

THE CENTERLINE

IRWA Chapter 8 Gulf States
March 2020

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Chapter Members,

This sure has been an interesting few weeks to say the least! I hope everyone is doing well and adjusting to life as we deal with the COVID-19 threat. I've got good news and bad news, so let's start with the good:

It may seem like it occurred ages ago, but last month we held the 2nd Annual Oil & Gas Symposium. It was a great success with nearly 170 registered attendees. Special thanks to our exclusive sponsor LJA Engineering and the 25 other companies that helped sponsor the event. The Young Professionals hosted a reception the night before that was well attended and got the event kicked off. Our featured speaker, Thure Cannon, President of the Texas Pipeline Association, opened the event with a very informative speech on past and future legislation issues of the industry. His presentation was followed by FERC with Dave Swearingen and Douglas Sipe. Then we had the presentation titled "Permitting – An Odyssey in Mexico" by Frank Van Horn of Howard Energy. The final session included a discussion on oil and gas legislation from Texas State Representative Terry Canales (District 40) and a presentation on "Landowner Awareness and Engagement" from Craig Potts and Austin Guyer, both from Marathon Pipe Line. Special thanks to all the speakers and of course the Oil & Gas Pipeline Symposium Committee.

Now for the bad...we have quite a few IRWA events coming up and I wanted to give you an update on each one. Things are changing everyday, but here is what I know as of March 19th.

April 1-3: Region 2 Seminar and Forum - Cancelled – There will be a video conference for the Region Forum on Friday, April 3rd.

April 9: Chapter Luncheon - Cancelled

May 7: Dan Ewing Memorial Golf Tournament – They will continue to monitor the situation and make a decision at a later date (refer to email sent 3/18).

May 14: Chapter Luncheon and Election of Officers – We will make a determination at a later date. This is the luncheon where we would normally install the new officers.

June 21-24: Annual IRWA Conference in Minneapolis – Cancelled (email sent from IRWA headquarters on 3/19)

I wish everyone the best of health and hopefully next month I will have nothing but good news to report!

Best Regards,



The Centerline

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CHAPTER HIGHLIGHT

THE APRIL 9TH CHAPTER 8 LUNCHEON MEETING WILL BE CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS. OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, ALL MEETINGS AND CLASSES WILL BE DETERMINED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. PLEASE REACH OUT TO CHAPTER OFFICERS AND CLASSROOM COORDINATORS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.



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MARCH MEETING RECAP

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Speaker: Jacqueline Smolik, PWS – Project Manager with Spirit Environmental, LLC

Topic: How to Avoid Getting Stuck in the Mud: An Overview of Wetland Compliance for Linear Projects

Ms. Smolik presented a broad overview of wetland permits and processes as they apply to linear projects. Luncheon attendees reviewed a case study that examined the relationship between right of way and environmental clearance. Ms. Smolik provided tools and datasets to be used in the right of way planning process to assist agents in recognizing red flags in the field.

Regulatory Overview

- **RHA** - Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act, 1899: Regulates all work affecting the course, capacity, or condition of navigable waters, including the construction of structures, dredging, filling, and conducting other activities that may obstruct navigation.
- **CWA** - Section 404 Clean Water Act, 1972: Requires that anyone interested in discharging dredged or fill material into “Waters of the United States, including wetlands,” must receive authorization for such activities.
- **USACE** - United States Army Corps of Engineers: The agency that reviews and issues permits, develops policy and guidance, conducts jurisdictional determinations, and shares
- **EPA** - Enforcement with the Environmental Protection Agency



Navigable Waters refers to those waters that are, have been, or could with reasonable modifications be used for commercial transport and those waters subject to ebb and flow of the tide.

WOTUS - Waters of the United States

- Waters used in interstate or foreign commerce, including waters subject to ebb and flow of tide
- Interstate waters, including wetlands
- Intrastate waters which could affect commerce
- Impoundments of waters defined above
- Tributaries of waters defined above
- Territorial seas
- Wetlands “adjacent” to waters defined above

The WOTUS definition has been defined, re-defined, and litigated repeatedly throughout the past couple of administrations.



Wetlands - Areas that exhibit all three of the criteria below, under normal conditions:

- Hydrology
- Hydrophytic Vegetation
- Hydric Soil

Wetland examples: swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas

Are there wetlands in my project area? There are helpful tools and databases that can provide insight into what may be encountered in the project area. However, it’s important that onsite data is collected. You cannot be sure if an area contains wetlands without site reconnaissance.

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If the project site has any of the following conditions, wetlands may be present:

- Standing water
- Low spot that holds water for several days after a heavy rain
- High water table
- Located near a river, pond, bayou, or within a floodplain

Plan Ahead and Use Datasets

- Google Earth (Historic Aerials)
- NEPAAssist Tool
- United States Geological Survey (“USGS”) Topographic Maps
- EPA MyWaters >> WATERS GeoViewer
- Light Detection and Ranging (“LIDAR”) Data
- National Wetlands Inventory (“NWI”)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (“NRCS”) WebSoil Survey
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) Flood Zone
- USFWS Critical Habitat
- USFWS Threatened and Endangered Species ECOS
- Information for Planning and Consultation (“IPAC”)
- TPWD Threatened and Endangered Species
- Aquifer Viewer
- Cultural Resources



When do I need a USACE permit?

Section 10 Authorizations (RHA)

- Required for any work that will be done in any tidally influenced area, including adjacent wetlands
- Required for work in navigable waters

Section 404 Authorizations (CWA)

- Required for any discharge of dredged or fill material into WOTUS and adjacent wetlands
- Discharge of dredged material
- Discharge of fill material

Types of USACE permits

- Regional General Permits
- Letters of Permission
- Nationwide General Permits
- Individual Permits

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Nationwide General Permits

The USACE issues the nationwide general permits every five years to authorize activities that have minimal and cumulative adverse environmental effects

- Nationwide Permit (NWP) were re-issued in March 2017
- Currently, there are 52 Active NWPs
- Most authorizations require the submittal of a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) to the USACE
- Compensatory mitigation may be required
- Permits may be issued within 45 days of application submittal

Common Linear Project NWPs

- Typical NWPs used in pipeline projects include:
 - NWP 3 – Maintenance
 - NWP 12 – Utility Line Activities
- Typical NWPs used in transportation projects include:
 - NWP 14 – Linear Transportation Projects
 - NWP 23 – Approved Categorical Exclusions

Individual Permits

- If a project does not qualify for a NWP or LOP, an individual permit is required
- Individual Permits can take 12 to 18+ months to receive approval from the USACE
- Subject to 30-day public review
- Requires in-depth alternatives analysis to prove your project is the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (“LEDPA”)



THANK YOU TO MARCH LUNCHEON RAFFLE SPONSORS!



Kimberly Diana McClung, SR/WA
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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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03/03 - DEMGT Registration Opens
03/05 - CH. 8 Monthly Meeting, HESS Club

03/08 - Day Light Savings Time
03/17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day!

APR.

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04/03 - Region 2 Spring Forum, Dallas Forth Worth
04/09 - Ch. 8 Monthly Meeting, HESS Club
04/11 - Region 2 Transportation Symposium, Austin

04/12 - Happy Easter!
04/27 - Course 421, AWS Appraisers

MAY

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05/07 - 28th DEMGT, Wildcat Golf Course
05/10 - Happy Mother's Day!
05/13-15 - Course 201, Percheron

05/14 - Ch. 8 Monthly Meeting, HESS Club
05/18-19 - Course 219, Air Liquide
05/25 - Happy Memorial Day!

UPCOMING EVENTS



28th Annual Dan Ewing Memorial Golf Tournament



FIESTA FORE CHARITY

TOURNAMENT DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020 | WILDCAT GOLF CLUB



REGISTRATION OPENS: TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD AT 10 AM
TOURNAMENT WEBSITE: WWW.BIRDEASEPRO.COM/DANEWINGGOLF

Benefiting 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization, Elijah Rising

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? EMAIL VRICHARDS@WEISSERENG.COM

UPCOMING EVENTS



Letter From Event Chairman, Mark T. Bardwell

Dear Dan Ewing Memorial Golf Tournament (DEM GT) Participant & Guest,

First and foremost, on behalf of the DEM GT Committee, I hope all of you are doing what you can to protect yourself, your family, friends and your community. All of our supporters are part of our extended Right of Way family, and your health and well-being matter to us.

The DEM GT Committee held a virtual executive meeting today to discuss the escalation and effects of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) across the world and the appropriate measures we need to take, in order to remain proactive in protecting our Committee's, Volunteer's and Participant's health and safety.

At this time, the Dan Ewing Memorial Golf Tournament will take place as scheduled; however, the DEM GT Committee understands this situation is rapidly changing, as we monitor the outbreak closely. We will adhere to the guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and local health authorities. More information will be provided as necessary.

As stated by the Harris County Health Department, to protect yourself from COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases, follow CDC recommendations:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the COVID-19 Symptoms outlined in one or more of the following below links, please see professional Medical Assistance immediately.

To stay informed about new information regarding COVID-19, visit the Harris County Public Health or CDC websites for up-to-date information. www.harrishealth.org

Harris Health System patients with symptoms of fever, cough and shortness of breath are encouraged to call Ask My Nurse at 713-634-1110.

For the Sponsors & Participants who have already registered for the nearly sold out event, thank you for your support. None of our efforts to give back to our local community would be possible without your involvement.

Sincerely,

Mark Bardwell, DEM GT Chair
Right of Way Director | DCP Midstream

DEM GT 2020 Committee: Callie Howard, CBRE; Charles Ryan, Williams; Craig Young, CBRE; Kasy Baldauf, Air Liquide; Kelly Simmons, Spirit Environmental; Kirby Ewing, Contract Land Staff; Kirsten White, Enterprise Products; Nick Viscardi, Wildcat Golf Club; Ramiro Roel, Kinder Morgan; Taylor Sass, Weisser Engineering & Surveying; Tommy Jackson, DOW Pipeline; Tori Richards, Weisser Engineering & Surveying; William "Bill" Phelps, TRC Solutions

EDUCATION

421-The Valuation of Partial Acquisitions

Start Date: 04/27/2020

End Date: 04/30/2020

No. of Days: 4 Day

Course Level: Advanced

CEU Credits: 32.00

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

Tuition: \$755.00 Member/\$935 Non-Member

Sponsored By: Chapter 8



Course Description: Participants will learn how to determine and appraise the larger parcel, techniques for appraising the part acquired, identifying and measuring various types of damages and how to value the remainder after acquisitions. The course introduces ways to handle special benefits and explores the before and after approach (how, why and when), and includes numerous exercises and case studies to aid in understanding.

Instructors: Dalton Vann, MAI, RWA, R/W-AC has been appraising in the right of way profession since 2007 and has worked for several valuation firms in North Texas. Mr. Vann has performed valuation and consulting services across the State of Texas on various properties including industrial facilities, retail centers, hotels/motels, subdivisions, office buildings, billboards, churches, ranches, estates, residential units, and raw land. His experience in appraisal for right of way acquisition purposes includes projects for public transportation authorities, local municipalities, public utilities, pipeline, and electrical transmission line companies, light rail authorities and other agencies. Mr. Vann has served on the IRWA Chapter 36 board and in committees since 2011 and was the young professional of the year for the chapter in 2015. He has served on the education committee for IRWA Chapter 36 and serves as a Chapter board member.

Randy Williams, SR/WA, MAI is an Executive Vice President with JLL Valuation & Advisory Services in Austin, Texas. Mr. Williams' experience in real estate appraisal/valuation and consulting since 1977 includes appraisal and management in the real estate banking industry, expert witness testimony and appraisal review. Recent appraisal experience is concentrated throughout Texas. Valuations have been performed on various properties including shopping centers, apartment complexes, single and multi-tenant industrial buildings, single story and high-rise office buildings, mixed use facilities, proposed residential and commercial subdivision and ranches. Mr. Williams has extensive condemnation experience across Texas. Clients include private and public agencies including TxDOT and the City of Austin, accountants, investment firms, banks and law firms. Valuation and market studies have been performed on proposed, partially completed, renovated and existing improved properties. Eminent domain experience includes State Highways 130, 45 and 36, and IH-35. Mr. Williams is a certified instructor for the IRWA and has taught IRWA courses Beijing, China, Johannesburg, South Africa and Mexico City, Mexico and as throughout the USA. Mr. Williams was also the 2011-2012 International President for the IRWA.

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Register Online: https://www.irwaonline.org/courses/178/421-the-valuation-of-partial-acquisitions/description/?evt_key=63ed3aaa-85ab-4bfd-ab82-cddd15883ade



EDUCATION

201-Communications in Real Estate Acquisition

Start Date: 05/13/2020

End Date: 05/15/2020

No. of Days: 3 Day

Course Level: Intermediate

CEU Credits: 24.00

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

Tuition: \$565.00 Member/\$710.00 Non-Member

Sponsored By: Chapter 8



Course Description: Utilizing self-learning exercises, role-playing and simulations of actual acquisition interviews, this course helps to instill confidence in participants and to enhance their communication/negotiation skills. Participants are given the opportunity for extensive individual participation, and are encouraged to experiment with the practical application of communication concepts and skills presented and discussed. Following the self-learning exercises and role-playing sessions, participants receive feedback regarding what they are doing effectively, as well as the areas in which they are in need of improvement.

The acquisition interview is presented in a step-by-step approach: how to start, how to develop trust, how to handle problems and objections, and how to close. Using video cameras, participants can then practice these steps by taking part in simulations of actual acquisition interviews. These video demonstrations are then replayed, enabling participants to see themselves "in action".

PLEASE NOTE: Each participant is required to bring an example of an actual acquisition case that has already been conducted or will soon be conducted. This case is needed on the first day of class.

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 recently elected as the IEC Secretary for the IRWA.

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Participant Capacity: 15

Hotel Accommodations:

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Register Online: https://www.irwaonline.org/courses/260/201-communications-in-real-estate-acquisition/description/?evt_key=ba894d94-3b86-45d8-b391-4b87f8c42ff0



EDUCATION

219-Introduction to Presentation, Instruction & Facilitation

Start Date: 05/18/2020

End Date: 05/19/2020

No. of Days: 2 Day

Course Level: Intermediate

CEU Credits: 16.00

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

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

Sponsored By: Chapter 8



Course Description: This course provides participants with an understanding of presenting, instructing and facilitating; an opportunity to develop or enhance presentation, instruction and facilitation skills; personal and professional development, and a venue during which to assess personal skills and abilities before expressing an interest in becoming an IRWA Instructor or a Conference presenter. At the conclusion of the course, participants will have learned about, developed, and demonstrated presentation, instruction and facilitation techniques.

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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Register Online: https://www.irwaonline.org/courses/281/219-introduction-to-presentation-facilitation-and-instruction/description/?evt_key=9a5806ab-efb0-4321-994d-c84faa549220

EDUCATION

200-Principles of Real Estate Negotiation

Start Date: 06/03/2020

End Date: 06/04/2020

No. of Days: 2 Day

Course Level: Core

CEU Credits: 16.00

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

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

Sponsored By: Chapter 8



Course Description: This two-day course focuses on a unique blend of the communication skills associated with successful, real-world right of way negotiations. With an emphasis on the practical as opposed to the theoretical, participants will explore their own negotiation skills, habits and styles with the goal of improving settlement rates of right of way acquisitions.

Instructor: Georgia S. Snodgrass, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC, is a popular Instructor for the CLS-Professional Development Institute (Contract Land Staff) as well as for the IRWA. She obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky and obtained her Master of Science Degree in School Business Administration from Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA. Prior to joining Contract Land Staff, she was a Real Estate Representative III for the San Antonio River Authority with responsibility for acquisition and project management oversight on behalf of the River Authority, plus additional oversight responsibilities for the asset management program. Prior to the River Authority, Ms. Snodgrass was the chief negotiator for the San Diego Unified School District and was responsible for their asset management program for 32 years. She is past Chair of both Regions 1 and 2 and Past Chair of the International Membership Committee. She has been approved since 2007 to teach the 700 Series of IRWA Asset Management Courses as well as IRWA Communications Courses 205 and 213. In addition, she is a Certified Course Coordinator for her chapter.

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EDUCATION

506-Advanced Business Relocation Assistance

Start Date: 07/15/2020

End Date: 07/16/2020

No. of Days: 2 Day

Course Level: Advanced

CEU Credits: 16.00

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

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

Sponsored By: Chapter 8



Course Description: This course begins with a pre-assessment of the participants' knowledge, followed by case study analysis of complex business relocation issues which require a thorough understanding of the relocation process and the Uniform Act. A detailed analysis of each case study is provided so participants understand the lead agency's theory behind its interpretation of the situation. Facts are applied in order to simulate a relocation that is consistent with the intent of the Uniform Act.

Instructor: Kristen Bennett, R/W-RAC is the President of Blackbird Right of Way LLC. She is currently serving as the President of Chapter 36 and the Vice Chair of the Relocation Community of Practice. This year, she was appointed to serve as a member of the PIPE. In 2016, Kristen was the Chapter 36 Young Professional of the Year. She is a CLIMB Certified Instructor for courses 501, 502, 503, 504 and 505. Kristen has also presented relocation sessions at the IRWA annual conference. Prior to founding Blackbird, Kristen was the Senior Managing Director for Relocation Assistance Services for Sendero Acquisitions, LP. Kristen earned her SR/WA designation in 2018 and her R/W-Relocation Assistance Certification in 2013. She earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Texas Tech University and a Master of Music degree from the prestigious Jacob's School of Music at Indiana University. Before joining the right-of-way profession, Kristen was a professional opera singer. Today, she enjoys singing in the praise band at her church every Sunday. Kristen lives in Azle, Texas with her husband, John Bennett, and their two daughters, Ellie and Mimi.

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Participant Capacity: 20

Hotel Accommodations:

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Register Online: https://www.irwaonline.org/courses/250/506-advanced-business-relocation-assistance/description/?evt_key=97d9b2ff-d365-49dc-a082-05c2c7ed8fef

EDUCATION

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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Participant Capacity: 40

Hotel Accommodations:

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Register Online: https://www.irwaonline.org/courses/6/901-engineering-plan-development-and-application/description/?evt_key=563375a9-f563-422a-869a-dd4827d1e81e

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EDUCATION

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.

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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Participant Capacity: 40

Hotel Accommodations:

Participants are responsible for their own accommodations.

Register Online: https://www.irwaonline.org/courses/7/902-property-descriptions/description/?evt_key=c5ff8122-d607-4217-a41a-190144d2b5ed

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EDUCATION

804-Skills of Expert Testimony

Start Date: 09/14/2020

End Date: 09/14/2020

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 is facilitated by an attorney and/or an experienced appraiser. The situations faced by the expert witness are analyzed through extensive use of simulations based on actual cases, creating a unique learning situation.

Instructor: **Sejin C. Brooks** is an attorney in the Austin Office of Barron, Adler, Clough & Oddo, LLP. Raised in Oklahoma, he joined the firm in 2014 and focuses on eminent domain litigation. For eight years Mr. Brooks served as an Assistant Attorney General at the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, Transportation Division. While in that position he acted as the project manager of litigation for parcel acquisition matters regarding the DFW Connector Highway Construction Project. Prior to his time as an Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Brooks served as an Assistant District Attorney in Oklahoma and as a Partner Attorney for a law firm in Oklahoma. Mr. Brooks is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Oklahoma Bar Association. Mr. Brooks is also a member of IRWA Chapter 74 and is an IRWA CLIMB Certified Instructor.

Course Coordinator:

Kasy Baldauf, SR/WA

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



CHAPTER 8 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS **Social Networking Event**

- WHERE:** POWDER KEG
1300 BRITTMOORE RD.
HOUSTON, TX 77043
- WHEN:** THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD
5:30PM TO 7:30PM
- RSVP:** MERCEDES.OSBERN@FHR.COM

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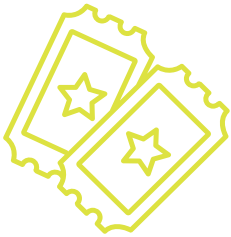
THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Chapter News



Chapter Luncheons Moved to Thursday

We have officially changed chapter luncheons to Thursday. The only meeting that will be held on a Friday, will be the Holiday Luncheon. 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 Brandon Hodge via email at bhodge@appraiser.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

20/20 VISION

RWIEF FUNDS NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM !



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Celebrating our 40th anniversary in 2017, the Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF) partnered with IRWA to fund forty scholarships. The program, “40 For 40 Launching Careers Scholarship”, was open to IRWA members in good standing that were committed to achieving the Right of Way Agent (RWA) or Right of Way Professional (RWP) credential. Two recipients from each of the ten IRWA regions, plus twenty more recipients from members throughout IRWA were selected. RWIEF committed \$185,000 to fund these scholarships over three years from January 2018 to December 2020 and IRWA managed the program. The 40 For 40 Scholarship has flourished with 39 scholars in the program (one left the industry). Thus far, 20 scholars have completed their path with 11 RWA and 9 RWP certifications.

Due to the success of the 40 For 40 program, the Foundation is pleased to announce a new scholarship called, “20/20 Vision Scholarship Program”. This scholarship is targeted to new professionals in the infrastructure real estate industry seeking to advance their careers through credentialing. The Foundation will fund the program for three years, beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, providing grants up to \$92,500.

To qualify, applicants must have been a member in good standing for at least one year and committed to achieving the RWA and/or RWP credential. Funding may only be used towards course registration fees for eligible courses. Applicants are required to submit a one-page essay outlining how the scholarship will enable them to contribute to IRWA’s purpose and mission.

To apply, visit www.irwaonline.org and click on “20/20 Vision Scholarship Program” under the education tab. Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2020 and grantees will be notified by June 1, 2020. Awards will begin on July 1, 2020.



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March 2020

IRWA News and Updates

Education

- Electronic copies of all IRWA course materials are now available to those who have registered online on the IRWA website or directly through IRWA Headquarters, or have previously taken an IRWA class.
- All class registrants will receive a link in their registration confirmation email that will point them to their [education history](#) where they will be prompted to log in to their IRWA account and can download and print PDF copies of their course materials.

Credentialing

- SR/WA candidates under the new program now have the option of taking the old comprehensive exam or taking the new pathway specific exam. Students wishing to take the old comprehensive exam may now take the SR/WA Review and Study Session and sit for the comprehensive exam for credit. Attendance at the Study Session is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.
- Students seeking to take the new pathway specific exam must make separate arrangements for a proctor.
- IRWA's Course 230 - Oil and Gas Land Basics & Related Surface Rights Issues will be removed from the list of required classes for the Oil and Gas Industry Pathway under the RWP program and replaced with an 8-credit unit elective course.

Instructor Development

- Want to add a class? The PIPE has new [course specific qualifications](#), as well as a new [policy](#) and [application](#) form for instructors to add new courses to their teaching portfolio. These documents can be found on the [Instructors' page](#) of the IRWA website.
- An Instructor Performance Management process has been approved by the International Governing Council (IGC) and will be implemented in the coming months. This will allow PIPE to monitor instructor performance and provide instructors with support and feedback needed. The PIPE's next step will be to complete all supporting documentation. Look for more communication in the coming months.

PIPE Committee Structure and Name Change

- The IGC agreed with the PIPE and Credentialing Committee's recommendation to restructure the PIPE and Credentialing Committees by making Credentialing a subcommittee of the PIPE for better communication and interaction.
- The IGC also agreed with the PIPE's proposed committee name change from the Partnership for Infrastructure Professional Education (PIPE) to the International Professional Education Committee (IPEC).
- There will be a resolution for both these items to either approve or disapprove of these proposed changes at the Board of Directors Meeting during the Annual Education Conference in Minneapolis, MN on June 24.

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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.

Welcome!

No new members this month.

Meet your Communications Committee:

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