

THE CENTERLINE

IRWA Chapter 8 Gulf States
February 2019

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings everyone!

Recently, I attended a game of flag football featuring a team of energetic seven-year-olds. While viewing the game, I observed a few of the social interactions among the team members and found myself amused by some similarities in their behaviors that can occasionally be seen in adults at the workplace.

Initially, a few of the children on the team were not focused on the details of playing the game, but were instead focused on how “cool” they looked in their football gear. As the game progressed, I could see that a few kids were a bit overconfident in their skills and wanted to monopolize the possession of the ball during the game. Later, some of the team members started to become very eager to point to other team members as the cause of them being behind on the scoreboard. And it appeared that everyone, at some point during the game, wanted to be the quarterback and call all of the plays in the game.

Ultimately, it was their coach who provided the needed leadership for the team that made the difference in the kids’ behavior, and who took definitive steps to build upon the positive energy of each member in order to guide them to perform as a team and complete the desired goal as a unified group. First, the coach demonstrated and emphasized emotional regulation and directed the team to maintain a sense of composure (as much as possible for seven-year-olds). Next, after making some decisions about game strategy, the coach provided opportunities for the kids to show initiative, to engage as a valued member of the team, and to build their understanding of the coaches’ requests. But most importantly, the coach required the team to have respect for each other, and taught strategies on how to communicate and how to work together as a team towards attainment of the ultimate goal.

Very often, participating in team activities goes well beyond the obvious building of physical skills that are associated with the game. As the saying goes, “Life skills are taught and not caught”, and with the right coach as with this young football team, or with the right leadership in our workplace, we can develop positive ways to communicate, collaborate, and strategically delegate to acknowledge and improve each member’s strength so we all effectively perform at our highest level, and “Do the best we can every day”, which is the foundation and the motto of Dan Duncan, the founder of Enterprise Products Company.



Rebecca Equia

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Rachel Bricout, Regional Lead
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What advice would you give to someone new in the industry?

In this industry you will be dealing with a lot of people trying to obtain some variation of an easement or amendment or obtain property in fee. There will be times when you will be confronted with questions so remember to always look at what is written in black and white for your answer.

Which of your accomplishments makes you the proudest?

In thinking about how to answer this question with the many things I have accomplished so far, there is one answer that I am the proudest to say...I am proud that I took the step toward becoming a Mother. To care for someone else and make sure they are well rounded physically, emotionally, spiritually and socially is a challenge and a delight filled with rewards far beyond what I have ever imagined.

Who is the person or persons who have had the greatest influence on your life and why?

My dear Ol' Mom and Dad are my greatest influence in my life. Together these two made sure that I was well prepared to make my own decisions, stand behind my decisions, to never stop learning and to have a good work ethic. Both work in the Oil and Gas Industry in West Texas marketing crude for many of the majors and Safety / HR in Fracking my whole life. For many of my growing years, these two told me that I should work in the energy industry as Texas has enough resources to pay for the rest of our lives. They were right.

Tell us something about yourself that would surprise people.

I am married to a beautiful French Fireman who left Paris for Houston, TX. He is proud to be saving the lives of people in Spring, Texas.

What are some qualities that you value in a coworker?

I like honesty, good work ethic, a team player with a good optimistic attitude. I also appreciate it when a coworker can express a problem they see, but also is helpful in finding the solution to the problem.

FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

CHAPTER 8 MEETING RECAP – FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Speaker: Robert “Bob” Ganczak – Senior Environmental Specialist, Project Consulting Services (PCS)

Topic: Routing and Regulatory Complexities Associated with Midstream Projects

Mr. Ganczak presented an overview of the right of way challenges related to pipeline projects for the Port Hudson Terminal and Baton Rouge Terminal.

Routing Challenges

Physical:

- Natural
 - » Waterbodies (rivers, lakes, ponds)
 - » Land relief
 - » Land use (agriculture, forestry, institutional)
- Man-made
 - » Urban / rural development
 - » Existing infrastructure
 - transportation features - roads and railroads
 - transmission corridors - energy and power

Permitting Challenges

Environmental/Permitting

- Federal
 - » U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - » U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- State
 - » Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
 - » Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
 - » State Historic Preservation Office
- Local – Parish/City
 - » Stormwater
 - » Roadways/driveways
 - » Drainage



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Landowner Interest

Right of Way

- Public
 - » U.S. Army Corps of Engineers fee property
 - » State Corrections facility
 - » Southern University research facility
 - » City of Plaquemines property
- Private corporations
 - » Kansas City Southern fee property
 - » Union Pacific fee property
 - » EXXON



Bob is a Senior Environmental Specialist with Project Consulting Services (PCS) and has over 33 years of experience in regulatory and compliance with a focus on the upstream and midstream oil and gas sectors. He represents commercial interests operating in sensitive environments coordinating project screening and scoping, land and hydrographic surveying, environmental and regulatory planning, permitting and compliance. Bob has performed numerous functions relative to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance, including wetland delineations, threatened and endangered (T&E) species surveys and consultations, preparation of biological assessments (BA), categorical exclusions (CE) and environmental assessments (EA). He has experience in permitting and coordination with Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), U.S. Forest Service (FS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Coordinated and participated in federally sponsored transportation projects in Louisiana. Experienced in National Pollution

Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting and compliance. Coordinated and participated in numerous environmental audits and Phase I, Environmental Site Assessments.

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RECENT EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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- 02/07 - Ch. 8 Monthly Meeting, HESS Club
- 02/14 - Happy Valentine's Day!
- 02/20 - IRWA Course 213, Percheron

- 02/20 - YP Hosted Networking Event, The General Public
- 02/21 - Inaugural O&G Pipeline Symposium, The Norris Center
- 02/23 - Registration Increase for International Conference

MAR.

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- 03/05 - DEMGT Registration Opens
- 03/07 - CH. 8 Monthly Meeting, HESS Club
- 03/10 - Day Light Savings Time

- 03/17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day!

APR.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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- 04/05 - Mapping Competition Deadline
- 04/11 - Ch. 8 Monthly Meeting, HESS Club
- 04/11 - Region 2 Transportation Symposium, Austin

- 04/12 - Region 2 Spring Forum, Austin
- 04/21 - Happy Easter!

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 LUNCHEON DATES

THURSDAY

March 7th
April 11th

May 9th



27th Annual Dan Ewing Memorial Golf Tournament



FIESTA FORE CHARITY

TOURNAMENT DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019 | WILDCAT GOLF CLUB



REGISTRATION OPENS: TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH AT 10 AM
TOURNAMENT WEBSITE: WWW.BIRDEASEPRO.COM/DANEWINGGOLF

Benefiting 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization, Tip of the Spear

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? EMAIL TSASS@WEISSERENG.COM

EDUCATION

400-Principles of Real Estate Appraisal

Start Date: 05/13/2019

End Date: 05/14/2019

No. of Days: 2 Days

Course Level: Core

CEU Credits: 16.00

Class Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm

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

Sponsored By: Chapter 8



Course Description: This course enables participants to demonstrate a basic knowledge of the valuation process and its components. Two case studies (Residential and Commercial) are utilized throughout the course. At the conclusion of this two-day course, participants will be able to:

- Express an understanding of basic real estate terms and principles.
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the valuation process and its components.
- Discuss the definitions of and steps in, each of the three approaches to value (Cost, sales comparison and income capitalization).
- Solve problems which show an understanding of the three approaches to value.

Instructor: Donald J. Sherwood, SR/WA, MAI is the owner of Donald J. Sherwood LLC focusing on appraisal review and education. Mr. Sherwood is the former Managing Director of the Fort Worth office of Integra Realty Resources DFW, LLC, a full-service real estate consulting and appraisal firm. Mr. Sherwood has been an appraiser of all types of real property since December 1978. Donnie has performed appraisals on various properties including, but not limited to, shopping centers, apartment complexes, industrial facilities, a nuclear bomb storage site, an air force base, automobile race track, raw and developed land, office complexes, motels, hotels, marinas, cemeteries, bowling alleys, amusement parks and mixed use developments. Donnie is a CLIMB certified instructor and is a past recipient of IRWA's Balfour Award and author of several courses and articles. He served as an adjunct professor at TCU for nine years.

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Participant Capacity: 25

Hotel Accommodations:

Participants are responsible for their own accommodations.

Register Online: https://www.irwaonline.org/courses/157/400-principles-of-real-estate-appraisal/description/?evt_key=6481366b-1e3a-4453-842c-560ae1b3e23e

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



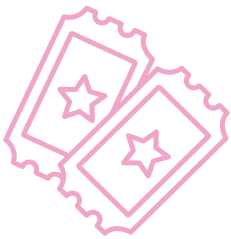
THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Chapter News



Chapter Luncheons Moved to Thursday

After a few test runs during the previous fiscal year, we have officially changed chapter luncheons to Thursday. The chapter newsletter and website will have a list of upcoming luncheon dates to make planning ahead easy!



Gift Cards Needed for Chapter Luncheon Raffle

The Chapter is looking for companies to donate gift cards for our raffles at each of our luncheons. If you or your company are interested, please contact Rebecca Eguia via email at recurry@eprod.com



IRWA Luncheons Approved for SR/WA Recertification Credits

As you may know, the IRWA International Credentialing Committee has moved to a “Self Reporting” model. Meaning, IRWA members simply report that they attended X amount of meetings for X amount of hours on their CE forms. Each luncheon attended will earn you one (1) hour re-certification credit. Be sure to pick up a form you can fill out and retain for your records at your next IRWA Chapter 8 Meeting!



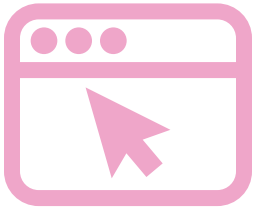
Want a Free Lunch?

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 articles to kjbreitinger@eprod.com

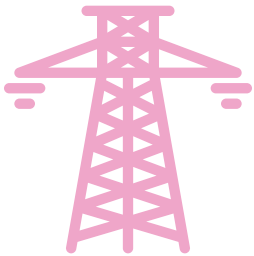
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Chapter 8 Website Sponsorship

Our chapter is looking for companies to sponsor our website! Sponsorships run from March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020. If you are interested, please send a check for \$500 to Danny Gibbs. All logos need to be emailed to Karla Breitinger at kjbreitinger@eprod.com

A copy of the invoice can be found here: <https://www.irwa8.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Chapter8-2019-Website-Sponsorship.pdf>



Utility Committee is Looking for Topics

If you have a topic idea for the Utility Committee's Spring Webinar, please send suggestions to Rachel Bricout at rbricout@paragon-partners.com

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

17TH ANNUAL RIGHT OF WAY MAPPING Competition

Enter your map today!

Sponsored by IRWA's International Surveying & Engineering Community of Practice, this annual competition will be held in conjunction with IRWA's 65th Annual International Education Conference in June 2019 in Portland, Oregon.

Winners will be announced in Right of Way Magazine and at the Annual Education Conference, where winning maps will also be displayed. Winners will receive recognition at a national, regional or local IRWA meeting.

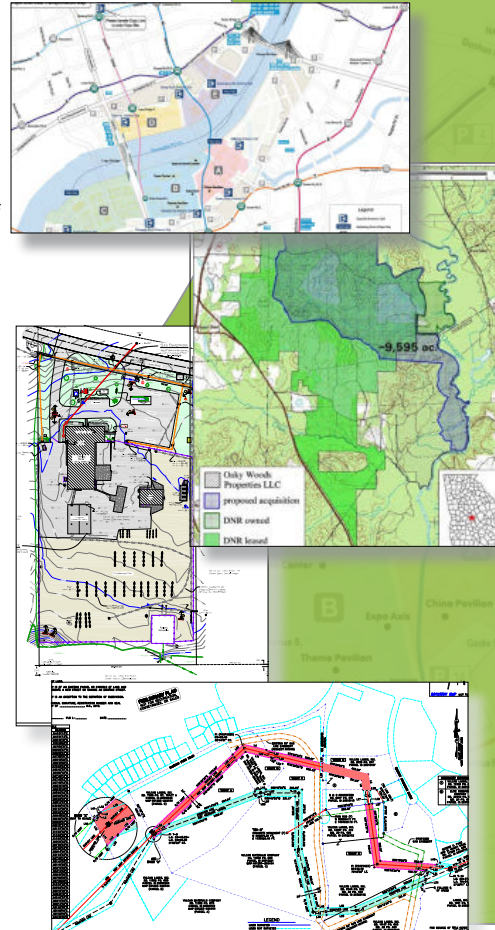
Eligibility: Anyone can enter, however, each entry must be sponsored by an IRWA member. Members may sponsor multiple entries. Maps must be associated with the right of way profession including related disciplines.

Prizes: The Grand place winner will receive a complimentary registration for IRWA's 65th Annual International Education Conference. A cash prize of \$250 will be given to the individual winners in the following categories: Transportation, Oil & Gas, Electric & Utility, GIS and Industry General.

Rules: One entry per person in each category. A map may only be entered in one category. Each entry shall be a standalone single sheet. Maps and entry forms must be submitted digitally using Adobe pdf files. Entries under the transportation, oil & gas and electric & utility categories must be maps/ plats prepared for, or in support of, boundary/right of way line retracement or acquisition. This includes, but is not limited to, property or right of way survey maps and plats. Entries under the GIS and industry general categories shall be maps or exhibits related to highways, pipelines, utility lines, telecommunication lines (or associated facilities) prepared for general purposes such as public hearings, presentations, conceptual plans, etc. Examples include, but are not limited to, ownership exhibits and aerial photos (with or without overlays), etc.

Judging: Entries will be judged on overall presentation, orientation and the effective use of graphics, legends, symbols and innovative methods

Disclaimer Information: : If contractual confidentiality precludes submission, the title block can be cleared of all pertinent information and state "Prepared for Competition due to Jurisdictional Confidentiality."



17th Annual Right of Way Mapping Competition

Official Entry Form (please print or type)

Deadline: April 5, 2019

IRWA Sponsor _____

Entrant's Name _____

Company Name or Agency _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Category

Transportation Oil & Gas Electric & Utility GIS Industry General

Email PDF entries to:
isecop@irwaonline.org

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Skinny on Scholarships



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www.rwief.org

Most of us know that the Right of Way International Education Foundation is the non-profit funding mechanism for right of way education, providing funds for new courses, updates of existing courses and other education initiatives. Not as many of us remember that RWIEF supports three scholarship programs, so here's the skinny.

40 For 40 Launching Careers Scholarship

Launched in 2017 to celebrate our 40th anniversary, RWIEF partnered with IRWA to provide forty scholarships to IRWA members in good standing, committed to achieving the Right of Way Agent or Right of Way Professional credential. Two recipients from each of the ten IRWA regions, plus twenty more recipients from members throughout IRWA were selected. A list of recipients can be seen at <https://www.irwonline.org/professional-development/scholarship-programs>. RWIEF will fund these scholarships for three years, committing up to \$185,000. IRWA will manage the program. Recipients must complete course work within three years of award date.

RWIEF Region Professional of the Year Scholarship

Since 2016, RWIEF has funded this scholarship to encourage and provide incentives for region professionals to further their education by taking IRWA courses and/or attending the annual education conference. The ten IRWA regions select their Professional of the Year and RWIEF awards these individuals with a \$500 scholarship toward course or conference registration. Each region has its own selection process, so contact your Region Chair for selection requirements and deadlines.

SARPA Scholarship Sponsored by the RWIEF

In 1991, thanks to a generous donation from the now-defunct California State Association of Real Property Agents (SARPA), IRWA instituted the SARPA Scholarship fund, which is awarded to active students (IRWA members or their family) majoring in a course of study related to the right of way or public works administration profession. Eligible majors include, but are not limited to, law, real estate, civil engineering, property management, and business and public administration. Recipients are chosen every year by the International Nominations and Elections Committee. Scholarship funds are held in trust by RWIEF. The scholarship amount varies from year to year, being the annual interest earned from the initial trust donation, plus any additional principal contributions to the trust. RWIEF determines the amount of money available and issues the funds. Applications can be found on the IRWA website and must be submitted to the INEC by the first business day of February each year.



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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.

Congrats!

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