas.



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## PARTICIPAN CAPACITY: 25

## HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:

Participants are responsible for their own accommodations.

# C501 - Residential Relocation Assistance

**Start Date:** 11/27/2017

**End Date:** 11/28/2017

**No. of Days:** 2 days

**Course Level:** Intermediate

**CEU Credits:** 16.00

**Class Time:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Tuition:** \$415.00 Member/\$520.00 Non-Member

**Sponsored By:** Chapter 8

**Course Description:** [C501 Residential Relocation Assistance](#)

## INSTRUCTOR:

**Allen Armstrong, SR/WA:** His professional background includes the appraisal and review of a variety of property types to be acquired through eminent domain. Mr. Armstrong has managed acquisition and relocation teams throughout the United States. Several large design build projects are included on the list of projects completed by Mr. Armstrong under Federal Aid guidelines. He has taught Appraisal Review and the FAA Academy and the Appraisal and Appraisal Review for Federal Aid Standards for the Federal Highway Administration throughout the United States. He is both a State Certified General Appraiser and Broker.



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**PARTICIPAN CAPACITY:** 20

## HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:

Participants are responsible for their own accommodations.

# C502 - Non-Residential Relocation Assistance

**Start Date:** 11/29/2017

**End Date:** 11/30/2017

**No. of Days:** 2 days

**Course Level:** Intermediate

**CEU Credits:** 16.00

**Class Time:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Tuition:** \$415.00 Member/\$520.00 Non-Member

**Sponsored By:** Chapter 8

**Course Description:** [C502 Non-Residential Relocation Assistance](#)

## INSTRUCTOR:

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# C207 - Practical Negotiations for US Federal and Federally Assisted Projects

**Start Date:** 12/4/2017

**End Date:** 12/5/2017

**No. of Days:** 2 days

**Course Level:** Intermediate

**CEU Credits:** 16.00

**Class Time:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Tuition:** \$415.00 Member/\$520.00 Non-Member

**Sponsored By:** Chapter 8

**Course Description:** [C207 Practical Negotiations for US Federal and Federally Assisted Projects](#)

## INSTRUCTOR:

**Faith Roland, SRWA** is a celebrated leader within IRWA. She served as International President during IRWA's 75th Anniversary from 2008-2009. Faith continues to mentor and lead, as a much sought after certified instructor, and through her role establishing the Leadership Institute. She is a champion for IRWA while working with partner organizations, Appraisal Institute, FIABCI, CREW, RICS and Women Transportation Institute, while lecturing both locally and abroad.



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# Fun & Games

*"Life is more fun if you play games." ~ Roald Dahl*

M A C P I L G R I M S P A R A D E  
S M A Y S W E E T P O T A T O Y N  
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Annual

Autumn

Celebration

Corn

Cranberry

Family

Feast

Festival

Food

Football

Friends

Gathering

Gravy

Holiday

Long Weekend

Mashed Potatoes

Meal

November

Parade

Pilgrims

Plymouth

Pumpkin Pie

Relatives

Reunion

Squash

Stuffing

Sweet Potato

Thursday

Tradition

Travel

Turkey

Wampanoag

Yams



*Answers are on the next page!*

# Fun & Games

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## 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:

William C Boone IV  
Mark Johnson  
Blake Allen  
Bob Prukop  
Krista Affolter  
Melanie Vargas  
Charles Thomas Davis Jr  
Joseph Shane Jenkins

Danielle LeBlanc  
Jarred McGhee  
Anabeli Salinas  
LaRhetta Ann Tise  
Andrew Kim  
Cherita Peeler

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

<u>New RWA Designation's</u>	<u>SR/WA Recertification's</u>	<u>Certification Recertification's</u>
Leesa Love, RWA	Sheila Agee, SR/WA	Karen Macejewski, R/W-NAC
Kevin Maddox, RWA	Jenay Cotterman, SR/WA, R/W-AM	
Carey Seyler, RWA	LaWanda Grant, SR/WA	<u>Declaration of Candidacy</u>
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