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IRWA Chapter 8 Gulf States
July 2020

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Chapter Members,

When I started last July as President, I never imagined how these past few months would have transpired. I hope everyone is in good health and adjusting well to the current situation. While the chapter's in-person meetings have been suspended, there has still been a lot of work going on behind the scenes. Chapter 8 continues to be one of the largest chapters in the country and our balance sheet is strong.

Two weeks ago, the annual International Board of Directors meeting was held virtually to vote on several motions and elect new officers. July also marks the changing of the guard for Chapter 8 officers. It has been a true honor and privilege to serve these past few years and I want to thank all of those I worked alongside with. I am confident the incoming officers for the 2020-2021 year will continue the Chapter 8 legacy and they are as follows:

2020-2021 Chapter 8 – Slate of Officers

President/Director	Kasy Baldauf, SR/WA	Air Liquide
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Secretary	Linda Alfery	Energy Transfer
Treasurer	Erik Breitinger	Audubon Field Solutions
2nd Year Director	Brandon Hodge, MAI	Allen, Williford & Seale

We will return to our monthly meetings as soon as possible, however one of the casualties of the COVID-19 pandemic was the HESS Club. After 102 years of existence, the HESS Club had no other choice but to shutter its doors. We are in the process of locating a new site to host our luncheons and have several good options. In the meantime, if you need continuing education there are several online courses available as well as live virtual classes. Additionally, here is our current schedule of events.

August 3-5th: Region 2 Fall Forum, College Station – CANCELLED – The in-person conference has been cancelled. The region is still exploring the possibility of hosting a virtual meeting. Look for an update from Region 2 in the coming weeks.

September Luncheon –TBD

October 15th: Dan Ewing Memorial Golf Tournament – Tournament scheduled in May has been rescheduled for October.

I wish everyone the best of health and hopefully we will see each other soon!

Best Regards,

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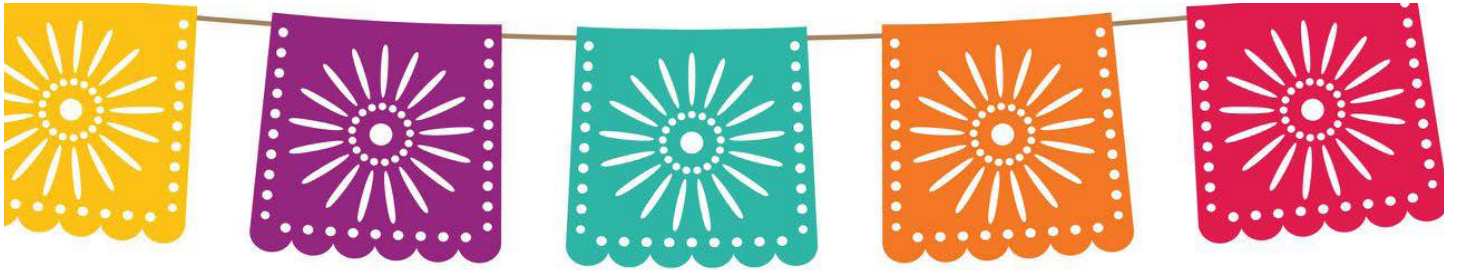
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RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS



28TH ANNUAL DAN EWING MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FIESTA FORE CHARITY THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2020

Email Tori Richards at vrichards@weissereng.com to be added to the mailing list!

EDUCATION

VIRTUAL COURSE!

901-Engineering Plan Development & Application

Start Date: 08/24/2020

End Date: 08/24/2020

No. of Days: 1 Day

Course Level: Intermediate

CEU Credits: 8.00

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

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

Sponsored By: Chapter 8



Course Description: The purpose of this course is to enable participants to improve their plan reading skills in order to perform their jobs more easily, effectively and efficiently. The course is designed to enable participants to improve their skills in using engineering plans and drawings.

Instructor: Terry Rowe is a licensed professional surveyor in 22 states and a project manager professional who has over 30 years of experience in land surveying and project management including topographic, engineering design, route, boundary, construction, as well as mapping, records research and computations. Terry is CLIMB certified and instructs the 900 series courses.

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Please note this is an instructor-led virtual class!

Register Online: <https://eweb.irwaonline.org/eweb/ProfilePage.aspx?WebCode=CSCEventInfoSC&evtkey=563375a9-f563-422a-869a-dd4827d1e81e>

EDUCATION

VIRTUAL COURSE!

902-Property Descriptions

Start Date: 08/25/2020

End Date: 08/25/2020

No. of Days: 1 Day

Course Level: Advanced

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 covers topographic and property information on engineering plans, the interrelationship of plan, profile and crosssection views, the horizontal and vertical alignment of a centerline, aerial photogrammetry, place coordinates, utility line crossings of highways, contours, calculating earthwork and the interpretation of right of way plans.

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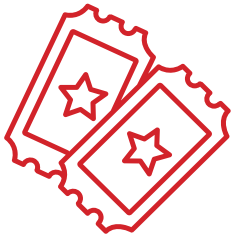
THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Chapter News



Chapter Luncheons TBD

Chapter Officers are actively searching for new luncheon locations! We will keep the website updated and notify all members when meetings will resume.



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 Kasy Baldauf via email at kasy.baldauf@airliquide.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

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.

Welcome!

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