



NOVEMBER LUNCHEON EVENT

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Registration Begins @ 11:30 a.m. Presentation @ 12:00 p.m.
Maggiano's Little Italy – 10910 Domain Drive, Austin, TX 78758

Speaker—Graham Moore, P.E.,
Alliance Regional Water Authority

REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT OPENS OCT 15

AND CLOSSES NOVEMBER 9TH, 2018 - COB

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Bluebonnet News



About Our Chapter

Bluebonnet Chapter No. 74, is the Austin, TX chapter of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA). Our Chapter was founded in 1985 by professionals in the right of way field to unite members for education, improve service to employers and the public and to advance our members within the profession. We are part of Region 2 of the International Association. Our current membership includes professionals involved in a wide array of projects requiring real estate, right of way and utility services.

Board of Directors Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. If you are interested in attending, please contact any of our Chapter 74 Officers.

Visit the chapter website at <http://irwachapter74.org/>



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Local Area Professional Development
- 2018-2019 Chapter Board Members and Committees
- Classroom Education
- Event Photos

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2018-2019 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members,



We are officially in the Fall season. As we all look forward to some cooler weather and the holidays I would love to hear your thoughts on the age old debate within the IRWA of pumpkin spice: vote here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F8W9WNC>. Results will be shared in next month's newsletter.

There is a lot of fun to be had this time of year including [Austin City Limits Music Festival](#), [Formula 1 Racing](#), Oktoberfest activities, the [Bloody Mary Fest](#) and the [Austin Margarita Festival](#) to name a few. IRWA Chapter 74, as a professional organization has plenty of events coming up where you can network, learn and have fun with your colleagues. Our Chapter, in partnership with Chapter 39 in San Antonio, hosted the Eminent Domain Seminar in conjunction with the MAW Golf Tournament hosted by the Right of Way Professionals of Texas. Our estimates came back with great success. Over 300 attendees registered for the conference and 46 golfers participated in a fun day of golf. The tournament helped to raise over \$15,000 benefiting [Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central Texas](#) and helps to help grant wishes to children with critical illnesses. I personally want to thank all those who volunteered their time and efforts to help with both the seminar and golf outing, contributing to another successful year. We also hosted our monthly luncheon at Maggiano's last week with over 45 people in attendance and a great presentation from our guest speakers representing Williamson County. Next month we will be at Maggiano's again with another great guest speaker from the Alliance Regional Water Authority. Many thanks to our Programs Committee for putting these events together. December is just around the corner so don't forget to make plans to attend our IRWA Holiday party. This is an opportunity for our members to come together and celebrate all the great things we have done this year.

If you have any additional input for me that would help our Chapter, please feel free to reach out, whether it is about Right of way activities or just pumpkin spice.

Welcome to the fall season and I hope to see you soon at our chapter events!



Thank you,


Alex Gale

2018– 2019 Chapter 74 President

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October 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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Upcoming Events

✦ **October 2, 2018 - Board Meeting**

Time: 12:00 PM—1:00 PM

Location: City of Austin, One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Rd, 13th Floor, Director's Conference Room

✦ **October 3, 2018 - IRWA Luncheon**

Time: Registration Begins @ 11:30 a.m. Presentation @ 12:00 p.m.

Location: Maggiano's Little Italy – 10910 Domain Drive, Austin, TX 78758

✦ **October IRWA Classroom Courses, Texas locations**
(see pg. 10 for additional Region 2 course information)





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JOIN IRWA BECOME A MEMBER!

Installment options are available for membership fees.
Contact your local committee chairs for more information.



MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO OUR CHAPTER

We want to promote growth while qualifying for incentives from IRWA International.

5% Net Growth = 3 free memberships | 1 free conference registration &

10% Net Growth = 3 free memberships | 2 free conference registrations | \$500 travel voucher

New Members: Please contact the [Membership Committee](#) to have your first luncheon covered by the Chapter.

We improve people's quality of life through infrastructure development

Elevate Your Professional Status with the IRWA Advantage!

For over 80 years, IRWA has been serving as the only professional association that encompasses all disciplines of the right of way industry. With over 10,000 members, our mission is to support you by providing access to the knowledge, resources and training you need to excel at your job now and at every stage of your career.

Advance your Career

Specialized education and credentialing opportunities

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Networking opportunities at local Chapter and Region events

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Leverage Our Resources

Subscription to Right of Way Magazine, the industry's leading publication.

Join one of our Industry Committees or Discipline Communities of Practice

DESIGNATIONS

09.04.18: Matthew Mitchell, R/W-AC with JLL Valuation and Advisory Services, LLC received notification of the award of the IRWA specialty certification in Appraisal and received his R/W-AC designation effective 09.01.18.

08.02.18: Richard Scholtz, R/W-AC with JLL Valuation and Advisory Services, LLC received notification of the award of the IRWA specialty certification in Appraisal and received his R/W-AC designation effective 08.02.18.

07.19.18: Stephanie Ferraris, R/W-AC of JLL Valuation and Advisory Services, LLC received notification of the award of the IRWA specialty certification in Appraisal, receiving her R/W-AC designation effective 07.01.18.

06.19.18: Travis Baird, RWA with the City of Georgetown was advised of having successfully completed the education, experience and course requirements to achieve the Right of Way Agent (RWA) designation.

RE-CERTIFICATIONS

09.19.18: Randall Kopfer, SR/WA, was notified of having successfully completed the requirements for re-certification of his SR/WA designation through August 1, 2023.

09.18.18: William S. Caddey, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, with Paragon Partners Ltd. was notified of having successfully completed requirements for re-certification of his R/W-RAC designation through July 1, 2023.

08.08.18: Kimberly D. McClung, SR/WA was notified of having successfully completed the requirements for re-certification of her SR/WA designation through July 2023.

07.11.18: John Breed, SR/WA, was notified of having successfully completed the requirements for re-certification of his SR/WA designation through August 15, 2023.

07.11.18: Jeff Rutherford, SR/WA, R/W-AC was notified of having successfully completed the requirements for re-certification of his SR/WA designation through April 1, 2023.

07.11.18: Gloria Yake, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC was notified of having successfully completed the requirements for re-certification of her SR/WA designation through April 1, 2023.

07.06.18: Loraine (Isabella) Rizer, SR/WA, was notified of having successfully completed the requirements for re-certification of her SR/WA designation through July 2023.

EXAMINATION ACTIVITY

07.25.18: Wayne Masur with the Lower Colorado River Authority was advised of having successfully passed the capstone examination for Asset (Property) Management (AM) and now has five years within which to complete the requirements for the R/W-AM specialty certification.

06.28.18: Richard Scholtz with JLL Valuation and Advisory Services, LLC was advised of having successfully passed the capstone examination for Appraisal (AC) and now has five years within which to complete the requirements for his R/W-AC specialty certification.

06.28.18: Travis Baird, RWA with the City of Georgetown was advised of having successfully passed the capstone examination for Negotiation/Acquisition (NAC) and now has five years within which to complete the requirements for his R/W-NAC specialty certification.

06.12.18: Stephanie Pedro with JLL Valuation and Advisory Services, LLC was advised of having successfully passed the capstone examination for Appraisal (AC) and now has five years within which to complete the requirements for her R/W-AC specialty certification.

06.12.18: Matthew Mitchell with JLL Valuation and Advisory Services, LLC was advised of having successfully challenged the exam for course 400 and has thereby fulfilled the requirement for completion of the course required for designation or certification.



Our October luncheon had a great turnout at Maggiano’s Little Italy restaurant on October 3, 2018. Thank you to our members in attendance and to our guest speakers from the Williamson County Engineer/Road & Bridge Division, J. Terron Evertson, P.E., County Engineer and Robert B. Daigh, P.E., Sr. Director of Infrastructure, who provided an engaging discussion on local area activities.

Photos courtesy of Maggie Schedler



“An organization’s ability to learn, and translate that learning into action rapidly, is the ultimate competitive advantage.”

“Jack Welch & The G.E. Way: Management Insights and Leadership”. Book by Robert Slater, 1998.



PROGRAM NEWS—NOVEMBER LUNCHEON!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

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Graham Moore of the Alliance Regional Water Authority will speak on water and water rights in central Texas and throughout the state. ARWA currently has a 90 mile pipeline project in design and should be able to address other planned projects by other entities.



 **ALLIANCE WATER**

Graham Moore, P.E.
Executive Director
Alliance Regional Water Authority
(formerly Hays Caldwell PUA)

Mr. Moore is a licensed professional engineer with more than 20 years of experience. A graduate of Southern Methodist University, he began his career by designing mechanical systems for manufacturing and communication facilities for a consulting engineering firm in Dallas.

After moving to Austin in 2000 his career shifted toward public infrastructure where he quickly became focused on solving challenges in a cost-effective yet enduring way. A little over three years ago this focus was more fully realized when Graham became the first Executive Director of the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency, which is now known as the Alliance Regional Water Authority.

When he's not talking about Texas water, Graham and his wife can be found ushering their three boys to soccer practice and games throughout Central Texas.

About Alliance Water



Formed in January, 2007, Alliance Water (formerly the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency) is comprised of the cities of San Marcos, Kyle, and Buda, along with the Canyon Regional Water Authority, which represents County Line Special Utility District, Crystal Clear Water Supply Corporation, Green Valley Special Utility District, and Martindale Water Supply Corporation.

Visit their website for more information:

<http://alliancewater.org/>

Contact the [Programs Committee](#) with any speaker recommendations or presentation topics.



Region 2 Area Classroom Education Dates

OCTOBER

- 10.04.2018** | San Antonio, TX
803 Eminent Domain Law Basics for ROW Professionals

- 10.05.2018** | New Orleans, LA
100 (2-DAY) Principles of Land Acquisition

- 10.05.2018** | Plano, TX
802 Legal Aspects of Easements

- 10.12.2018** | Irving, TX
403 Easement Valuation

- 10.18.2018** | Oklahoma City, OK
501 Residential Relocation Assistance

- 10.26.2018** | San Antonio, TX
804 Skills of Expert Testimony

NOVEMBER

- 11.06.2018** | Richardson, TX
901 Engineering Plan Development & Application

- 11.07.2018** | Richardson, TX
902 Property Descriptions

- 11.08.2018** | Oklahoma City, OK
502 Non-Residential Relocation Assistance

- 11.08.2018** | Fort Worth, TX
700 Introduction to Property/Asset Management

- 11.09.2018** | New Orleans, LA
102 Elevating Your Ethical Awareness



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Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

DO YOUR BEST

We all say it. We often promise to do it. But how often do we actually fulfill that promise? With all our good intentions, the pressures of life do lead us astray. But when we do our best, pushing through obstacles, using all our efforts, the satisfaction is enormous. And the rewards are sweeter because they've been hard earned.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said “Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.” RWIEF helps you do just that. Our Foundation has supported right of way education for over 40 years, funding courses for both the beginner and the experienced in our industry. A plethora of basic and intermediate courses will pave your way to a certification or designation. Many advanced courses are available for those who have been in the business for years.

This notion of doing your best also applies to governing boards. As Chapter and Regional officers, do your boards need help? Why not take advantage of the free leadership videos available at IRWA University? Eleven training modules can help Chapter and Region boards to do their best and be more effective within IRWA.

Invest an hour with your board reviewing a leadership module. Invest a day or two for yourself taking an on-line or in-person class. You'll increase your knowledge, build equity in your profession and give yourself a leg up in the worthy art of doing your best.



Continuing education and professional development are essential to the growth and advancement of our Right of Way profession.



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International Right of Way Association Weekly Update
Provided Monday, October 1, 2018



Trump Administration

- On Friday, the President signed the Defense and the Labor/Health and Human Services appropriations bills, as well as a continuing resolution extending government funding for other agencies through December 7th. <https://thehill.com/policy/finance/406509-congress-adds-continuing-resolution-to-defense-bill-defangs-shutdown-threat>
- Late last night, news broke that Canada and the United States had reached a trade agreement. Canada will join the agreement that was originally announced between Mexico and the United States on August 31st. https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/us-and-canada-closing-in-on-a-new-nafta-deal-as-deadline-looms/2018/09/30/2ef72018-c50b-11e8-b1ed-1d2d65b86d0c_story.html

Congress

- The House is in recess and will reconvene on November 13th.
- The Senate is still in session and is focused on the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh to be the next Supreme Court Justice.

Analysis

- With the House in recess and the Senate soon to follow, all attention will soon turn to the mid-term elections.
- While congressional negotiators were reportedly close to a deal on the appropriations bill that would fund federal transportation programs, Congress was unable to complete that bill in the rush to avert a shutdown last week. As a result, transportation funding will continue at current levels until December 7th, when funding under the continuing resolution expires.
- It bears remembering that House Republicans are due for a leadership change with the retirement of Speaker Ryan. Expect to see more posturing out of Majority Leader McCarthy, Majority Whip Scalise, and Rep. Jim Jordan, the three most likely candidates vying for the top Republican slot in the House in the next Congress.
- If Democrats take control of the House, they will be in for their own leadership debate. Minority Leader Pelosi has made it clear that she expects to be Speaker if Democrats control the House, but there are members of her caucus who want to see a leadership change



<https://www.irwaonline.org/members/leadership-resources/irwa-advocacy-reports/>



Community Partners,

As part of ongoing efforts to improve our City operations and efficiencies, the Austin City Council approved Resolution 20180201-063 directing the City Manager to create a pilot retrospective review program for a regular, systemic review to assess existing policies, reports, rules and regulations related to the **Economic Opportunity and Affordability strategic outcome**.

- ◆ Policies, reports, rules, and regulations will be reviewed to determine the following:
- ◆ if there is a continuing need for it
- ◆ if there are possible conflicts between it and other rules and regulations
- ◆ if it has been affected by technology, economic, or other industry changes
- ◆ does it continue to service the original purpose
- ◆ does it serve that purpose in a way that is fair and equitable

As the City reviews rules and regulations, we also need to hear from **YOU!** What are your ideas for rules and regulations that should be reviewed? Now is your opportunity to share with us your thoughts on making our City better.

Follow this link for more information on the type of feedback the City is hoping to receive and how to submit your ideas <https://data.austintexas.gov/stories/s/cv37-nj7a/>

Deadline to submit your ideas is **Monday, October 15, 2018**, so don't hesitate to have your opinion heard!



2018 SEPTEMBER SEMINAR

HOT TOPICS IN REAL ESTATE AND EMINENT DOMAIN



2018 RWPTX MAKE-A-WISH GOLF TOURNAMENT



Save the Date

FOR THE IRWA CHAPTER 74 ANNUAL

Holiday Party

DECEMBER 6, 2018 | 6:30 - 9:30 P.M.

THE PEACHED SOCIAL HOUSE

6500 N LAMAR BLVD, AUSTIN, TX 78752



Peached Social House is a multi-functional event space, please visit their [website](#) for more information on the venue.



We support [OPERATION BLUE SANTA](#) during the holiday season.

Don't forget our annual Young Professionals toy drive benefitting the mission of the Austin Police Operation Blue Santa in providing toys, gifts, and gift cards for holiday meals for families in need. We can help to achieve this goal with the goodwill and support of our members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OPERATION BLUE SANTA



The mission of the Austin Police Operation Blue Santa is to provide toys, gifts, and gift cards for holiday meals for families in need. We will be collecting items to be used in a raffle and silent auction at the IRWA Holiday Party on December 6th at The Peached Social House. All proceeds benefit Operation Blue Santa.

Needed: gift baskets, gift cards, and any other items for the raffle and silent auction.

- Total value of auction item/basket is \$100.
- Limited low-value branded/marketing items (pens, koozies, water bottles, cards) allowed in basket.
- Donations are also very welcome. Please make checks payable to Blue Santa.



Thursday, December 6th

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

The Peached Social House

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2019 IRWA REGION 2 FORUM & INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM



WHEN: April 10 – 12, 2019

WHERE: SHERATON HOTEL, AUSTIN, TX

More information coming soon and will include

- ◆ ROOM RATES
- ◆ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
- ◆ IRWA COURSE INFO
- ◆ SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



Chapter 74 Nominations Committee wants all members to report outstanding **Right of Way Professionals, Young ROW Professionals** and **Right of Way Employers**. These individuals or employers will be dedicated to excellence in the industry and actively involved in the Chapter. Employers will be very supportive of their employee's personal and professional growth.

If you observe a professional, young professional or employer in the act of overachieving and deserving of recognition, please contact the Nominations Committee immediately!! While you are observing these individuals, please take note of their suspiciously awesome behavior and document it in the nominations forms for either the 2018 IRWA Professional of the Year, Young Professional of the Year and Employer of the Year.

To report professional awesomeness please email the [Nominations Committee](#). This year's Nomination Committee includes [Patti Bell](#), [Maggie Schedler](#) and [Don Toner](#). Only nominations submitted on the correct form will be considered.

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL CLOSE OF BUSINESS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018**

Winners will be announced at the December 6, 2018 Holiday Party

Nomination forms for Employer of the Year, Professional of the Year and Young Professional of the Year will be provided via email from your Communications Committee and available on the Chapter 74 website.



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2018 WEBSITE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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This elite sponsorship gives you access to have upcoming jobs posted to the webpage, in the monthly newsletter and email blasted to all Chapter 74 members.



SAFETY

“Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere.”

October is National Fire Prevention Month. With cold weather approaching, heat safety is important. Three simple calls-to-action identifies basic but essential ways people can reduce their risk to fire and be prepared in the event of one:

- Look for places fire can start
- Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm
- Learn two ways out of each room

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