

## Letter From the President

Greetings Chapter 8!

I want to welcome all of you back from, what I hope, was a nice summer. I also want to send my thoughts and prayers to anyone that has been displaced from Hurricane Harvey. It was a trying September for the entire Gulf Coast. But with any disaster, we have the opportunity to rise above and overcome.

In recent months, I had become quite cynical in regards to my fellow man. I don't ever remember seeing our country so divided over so many issues. It had gotten to the point where I didn't even enjoy watching the news or checking Facebook. I was tired of hearing about everything. And then Hurricane Harvey struck us. Like many of you, I forgot about the rest of the world and its careless wonderings and bickerings - and was glued to my TV, watching the news and reports coming out on Hurricane Harvey. Our favorite was Ted Oberg from ABC13. If he was on the air, we were watching. We became fans of his for life.

What a flood! I kept wondering how Houston would react to this. Tens of thousands displaced. I kept thinking about Katrina and the absolute chaos that happened there. But this is Houston. We are Texas. Surely, our city won't react that way. And we didn't.

I have never been more proud to be a Texas. I have never seen such an outpouring of love, grace and help to our fellow man. Everyone I know did something to help. From jumping in a boat to help rescue people, to mucking out stranger's homes to those that gave money or other donations...Everyone pitched in. The resources our community and state brought to bear on this was astounding. And people wonder why we are SO proud to say we are from Texas...

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next Chapter 8 meeting on Thursday, November 2nd, 2017 at 11:30.

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

*Bruce Trepl*



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

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[IRWA Education Link](#)

# Calendar of Events

## October 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	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Oct 6 - Chapter 8 Monthly Luncheon

Hess Club

### CLASSES:

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**Hess Club**

### CLASSES:

**Nov 8 –C213 Conflict Management**

**Kinder Morgan**

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# Chapter 8 Monthly Meeting Recap

## IRWA Chapter 8 Meeting Recap – October 6, 2017

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

**Speaker:** Robert Eury, President of Central Houston, Inc.



**Topic:** Downtown's Development: 2017 Turning Point

Robert Eury is the President of Central Houston, Inc. Central Houston enhances collaboration among public officials, developers and business with a goal of planning cultural and economic growth. Donning an Astros ballcap, Mr. Eury jumped straight into the unprecedented change that is occurring in Houston's Central Business District. With 48 projects recently completed, under construction or in the planning stages, Mr. Eury discussed how hotel development has played a key role in this recent success. In 2000, when Houston was awarded Super Bowl XXXVIII, Downtown Houston had 4 major hotels. In 2017, for Super Bowl LI, Houston had 27 hotels with over 8,000 rooms. This kind of hotel expansion has made it possible to bring major events like the Super Bowl as well as other large marquee events to the city. In fact, Discovery Green hosts approximately 500 events per year. He discussed many of the major hotels that have opened recently such as Aloft, Hampton Inn/Homewood Suites, Marriott Marquis, Hotel Alessandra and Le Meridien as well as hotels that are still in the planning stage like the AC Hotel by Marriot, Hyatt Place and the redevelopment of the Cambria Petroleum Building into a 220-room hotel. Mr. Eury continued to address each property segment and how they are performing in the Downtown Market.

Historically, it has been very difficult and costly to develop residential properties in Downtown. Therefore, in 2012, Central Houston, Inc. worked closely with the Houston City Council to make it more feasible for residential development to take place as they see residential development as being a very key component of downtown growth. Currently, Downtown Houston has 5,412 residential units, with 681 under construction and 1,454 in the planning stag-

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es. When people live Downtown, they tend to shop and spend money Downtown.

Office space has seen some new development, but the primary trend in downtown office space has been reorienting and reprogramming aging buildings to meet current needs. With the completion of 1111 Travis, 609 Main and Partnership Tower, the central business district has developed over 1.5 million square feet of office space with an additional 750,000 square feet currently under construction and 3.7 million square feet planned.

The downtown retail market has seen a boom due primarily to the increase in residential development and a hot culinary scene. Currently there are over 300 restaurants, bars, shops and service retailers in Downtown. Parking and Transportation is also a driver of downtown development since this makes it easy to visit the Central Business District. Improvements in commuter park-and-ride and Metro's new bus system have been very strong assets for Downtown development. Mr. Eury also covered the North Houston Highway Improvement Project which is a TxDOT project that covers 24 miles of highway in the Downtown area and which has a \$7 billion price tag. This project consists of 3 segments from Beltway 8 to Spur 527 and aims to improve auto travel through the downtown area. The project is expected to break ground in 2020.

Another important driver of downtown growth goes hand in hand with residential development, and that is schools. A focus of Central Houston is to make it easier for families looking to live in the Downtown market to have access to quality schools. This is being addressed not only by physically improving the access to good schools, but by creating a website that makes it easier for families to locate the schools that are available to them. This website is [www.learncentralhouston.org](http://www.learncentralhouston.org). In conclusion, Mr. Eury's outlook on Downtown presently and in the future was very bright. Downtown is no longer simply a collection of office buildings, it is becoming a destination market and Central Houston, Inc. is striving to make the Houston Downtown district a global destination.

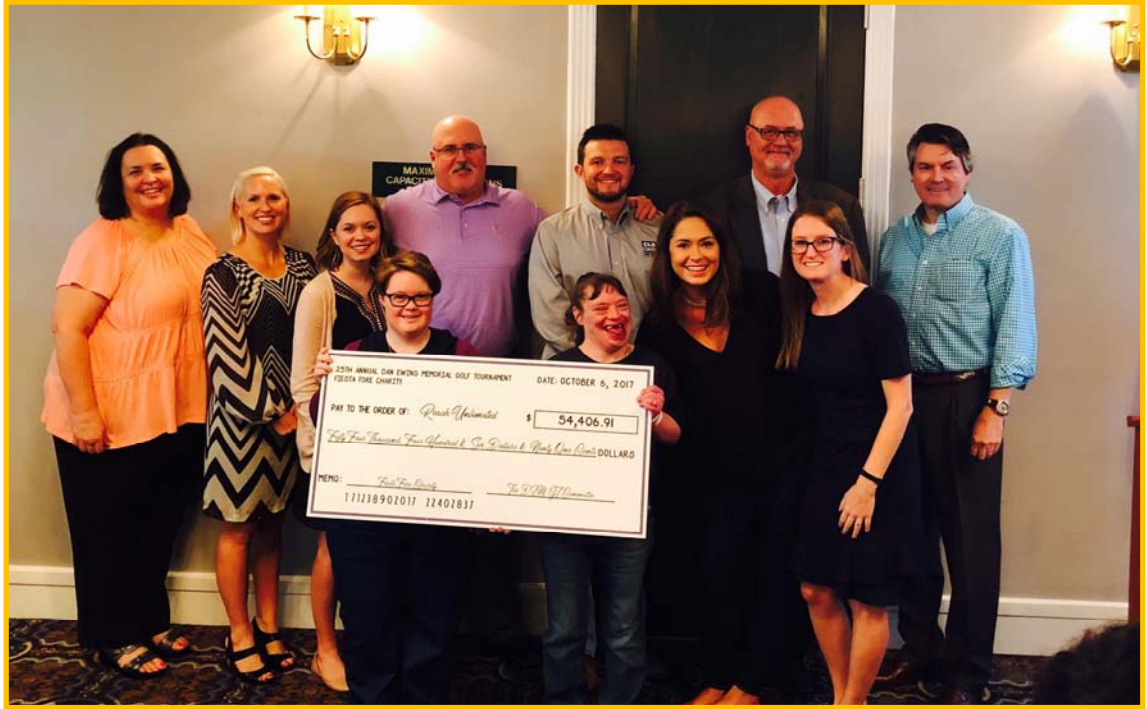
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## Bio

For twenty-six years Robert M. Eury has served as President of Central Houston, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation, formed to lead the planning and implementation of the redevelopment of Houston's central city area—principally downtown. Mr. Eury is also the Executive Director of the Houston Downtown Management District, a special assessment district within downtown Houston. Mr. Eury was Vice President and Director of Research Development for Rice Center prior to starting Central Houston in 1983. During his nine years with Rice Center, his research focused on land use/transportation joint development, urban services delivery, development regulation, and environmental design. Prior to joining Rice Center in 1974, Mr. Eury served as Director of Community Planning Studies for the Urban Studies Center, University of Louisville, Kentucky.



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The Dan Ewing Golf Tournament raised \$54,406.91 for Reach Unlimited, Inc. Thank you to all of the committee members, donors, volunteers and sponsors!



Kasy Chambers, SR/WA, ROW Specialist for Air Liquide received Young Professional of the Year for Region 2



Brittney Christy, Marketing & Recruiting Manager for Spirit Environmental was selected as an honoree in the Women to Watch category for Houston Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business Awards!

# 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 Social Networking Event

**WHERE:** COTTONWOOD  
3422 N. SHEPHERD DR.  
HOUSTON, TX 77018

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH  
5:30PM TO 7:30PM

**RSVP:** [IRWAYPC8@GMAIL.COM](mailto:IRWAYPC8@GMAIL.COM)

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# Young Professionals - College Station, TX



# Young Professionals - Houston Food Bank





## **Chapter 8 Members,**

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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.

# 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*

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Apples

Full Moon

Scary

Bats

Ghosts

Scream

Black Cat

Ghouls

Skeleton

Broomstick

Goblins

Skull

Candle

Graveyard

Spiders

Candy

Jack O Lantern

Tombstone

Cemetery

Mask

Vampire

Coffin

Mummy

Werewolf

Costume

Night

Witches

Dracula

Pumpkin

Zombie

Frightening

Scarecrow

*Answers are on the next page!*



## 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:



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

New SR/WA's

New Certifications

New Candidacies

## Meet Your Communications Committee:

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