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IRWA Chapter 8 Gulf States
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hope your New Year is off to a great start. As I recently stated of at the January 2019 IRWA meeting, statistically in the U.S. the top 3 New Year resolutions are: 1-Eat Healthier; 2- Get more Exercise and 3-Save Money. One resolution that caught my attention as I was driving back to work after the Holidays is to “laugh more.” This made the most sense to me considering all the uncertainties of the word, including our government shutdown, racism, terrorism, increasing crime rates, and senseless acts of crime affecting our innocent youth. Humor can be a way for us to cope and deal with the chaos around us including in the work place where so many of us have difference of opinions and values.

In the business sector, New Year resolutions are made to help us achieve success and balance our work and personal life. The following are a few of the top resolutions that can benefit us:

1. Delegate. We often try to take on too much and have difficulty relinquishing control, and then we wonder why we are so exhausted by the end of the day.
2. Promote your business or just as significant, “promote IRWA.” Make time out of your busy day and come join us for a meeting, take an IRWA educational course or more or challenge yourself to work toward an IRWA certification.
3. Join a business organization or networking group. If you are not a member of IRWA, JOIN! Bring a friend, colleague or associate with you to a Chapter meeting. Some of the best networking is at an IRWA meeting, educational course or social event.
4. Lastly, give back to the Community. Volunteer, sponsor or give back to the community. I am proud to be a member of a Chapter that gives of its time and gifts every year to benefit the Toys for Tots Christmas drive and various non-profit charitable groups.

I hope you take into consideration applying these resolutions to create a happier and more balanced life. Best wishes this New Year.

Rebecca (Becky) Equia Curry



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Professional of the Year

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Weisser Engineering & Surveying

What advice would you give to someone new in the industry?

Push yourself to get involved within a Committee or small group of the Chapter. We are all busy, but you should make time to develop relationships within the Association. Some of my Best Friends and most genuine clients have resulted from devoting time to this Organization.

Which of your accomplishments makes you the proudest?

Honestly, not to sound cliché, but this award completely shocked me and made me stop to think about why my Industry Peers and Mentors thought I deserved it. It made me “stop and smell the roses”, for lack of a better term. I am always my own worst critic and this made me think about what positive attributes I’ve contributed to my Profession. The IRWA Chapter 8 Professional of the Year 2019 Award definitely makes me the proudest, with the compounding notion that my Employer and Father

won it a few years ago. The Texas A&M University Early Outstanding Alumni Career Award is the close second and mastering accounting in QuickBooks for my side Company, Cowboy Brush Cutters, LLC, comes in third (I’m a Communications Major – Not a mathematician!).

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

As you probably guessed it – my Employer, Father and Friend. I seek his advice on both small and large issues that I am facing constantly. People always ask me if he’s as genuine in private as he is in public. I’m very proud to say, even more so! There’s no meeting, lunch or event he wouldn’t cancel to help someone in our Company or Family Member in a time of need.

My first Employer, Jed Franzen, had a tremendous impact on my knowledge of the Right of Way Industry and my Professional Mannerisms. He always went the extra mile to explain certain practices or measures and set aside time to take me to Job Sites and show me exactly what was happening. I always leave voicemails with short summaries of my reason for calling and my email subject lines always have the topic of discussion listed professionally.

Tell us something about yourself that would surprise people.

I sing Patsy Cline & Loretta Lynn songs in a Classic County Swing Band around Houston that performs only Bob Wills & Ray Price era songs. On the weekends, you can find me and my brother on heavy machinery, working on project for our side Company, Cowboy Brush Cutters, LLC.

What are some qualities that you value in a coworker?

Loyalty, proactivity and attention to detail are characteristics that I not only value in others, but seek to embody myself. Skillsets are essential, but I am less concerned with an extensive resume, if someone is hungry and eager to dive into a project and has my back.

Overall, I cherish my friendships and the support of this Organization! I am involved with numerous Professional Associations throughout varies Industries and none of them are as welcoming, inspiring and giving as IRWA Chapter 8. I’m beyond honored to be a Member and your 2018 Professional of the Year.

JANUARY MEETING RECAP

CHAPTER 8 MEETING RECAP – JANUARY 10, 2019

Speaker: Tom Zabel, Zabel Freeman

Topic: 2019 Session of the Texas Legislature – Eminent Domain Reform

Issues with the Eminent Domain Process

- Property owner is not given the information needed to evaluate the initial offer
 - » No evidence of how value was determined (appraisal or market study)
 - » No disclosure if initial offer includes damages to the remainder
 - » No information on how the easement will be used or landowner's protections
 - » No disclosure about what real property interests they want to acquire that can be negotiated because they can't be condemned
 - » No Landowner Bill of Rights
- During the 30 days between the initial offer and final offer, the property owner must ask all the "right" questions or they are at risk of giving away rights they could have protected or compensation to which they had a right.
- There is no consequence when a bad actor low balls the landowner or tries to get the landowner to give up rights they could have protected.
- Information on the scope of most private projects isn't made available to affected property owners before property acquisitions begin.



How Do We Fix Eminent Domain?

1. Require basic protections in easements terms

- Require pipeline and electric utility easement agreements to include a list of basic terms to protect the landowner during construction and future use of the easement.
 - » Current law provides the landowner no basic rights with regards to easement agreements. A landowner must be knowledgeable enough to ask for protections and restrictions. Or hire an attorney to represent them. There are certain basic rights a landowner should have under any easement agreement to protect the remaining property and their rights regarding changes to the future use of the easement.
- Require these companies to use a standard document provided by the Attorney General that include these protections.
 - » Other real estate transactions use a standard form. But, these companies all use their own forms drafted to their benefit by their attorneys. Landowners that can have their land taken by eminent domain should be protected by requiring these companies to use a standard form that ensures the landowner's basic rights are protected.

JANUARY MEETING RECAP

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2019

2. Provide landowners with information about the project and their rights

- Require a public meeting in each county where affected landowners can ask questions about the project and the company's eminent domain authority.
- Require that the condemning entity inform landowners of their rights and how fair compensation will be determined.
 - » Public entities with eminent domain hold public meetings to inform landowners how they may be impacted by a project. This creates a transparent process where landowners are able to be informed and ask questions prior to the commencement of the project. Private companies should be required to follow this model.
 - » Most of these companies do not get appraisals of the property they want to acquire. So, they should have to explain how they determine fair market value and damages to the remainder.

3. Protect the landowner's rights to receive a bona fide offer

- Require any offer to be based on fair compensation. The law does not currently require it until the final offer. Require the information necessary for the landowner to evaluate whether the initial offer is based on fair compensation.
 - » The landowner must pay out of their pocket for experts to evaluate the offer. They never recoup those costs because all they have a right to is fair market value for their taken property and damages to the remaining property.
- Require a bad actor that didn't make a fair offer to make an additional payment to the property owner in addition to the damages awarded by the court.
 - » If a landowner refuses to accept a low offer, they will have the added expense of being taken to court by the condemning entity.
 - » Under the current law, if the special commissioners validate that the landowner wasn't offered fair compensation, the condemning entity doesn't have any consequence. This creates an incentive for condemning entities to try and get property for less than fair market value from landowners. These bad actors should be held accountable by having to make an additional payment to the landowner in addition to the damages for taking the property.

Eminent Domain shouldn't be a game. It should be fair and transparent.



Tom Zabel is a Partner with Zabel Freeman Law Firm in Houston. He has over three decades of experience trying cases before state and federal courts, administrative agencies and arbitration panels, and handling numerous appeals; including handling appeals before the Texas Courts of Appeals, the Texas Supreme Court and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Tom's practice has focused and continues to focus primarily on cases involving oil, gas, and other minerals, land and environmental matters, including administrative, appellate, arbitration, oil and gas and real estate litigation, contractual disputes, condemnation proceedings, energy transactions and litigation, environmental litigation, and ad valorem and other tax litigation involving oil, gas, and other minerals, pipelines, and midstream and downstream facilities. Tom's clients include major and independent oil and gas companies, service companies, pipeline companies and individuals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN.

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01/01 - Happy New Year!

01/24 - YP Networking Event, Beaver's - West

01/01 - Late Registration Applies for O&G Pipeline Symposium

01/10 - Ch. 8 Monthly Meeting, HESS Club

FEB.

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02/07 - Ch. 8 Monthly Meeting, HESS Club

02/20 - YP Hosted Networking Event, The General Public

02/14 - Happy Valentine's Day!

02/21 - Inaugural O&G Pipeline Symposium, The Norris Center

02/20 - IRWA Course 213, Percheron

02/23 - Registration Increase for International Conference

MAR.

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03/05 - DEMGT Registration Opens

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

03/07 - CH. 8 Monthly Meeting, HESS Club

03/10 - Day Light Savings Time

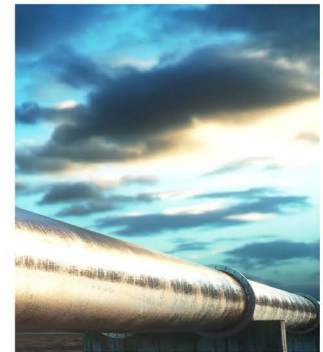
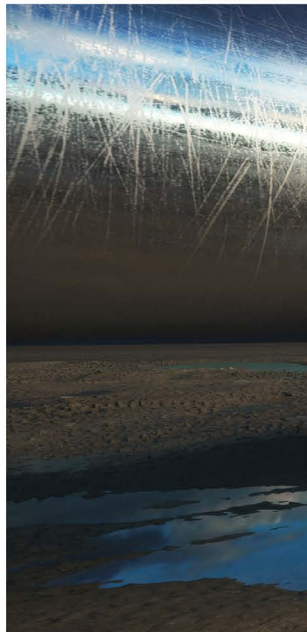
UPCOMING EVENTS

2018-2019 LUNCHEON DATES

THURSDAY

January 10th
February 7th
March 7th

April 11th
May 9th



Registration Opens
November 1, 2018

INAUGURAL OIL & GAS PIPELINE SYMPOSIUM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Symposium Site: Norris Conference Center in Houston's City Centre (BW8 & I-10)
Keynote Speaker: Texas Railroad Commissioner, Wayne Christian

HOSTED BY IRWA CHAPTER 8-HOUSTON
SPONSORSHIP DETAILS TO BE RELEASED SOON!



**ATTENDEES OF THE OIL & GAS PIPELINE SYMPOSIUM QUALIFY TO RECEIVE FOUR (4) HOURS OF CE/
RECERTIFICATION CREDITS!**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

INAUGURAL OIL & GAS PIPELINE SYMPOSIUM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

LOCATION OF SYMPOSIUM

Symposium:
Norris Centers – Red Oak Ballroom B
816 Town & Country Blvd., Suite 210
Houston, TX 77024
(713)590-0950

Parking Information:
Parking Garage is connected to the Norris
Center with a direct entrance on the 3rd
level. (Same garage as the movie theater.)

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- ▶ Admission to Networking Event hosted by the Young Professionals at The General Public on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 from 5:30PM - 7:30PM
- ▶ Admission to day of Oil & Gas Pipeline Symposium including continental breakfast, all sessions, morning and afternoon breaks and the social networking reception event.
- ▶ Event Program and Swag Bag

Lunch will not be provided during the symposium. There will be a two (2) hour time frame set aside for all attendees to grab lunch. A list of restaurants within walking distance will be provided at a later date.

EARLY REGISTRATION (NOV. 1-DEC. 31)

MEMBER – \$125

NON-MEMBER – \$175

LATE REGISTRATION (JAN. 1-FEB. 21)

MEMBER – \$175

NON-MEMBER – \$225

**All registrations and/or sponsorships are non-refundable

HOW TO REGISTER

An email will be sent via Constant Contact on November 1st. You may register and/or sign up for sponsorships as you would register for the luncheon. If you are not currently a member of Chapter 8, please email kasy.baldauf@airliquide.com to receive an email at the opening of registration.

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INAUGURAL OIL & GAS PIPELINE SYMPOSIUM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

PLATINUM // \$1,500

- ▶ All eyes will be on your logo at the registration table
- ▶ Half page advertisement in the Event Program
- ▶ Two (2) seminar registration fees included
- ▶ Bring promo item for swag bags

GOLD // \$1,000

- ▶ Your logo will be the highlight of the Morning or Afternoon Break
- ▶ Quarter page advertisement in the Event Program
- ▶ Bring promo item for swag bags

SILVER // \$750

- ▶ Your logo will be present at one of the sessions throughout the day
- ▶ Bring promo item for swag bags

BRONZE // \$500

- ▶ Your logo will be present on the sponsorship page in the Event Program
- ▶ Bring promo item for swag bags

Promotional Items may consist of pens, note pads, clips, mints, etc. Other items to consider are also gift cards in the amount of \$25-\$50 for raffle items between sessions.

*An **Exclusive Sponsorship** is available to one (1) company who would like to sponsor for more than \$2,000. If you are interested, please contact Kasy Baldauf at kasy.baldauf@airliquide.com to discuss options!

UPCOMING EVENTS

INAUGURAL OIL & GAS PIPELINE SYMPOSIUM SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

- 8:00AM - 5:00PM** *Course 213: Conflict Management: 1904 West Grand Pkwy N., Ste.200, Katy, TX 77449
*Registration for class is separate from symposium
- 5:30PM - 7:30PM** **The General Public: 797 Sorella Ct, Ste. 118, Houston, TX 77024**
Social Networking Event Hosted by Ch. 8 Young Professionals
All symposium attendees welcome

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

- 8:00AM - 8:45AM** **Red Oak Ballroom B**
Registration Opens/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00AM - 10:00AM** **Keynote Speaker**
Texas Railroad Commissioner, Wayne Christian
Introduced by Judge Debra Ibarra Mayfield
- 10:00AM - 10:30AM** **Morning Break**
- 10:30AM - 11:30AM** **Public Awareness & Damage Prevention Panel**
Speakers: Craig Potts, Marathon Oil; Gweneyette Broussard, Shell; Amber Pappas, Enterprise Products
- 11:30AM - 1:30PM** **Lunch (Off-site)**
- 1:30PM - 2:30PM** **Christopher Smith, Oil & Gas Economist**
- 2:30PM - 3:00PM** **Afternoon Break**
- 3:00PM - 4:00PM** **Cyber Security**
Gary Hayes, SVP & CIO of Technology Operations, CenterPoint Energy
- 4:30PM - 6:30PM** **Reception in Red Oak Ballroom A**

EDUCATION

213-Conflict Management

Start Date: 02/20/2019

End Date: 02/20/2019

No. of Days: 1 Day

Course Level: Core

CEU Credits: 8.00

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

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

Sponsored By: Chapter 8



Course Description: This course presents specific methods for reaching collaborative solutions and minimizing negative aspects of conflict while maximizing benefits of resolving conflict. During this course, participants will learn how effective conflict management can open doors to healthier workplace relationships and more productive working relationships with both property owners as well as the general public.

Instructor: Ana B. Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, is a Senior Vice President with Percheron. She has over 25 years of project management experience in the right of way industry. Her areas of expertise include project management, feasibility studies, negotiation and acquisition, title research, title curative, permitting, relocation assistance, damage and claim settlement, construction support, condemnation support, due diligence and budgeting for the pipeline, electric utility, telecommunications, transit, wind, rail and public sector projects. Over her career Ana has worked as a consultant as well as the Vice President of Real Estate for a major Transit Authority. Ana received a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) along with a Bachelor of Science (BS) from the University of Houston. She is a Licensed Texas Real Estate Broker. Ana is a member of the IRWA International Electric and Utilities Committee and served as Chair of IRWA Region 2 from 2015-2017. Ana is a Certified IRWA Climb Instructor and is a past President and Professional of the Year for IRWA Chapter 8. Ana was elected as the IEC Secretary for the IRWA in 2017-2018.

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Katy, TX 77449

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Participant Capacity: 20

Hotel Accommodations:

Participants are responsible for their own accommodations.

Register Online: https://www.irwaonline.org/courses/276/213-conflict-management/description/?evt_key=679cd6f5-1f0f-46eb-824e-035210e6c041

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



CHAPTER 8 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS **Social Networking Event**

- WHERE:** BEAVER'S - WEST
6025 WESTEIMER RD.
HOUSTON, TX 77057
- WHEN:** THURSDAY, JAN. 24TH
5:30PM TO 7:30PM
- RSVP:** KSIMMONS@SPIRITENV.COM

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER [@IRWAYP_CH8](https://twitter.com/IRWAYP_CH8)

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

We're so proud of fellow YP Committee Member, Callie Howard who was recently published in the January/February edition of the Right of Way Magazine! On the next couple of pages, you will find her article:



HOW **Y**OUNG DOES THE **P**ROFESSIONAL HAVE TO BE?

Debunking the YP stereotype

BY CALLIE HOWARD

Many of us have heard of the term "Young Professional," but what exactly is a YP? Is a Young Professional someone under a specific age or is being a Young Professional about the amount of tenure within a specific industry? Although Webster's dictionary doesn't actually define the term "Young Professional," a generic Google

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"Generally refers to young people in their 20s and 30s who are employed in a profession or white-collar occupation. The meaning may be ambiguous and has evolved from its original narrow meaning of a young person in a professional field."

- Wikipedia

"This group is specifically designed for beginning right of way professionals who want to become more actively involved into the Association while enhancing their skills....Creating a body of individuals who are close in the likeness of skill level, education, professional & life experiences establishes a trusting atmosphere to allow free flowing questions and professional bonds to form. The IRWA Young Professionals Group is recommended for participants of the age of 35 and under but is not required"

-IRWA Young Professional Webpage

"The Texas Young Professionals Network is for young REALTORS® getting started, experienced REALTORS® looking to stay current on industry trends, and new REALTORS® switching to real estate as a second career."

- Texas Association of Realtors

So why is it important to understand the term? Within the general business world and within our own right of way industry, we see an influx of the younger generation in humble beginnings attempting to move up the career ladder, but we often forget that the younger generation doesn't automatically refer to people starting at the bottom or in a new career. What about those in Generation X (1965-1979) that have retired from their first career and are just starting in our world of right of way? Are they too old to be a Young Professional? What really is too old?

Gathering Opinions

As someone who grew up in a lower-middle class family, the term "Young Professional" was never really something that I personally recognized until graduate school at Texas A&M, where being a professional was taught to be of utmost importance in the business world. It wasn't until I got further into my career as a commercial real estate appraiser specializing in right of way that I really understood that being a YP was a real thing. However, I still found myself wondering what a Young Professional actually was. Initially, my perception was that I was a stereotypical Young Professional because I was under 30 and working in a professional setting across various states. However, as my time in the industry ticks a little closer to 10 years rather than 5, and at the ripe ole' age of 31, my opinion has changed. As a result, I wanted to know where others stood on this. In order to solicit opinions from those outside of my every day, I created an online survey with three simple questions:

1. What is a Young Professional?

- A person under the age of 35
- A person under the age of 40
- A person with less than 5 years of experience within a specific industry (age is not a factor)
- A person with less than 10 years of experience within a specific industry (age is not a factor)
- Other (please specify)

2. What makes someone a Professional?

- A college degree specific to one field and/or industry
- Work experience, no college degree, specific to one field and/or industry
- Work experience in combination with a college degree, specific to one field and/or industry
- Other (please specify)

3. Please give your feedback about YOUR opinion on what a Young Professional is in your industry?

The Results

For the first question, 51.95 percent of responses said that a Young Professional is someone under the age of 30, while 25.97 percent of responses believed YP referred to a person under the age of 40. What this leads me to believe is that a majority of those who took the survey focused primarily on age versus experience.

For the second question, 46.75 percent of responses said that work experience in combination with a college degree specific to one field and/or industry is what made someone a professional, while 36.36 percent said that work experience (with no college degree) specific to one field and/or industry is what makes a professional. As someone from a working-class family and transitioning into a white-collar world, I personally appreciate the relatively close percentages in these majority answers. Professionalism shouldn't be synonymous with a blue or white-collar job, but merely based upon hard work, determination, grit and merit. Naturally, professionalism can and should include starched jeans in one realm and a suit in another.

As for the third question, there were a number of varying opinions with some responders focused on age while others were focused on experience. For instance, one responder stated that in order to be a Young Professional, the individual would need to be under 35 and have either a degree in a related field or at least five years of work experience in a related field. As you can see, this person had very particular specifications in mind. Other focused solely on age. As one responder argued, "Older professionals who have changed careers don't often relate well to someone in their 20s, nor do they need the same networking support because that skill should already be established. Nevertheless,

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the YP group should not be exclusive and should be welcoming to all ages. Furthermore, fairness dictates that discounts available to YPs should also be extended to someone new to the profession, as their finances likely do not allow them to take all the classes that are needed when getting started.” However, there were just as many responses which focused on the amount of work experience. For instance, one person described a Young Professional as anyone who had less than 10 years of work experience. This definition implies that age and education have less to do with the term. Even more broad, one individual stated, “A young professional in my area is anyone that does not just have knowledge of the field he/she works in, but displays competency in the manner by which he/she carries themselves, performs above and beyond standards, submits to their superior, and continually improves. Young professionals are marked by their spirit to improve, learn and adapt.” This response emphasizes that one’s spirit and ambition to improve is the true mark of a Young Professional.

In Summary

Regardless of age, we all have to start somewhere to gain experience to become a true professional. Is this 10,000 hours as an appraiser? Is this 700 miles of pipeline right of way acquisitions for an agent? We can all

agree that this varies. And we can also agree that without this general working knowledge of our industries as a whole, we cannot become professionals of any age or of any tenure without constant interaction with other working people.

As frustrating as it may be to deal with a newcomer or someone seasoned in the field because of differences in age, what we all want from one another is to gain experience and knowledge while working together for a common cause. Stereotypically, someone who is older in age would have more life experiences, but they may not have the same experience in a specific industry (such as those who are in their second career). Someone who is younger in age could likely have similar life experiences, but also have more working experience.

A Young Professional could be a 24-year-old without a college degree and two years of work experience. A Young Professional could also be a 30-year-old with two college degrees and six years of work experience. A Young Professional could also be a 45-year-old mom or dad, changing careers and with no experience in their current field of work. The possibilities are simply endless.

In the end, there isn’t a set definition of what a Young Professional is in any industry. Instead, the term exists as a way to educate our industry and remind others that we have to support the varying ideals of this niche in order to achieve the greater good. Support your YPs and allow them to learn from your experiences. Engage in their activities and help guide these individuals within our industry. After all, they are the future leaders. ☺



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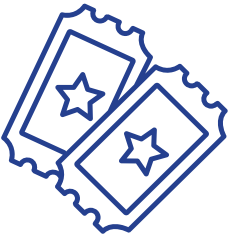
THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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 Curry 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

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.

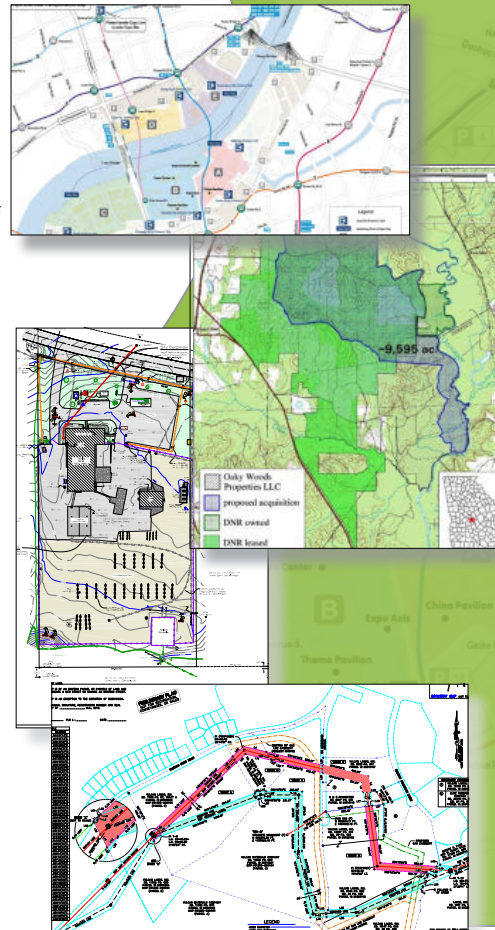
Eligibility: Anyone can enter, however, each entry must be sponsored by an IRWA member. Members may sponsor multiple entries. Maps must be associated with the right of way profession including related disciplines.

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

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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.

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