

RESETTING YOUR GOALS CAN RESET YOUR FUTURE



Named for the Latin term *februum*, which means purification, this month brings forth a historical tradition of clearing away the old and preparing for the new. As we continue to provide services in the right of way industry its important to reassess our personal and career objectives. Continuing your education has the power to translate this into action by removing

restrictions or limitations of skill. IRWA offers a range of courses to improve your scope of knowledge. Bring about new preparations for growth by registering for a course in a topic most unfamiliar to your specialty. If nothing else, educational courses are beneficial to removing elements of confusion or uncertainty in your daily practice. Classroom courses offer the opportunity to exchange ideas and communication styles with industry counterparts. Visit the IRWA University website for more information at <https://www.pathlms.com/irwa>



MARCH LUNCHEON EVENT

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Registration opens 02/15-2019

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/>



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| President's Message | 2 |
| Calendar of Events | 3 |
| 2018-2019 Board | 4 |
| Committee Members | 5 |
| Member News | 6 |
| Program News | 8 |
| Upcoming Events | 10 |
| IRWA Symposium | 11 |
| Education | 13 |
| Class Descriptions | 14 |
| Legal Update | 16 |
| Sponsorship Page | 17 |

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- New Career Hotline Postings
- 2019 Transportation Symposium, Spring Forum Info
- March 2019 Luncheon
- A Moment for Safety

PAST PRESIDENTS

2017 Virginia Anderson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC
2016 Maggie Schedler, R/W-RAC
2015 Patti Bell, SR/WA
2014 Donald C. Toner, SR/WA
2013 Denise Skinner, SR/WA
2012 Teri J. Morgan, SR/WA
2011 Dennis Sedlachek, SR/WA
2010 Lory R. Johnson, MAI, SR/WA
2009 Ron Olderog, MAI, SR/WA
2008 John Reed, SR/WA
2007 Connie Real, PMP, SR/WA
2006 Tinker Cotton, SR/WA
2005 Steve Bohuslav, SR/WA
2004 Steve Beck, MAI, SR/WA
2003 Elizabeth Norris
2002 Elisa Garcia
2001 Randall Kopfer, IFA, SR/WA
2000 Laurie Park, SR/WA
1999 George Schlemeyer, SR/WA
1998 Lauraine Rizer, SR/WA
1997 Randy Williams, MAI, SR/WA
1996 Margie Hamby, SR/WA
1995 Dean Harris, SR/WA
1994 Mary Jane Amezquita
1993 Larry O'Neal, SR/WA
1992 Sandra Bishop
1991 John Baylor
1990 Cheryl Bennett
1989 Rayburn Corbitt, MAI
1988 Josie Wiltzius, SR/WA
1987 Greg Althoff, SR/WA
1986 Richard Steubing
1985 Charles Clinger, SR/WA

2018-2019 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Chapter 74,

It is already February and Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow this past Groundhog Day, so as tradition predicts we can expect an early Spring this year. It is also the time of year for tax filing; hopefully your budgets were in good order and taxes will not have a large impact to your accounts. In keeping with the topic of finances, I'd like to utilize this message to provide an update on the Chapter's budget this year.

In January, the board approved moving the Annual Holiday party from December to May to celebrate the installation of our Officers for the incoming term. This was decided with the intention of decreasing the amount of our annual event expenditures as rates during the holiday season have increased over the years. However, during the February Board meeting, upcoming annual costs were discussed and concerns were raised on how the inclusion of an Installation Party this May would deplete accounts to a level uncomfortable to the Board. Due to the planned costs including the sponsorship of Voting Members attendance to the International Conference in June and the unknown impact of hosting the Transportation Symposium in April, the Board has approved to delay the May 2019 Installation Party to May 2020. This means there will not be a planned annual Installation or Holiday Party for 2019 as we better assess the Chapter's financial outlook.

Additionally, we have not held as many classes this year due to a downward trend in participation. Please take 2 minutes to take a quick survey and let us know what courses you would like to see offered in 2019. The more we know about our Members' educational needs are, the better we can help provide the opportunities.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PBVZTXW>



Thank you,

Alex Gale

2018– 2019 Chapter 74 President

Alex.gale@austintexas.gov

February 2019



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|-----|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 BOARD MEETING Irving, TX—700 Intro to Property/Asset Management | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 CHAPTER 74 LUNCHEON | 13 | 14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> | 15 | 16 |
| 17 National Engineer's Week Feb. 17—23 | 18 Presidents' Day STATE AGENCIES CLOSED | 19 | 20 Katy, TX—213 Conflict Management | 21 Fort Worth, TX- 200 Principles of Real Estate Negotiation | 22 Early registration rates for IRWA Educational Conference ends today! | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | |

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

✦ February 07, 2019 - Chapter 74 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

✦ February 12, 2019 - IRWA Luncheon

Speaker: **Mike Trimble - Director, City of Austin Corridor Program Office**
 Time: Registration Begins @ 11:30 a.m. Presentation @ 12:00 p.m.
 Location: Maggiano's Little Italy – 10910 Domain Drive, Austin, TX 78758

✦ February IRWA Classroom Courses, Texas locations

(see pg. 13 for additional Region 2 course information)



Mark Your Calendar!

✦ **March 12, 2019 - IRWA Luncheon** (online registration opens 2/18, see page 9)



PRESIDENT

Alex Gale, SR/WA, R/W-URAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC
City of Austin
512-239-9750
alex.gale@austintexas.gov



PRESIDENT ELECT

Lori Bible, SR/WA
Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc.
512-914-2201
loribible@gmail.com



VICE PRESIDENT

Sheila Mills, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
(254) 715-8864
sheila.mills88@yahoo.com



TREASURER

Tara O'Neal
Texas Department of Transportation
(512) 832-7375
Tara.ONeal@txdot.gov



SECRETARY

Barbara Price
Capital Metro
512-658-8818
email@capitalmetro.org



DIRECTOR / 2 YEAR

Virginia Anderson SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC
512-221-3798
virginia@aria-cmq.com



DIRECTOR / 1 YEAR

Maggie Schedler, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC
512-653-2783
maggieschedler@gmail.com



ASSET MANAGEMENT

Ron Olderog, MAI, SR/WA
City of Austin
(512) 974-7193

COMMUNICATIONS

AustinCh74@atkinsglobal.com

Jennifer A. Lopez
Atkins, (512) 342-3234

Lisa Cooper, R/W-RAC
HDR Inc., (512) 531-5900

EDUCATION

Richard Scholtz
JLL Valuation, (512) 459-3440

Alexis Vanzura
Cobb Fendley, (512) 646-4359

Laurie Miller, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC
Cobb Fendley, (512) 413-4012

LEGAL

Kimberly D. McClung, J.D. SR/WA
Law Office of Kimberly McClung
kimberlydianamcclung@gmail.com
(512) 289-3346

LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY

Laura Riley
TxDOT, (512) 416-2830

Kerry Fulton
LAN, Inc., (512) 585-9282

MEMBERSHIP

Leslie Persia
alterra, (512) 381-5556

Michelle Hawkins, SR/WA
HDR Inc., (512) 531-5915

NOMINATIONS

Patti Bell
Allegiant Group, PLLC
(512) 355-7197

Don Toner, Jr. SR/WA
(512) 435-7675

Maggie Schedler
R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC
(512) 653-2783

Kerry Fulton
LAN, Inc., (512) 585-9282

PROGRAMS

Lisa White
lisaann0206@yahoo.com

Max Roach, CBRE
max.roach2@cbre.com

David Baylor
LAN, Inc. (512) 439-4709

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

John Campbell, SR/WA
(512) 767-3066

RELOCATION

David Harrah
SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC
TxDOT, (512) 416-2962

SEPTEMBER EMINENT DOMAIN SEMINAR

Elizabeth Norris
Atkins, (512) 342-3443

SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING

Jesse Cooper
HDR, Inc., (512) 699-6766

TRANSPORTATION

Don Toner, Jr. SR/WA
(512) 435-7675

Stephanie Pedro, AICP, R/W-AC
JLL, (512) 806 7640

VALUATION

Catherine A. Thomas, MAI, SRA
CBRE, (512) 499-4911

Chris Hornsby
PHC, (512) 381-5510

YOUNG

PROFESSIONALS

Jim Larsen, Sendero
Jlarsen@senderotx.com

Jaylia Travis
OR Colan, (512) 903-9995

2019 SYMPOSIUM/FORUM

Alex Gale
COA, (512) 974-1416

Teri Morgan, SR/WA
HDR, (512) 421-2742

Sheila Mills, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
(254) 715-8864

Kerry Fulton
LAN, Inc., (512) 585-9282

Richard Schultz
JLL, (512) 459-3440

Leslie Persia
alterra, (512) 381-5556

Laura Riley
TxDOT, (512) 416-2830

In an effort to communicate more information to our members, we are taking the opportunity this month to share helpful tips relative to membership activities. This month's featured inquiry:

[How do I transfer my chapter membership?](#)

From the IRWA Membership Policies and Procedures:

Members in good standing may transfer their IRWA membership from one Chapter to another by meeting the following conditions:

1. Local and International dues must have been paid in full for the current membership year.
2. The transferring member must prepare and submit a Membership Transfer Form and request a transfer of membership to the new Chapter. (See attached form)

Upon the acceptance of the transfer by the new Chapter, the member shall become a member of that Chapter and cease to be a member of the former Chapter. The Secretary of the new Chapter shall notify IRWA Headquarters and the former Chapter of the transfer by submitting the appropriate copies of the transfer form.

Transfer under this policy shall take place without payment of any additional dues or fees by the transferring member.

Download a membership transfer form:

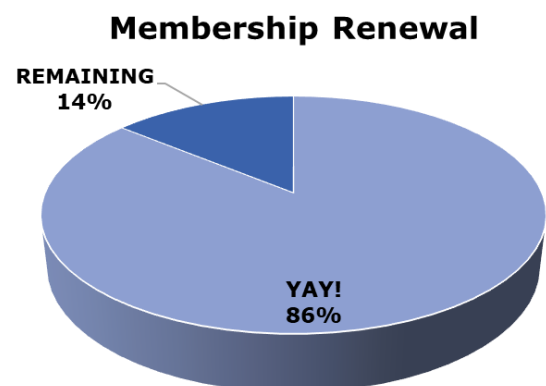
<http://eweb.irwaonline.org/eweb/upload/Forms/M005.pdf>

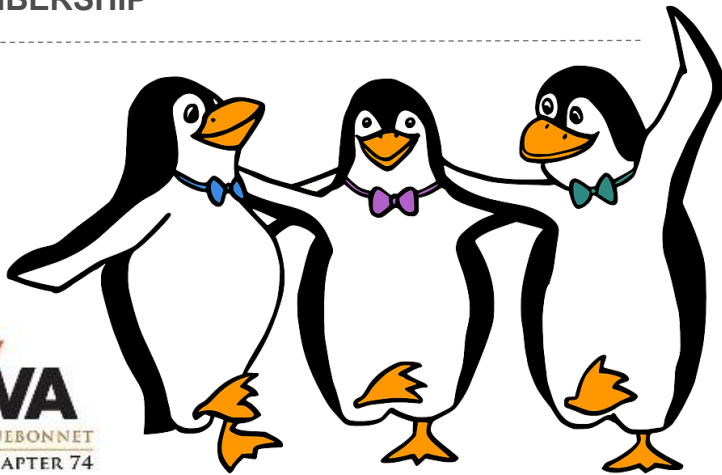


RENEW YOUR IRWA MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal Campaign

Thank you to all members who renewed their membership during the annual campaign. If you have not renewed, checkout the [Online Renewal](#) or renew your IRWA membership by going to www.irwaonline.org and clicking on "Membership" at the top of the homepage, then "Dues Renewal Invoice" on the right side or by contacting Mariah Carrillo, Membership Services at 310-538-0233 ext. 134 by email carrillo@irwaonline.org.





BECOME A MEMBER, JOIN IRWA!

- Installment options are available for membership fees.
- Contact your local committee chairs for more information.
- Visit the [IRWA Website](#) to submit your application electronically.

MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO OUR CHAPTER

Together we can promote growth while qualifying for the following 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

FREE LUNCH!

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

Discounts on online and classroom courses

Reduced rates to IRWA events, including our Annual Education Conference.

Connect with Industry

Networking opportunities at local Chapter and Region events

Access to our member directory, online discussion forum, and career center

Great volunteer and leadership development opportunities ... and more!

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

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON EVENT

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

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

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

Speaker: Mike Trimble - Director, City of Austin Corridor Program Office

Cost: \$25 at the door

(Please message our [Programs Committee](#) to guarantee seating if you plan to pay at the door)



**Mike Trimble, PfMP, CNU-A,
Corridor Program Office, Director, City of Austin**

Mike Trimble has more than 20 years of experience in public management and administration, serving government from both the public and private sectors. Mike has served in executive leadership positions for both public and private organizations including The Brown Schools, Travis County, MTG Management Consultants, and for the past 10 years, the City of Austin.

Following passage of Austin's largest-ever transportation bond, Mike was appointed director of the newly created Corridor Program Office.

The mission of the Corridor Program Office is to design and construct corridors that support mobility, livability, and other outcomes as outlined by the Austin City Council for the 2016 Mobility Bond Program.

Prior to that, Mike was chosen in 2010 to head the City of Austin's new Capital Planning Office, which was established to create a more robust, comprehensive and integrated Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Under his leadership, the Capital Planning Office was recognized by the American Planning Association and the Public Technology Institute for its innovative and effective approaches to municipal CIP planning.

In 2008, Mike was appointed director of the City of Austin's Contract and Land Management Department, where he oversaw CIP procurement, contract management and program management office functions for the City. As a management consultant, he developed effective strategic planning, organizational management, IT and performance solutions for both state and local government clients across the country.

Mike is a graduate of Texas A&M University, is a certified Project Portfolio Management Professional through the Project Management Institute and is accredited by the Congress for New Urbanism.

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

MARCH LUNCHEON EVENT | SAVE THE DATE

MARCH
12
2019



CAMPO

CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION

CENTRAL TEXAS

Join us March 12, 2019 for our monthly luncheon presentation at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant in the Domain. We welcome **Ashby Johnson**, Executive Director of the Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO). Mr. Johnson is responsible for directing technical analyses of regional transportation planning issues for a 20-member board of elected officials in Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties in Central Texas. He assists the Transportation Policy Board in setting vision, goals, and priorities for state and federal transportation funding. Additionally, he works with local, state, and federal partners to advance the implementation of priority transportation infrastructure activities for the six county region and for Texas.

Registration for this event opens February 18, 2019



JUNE 9-12, 2019

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

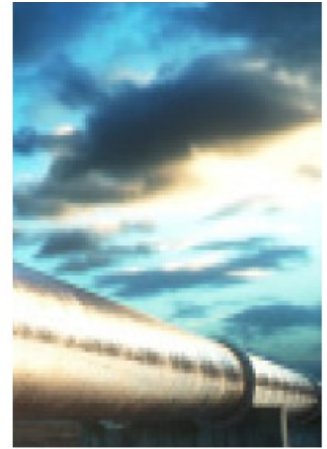
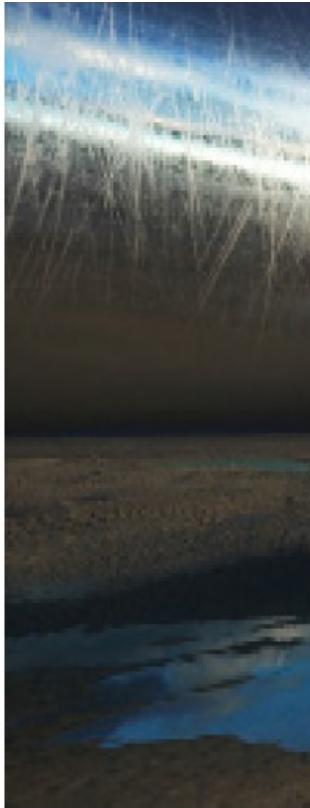
Hilton Portland Downtown
921 SW 6th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Click here to [REGISTER TODAY](#)

FULL REGISTRATION PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Opening Ceremonies with Keynote Speaker (Sunday)
- Welcome Reception (Sunday)
- IRWA Expo (Sunday & Monday)
- Educational breakout sessions (Monday – Wednesday)
- Meeting Breaks (Monday – Wednesday)
- Continental Breakfasts (Monday – Wednesday)
- SR/WA Recognition & Awards Luncheon (Monday)
- Plenary Session Speaker (Tuesday)
- Closing Reception & Gala Dinner (Wednesday)

For more details, visit the [IRWA International website](#)



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

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

Click here to register

[Oil & Gas Pipeline Symposium 2019](#)



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**

HOSTED BY IRWA CHAPTER 8-HOUSTON
ENDORSED BY IRWA REGION 2 AND THE PIPELINE COMMITTEE

2019 IRWA REGION 2 FORUM & INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 10 - 12, 2019

SHERATON AUSTIN HOTEL AT THE CAPITOL
701 E 11TH ST, AUSTIN, TX 78701



ACCESS THE WEBSITE [HERE](#) FOR MORE DETAILS ON REGISTRATION, DAILY AGENDAS AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

APRIL 10, 2019

EDUCATIONAL COURSES

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 PM

Austin Downtown Sheraton

C105 - Uniform Act Executive Summary

[Course Description](#)

C902 - Property Descriptions

[Course Description](#)

APRIL 11, 2019

TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

Sponsored by Chapter 74, Region 2, & Region 9

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 PM

Austin Downtown Sheraton

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$200 Government Rate

\$300 Private Industry Rate

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Sheraton Austin Downtown

701 East 11th St, Austin, TX 78701

RATES

With a Govt ID: \$145/night + tax

Private Industry Rate: \$219/night + tax

Ask for IRWA block—Reservation [Link](#)

APRIL 12, 2019

IRWA REGION 2 & 9 SPRING FORUM

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 PM

NO CHARGE

RSVP required for Spring Forum

There are no fees to attend the Spring Forum. The Spring Forum is a planning and business meeting for Region 2 of IRWA. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

Click [here](#) for additional details

| High Visibility Event / Item Sponsorship Benefits | Platinum \$5,000 | Gold \$2,500 | Silver \$1,500 | Bronze \$1,000 | Sponsor \$500 |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Exclusive Logo Recognition for all Events | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Logo Recognition in the Meeting Program | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Logo recognition on the Meeting Website | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| Logo Recognition on Signage Throughout Meeting Area | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Complimentary Delegate Registration | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Advance & Post Registration List | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Recognition Ad in Program | ¼ page | No | No | No | No |
| Introduce Company and Speaker | Yes | No | No | No | No |



VOLUNTARY INVESTMENT

Brett Farner, SR/WA
RWIEF Trustee

The act of volunteering is more than just a chance to serve, it is an opportunity to give back a portion of what we have received. By freely offering your time you can make a valuable investment in the future. The Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF) shares a similar mission of giving to invest in the future of right of way education initiatives. RWIEF is also contributing to this mission by providing unique volunteer opportunities on its Board of Trustees.

As a Young Professional (YP) Trustee, a new position created in 2015, I got a front row seat to see how the RWIEF works. Receiving charitable donations, generating financial contributions, funding course development, managing scholarships funds and exploring future investment opportunities are the primary responsibilities. At first, I considered it an education, but what surprised me was the freedom I was given to be involved immediately. Following another influential YP in this role, I was encouraged to learn quickly, challenge conventional processes and suggest new ideas at my first meeting. The Board may have lamented at times giving me such a strong voice, but for a YP volunteer the engagement was powerful.

The past three years I endeavored to make a difference by experiencing and being involved in as many aspects of the Foundation as I could. I started with the media sub-committee looking at the RWIEF website (RWIEF.org) and helped at conference with the Foundation's exhibit hall booth. I later organized a volunteer group for a Monday Night Event and worked the Annual Golf Tournament. Over the last year I focused on influencing how the Foundation manages certain assets in its balance sheet and participated in strategic discussions on the future of RWIEF activities. Because of this background, I was recently able to provide a comprehensive update to Region 3 at their Fall Forum on behalf of RWIEF.

Ultimately, I have seen there is an interesting aspect of volunteering and dynamic of giving back – you set out to give of yourself to benefit others, but many times you end up getting more back in return. Any way you look at it, I would call that a good return on your investment.

As my term as a YP Trustee comes to a close, I would like to offer the following: To my fellow young professionals, when it comes to volunteering there is no such thing as being "volun-told". These are rare occasions where someone else sees your potential and gives you the platform to make an impact with your talents. Seize these moments when you can, be generous with your time and use volunteer positions as stepping-stones to build the future you want to see. To the RWIEF Board of Trustees, thank you for this incredible gift to serve alongside of you and for your investment in me. You are an unbelievable group of people working endlessly to serve others. Each of you embody the true spirit of volunteering. For all of us, I encourage everyone to continue to give freely of our time, talents and blessings.

RIGHT OF WAY EDUCATION—THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF OUR PROFESSION

Visit <http://www.rwief.org/> for more information



IRWA Region 2 Local Area Classroom Education Dates

FEBRUARY

02.05.2019 | Irving, TX
700 Introduction to Property/Asset Management

02.20.2019 | Katy, TX
213 Conflict Management

02.21.2019 | Fort Worth, TX
200 Principles of Real Estate Negotiation

MARCH

03.04.2019 | San Antonio, TX
102 Elevating Your Ethical Awareness

03.05.2019 | Richardson, TX
900 Principles of Real Estate Engineering

03.19.2019 | Fort Worth, TX
303 Managing the Consultant Process

APRIL

04.08.2019 | San Antonio, TX
100 (2-DAY) Principles of Land Acquisition

04.12.2019 | Irving, TX
431 Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions

04.29.2019 | San Antonio, TX
403 Easement Valuation

04.30.2019 | San Antonio, TX
431 Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions



Get Credentialed in the Industry you serve!

Credentialing demonstrates a specialized industry based knowledge and skill set as well as a commitment to professional development and performance excellence. IRWA offers a curriculum pathway of progressive credentialing options for infrastructure professionals. <https://www.irwaonline.org/courses/>

Course Number: Not Applicable
Course Title: 431 Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions
04.12.19 Irving, TX
Course Level: Intermediate
IRWA Credits: 8 QEU/CEU
AQB Credits: Not Applicable
Prerequisites: Not Applicable



Start Date: 04/12/2019
 End Date: 04/12/2019
 No. of Days: 1 day
 Course Level: Intermediate
 CEU Credits: 8.00
 Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Tuition: Member \$265.00 Member / \$330.00 Non-Member
 Late registration fee of \$75.00 will be applied on **March 12, 2019**

Tuition may be paid by check or credit card to IRWA Headquarters in U.S. Dollars.

Sponsored By: Chapter 36
 Course Description: [431 Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions](#)

Presents more complex partial acquisition valuation problems and offers opportunities for the participants to understand better the possible applications of appraisal theory to specific partial acquisition appraisal situations.

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.

COURSE COORDINATOR:

Will Snider, RWA, R/W-AC
 201 Main Street
 Suite 500
 Fort Worth, TX 76102
 Phone: (817) 334-8122
 Fax: (817) 336-1621
 Email: will.snider@am.jll.com

SUGGESTED HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hilton Garden Inn DFW Airport South
 2001 Valley View Lane
 Irving, TX 75061
 Phone: (972) 313-2800
 Rates: Single - \$103.00 + Tax per night / Double - \$113.00 + Tax per night
 Contact hotel directly for reservations
[Hotel Link](#)

CLASSROOM LOCATION:

City of Irving
 825 W. Irving Blvd
 3rd Floor Training Room
 Irving, TX 75060
 Phone: (972) 721-2600
 Participant Capacity: 40

Who should take this course:

This course is designed for appraisers and users of appraisal services who have some partial acquisition appraisal experience.



Course Number: C403
Course Title: 403 Easement Valuation
04.29.19 San Antonio, TX
Course Level: Intermediate
IRWA Credits: 8 QEU / CEU
AQB Credits: Not Applicable
Prerequisites: Not Applicable

Start Date: 04/29/2019
 End Date: 04/29/2019
 No. of Days: 1 day
 Course Level: Intermediate
 CEU Credits: 8.00
 Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Tuition: Member \$265.00 Member / \$330.00 Non-Member
 Late registration fee of \$25.00 will be applied on **April 12, 2019**

Tuition may be paid by check or credit card to IRWA Headquarters in U.S. Dollars.

Sponsored By: Chapter 39
 Course Description: [403 Easement Evaluation](#)

Specific, practical methods and procedures to measure damages and the value of a property, before and after the imposition of an encumbrance.

INSTRUCTOR:

Randy Williams, SR/WA, MAI, FRICS is the Executive Vice President for JLL Valuation & Advisory Services in Austin, Texas. He holds the SR/WA, MAI, and FRICS designations. Mr. Williams' experience in real estate appraisal/valuation and consulting since 1977 includes among others, appraisal and management in the real estate banking industry and appraisal, testimony, and appraisal review in private practice. Recent experience is concentrated in major urban/suburban development and eminent domain in central Texas. Valuations have been performed on various properties including, but not limited to, neighborhood and community shopping centers, apartments complexes, single and multi-tenanted industrial buildings, low to high rise office buildings, mixed used facilities, vacant land for different uses and condemnation and right-of-way. Clients served include accountants, investment firms, law firms, lenders, private and public agencies. Valuations and market studies have been done on proposed partially completed, renovated, and existing structures. Eminent domain experience includes SH 130 and SH 45. Mr. Williams was the lead appraiser for Segments 3-6 on SH 130 and coordinated four Integra offices (including Austin) that worked on this project. Mr. Williams is also a certified instructor for the IRWA and has taught IRWA courses in Beijing, China and Johannesburg, South Africa as well as in the United States. Randy was the 2011-12 International President for IRWA.

COURSE COORDINATOR:

Joyce G. Labus, SR/WA
 213 Labus Ln.
 Floresville, TX 78114
 Phone: (210) 416-4557
 Email: jglabus64@gmail.com

SUGGESTED HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport/Quarry Market
 7615 Jones Maltsberger Road
 San Antonio, TX 78216
 Phone: (210) 930-2333
 Contact hotel directly for rates and reservations

[Hotel Link](#)

CLASSROOM LOCATION:

CBRE
 Valuation and Advisory Services
 250 W. Nottingham Drive, Suite 115
 San Antonio, TX 78209
 Phone: (210) 253-6010
 Participant Capacity: 15

Who should take this course:

This course is designed for right of way professionals who are in the appraisal field.



International Right of Way Association Weekly Update Monday, February 4, 2019



Government Shutdown

Congressional negotiators are working to craft a government funding deal that can pass in both Chambers and be signed by the President before funding expires on February 15th for the portion of the government that shut down in December and January.

The President has indicated that if Congress does not provide the full \$5.7 billion he has requested for border security, that he may use “emergency powers” to divert existing government funding towards that purpose. [Link](#)

Trump Administration

The President will deliver the State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress at 9pm ET on Tuesday.

The President signed an executive order on Thursday entitled “Strengthening Buy American Preferences for Infrastructure Projects,” which directs federal agencies to encourage recipients of federal financial assistance to use domestically made products. [Link](#)

Congress

Both Chambers are in session this week.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is holding its first hearing of the year on Thursday, entitled “The Cost of Doing Nothing: Why Investing in our Nation’s Infrastructure Cannot Wait.” [Link](#)

Senator Carper (D-DE), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, commented that the President should “own” an increase in user fees to pay for infrastructure, just as he “owned the shutdown,” according to reporting from Bloomberg. [Link](#)

Analysis

Government funding issues are still the top focus of the President and Congress, and they will be featured prominently in the State of the Union address on Tuesday night. The longer this drags on and the more vocal the disagreement between the President and congressional Democrats, the more politicized infrastructure will become for 2020 Democrat presidential hopefuls and Republican Senators next up for reelection. There are 21 Republican Senators up for reelection in 2020 and only 12 Democrats.

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR) has been clear about his goals to move an infrastructure bill through his Committee this year, and the hearing on Thursday, which will have some high-profile witnesses, will emphasize his message of the need to invest in infrastructure. However, the future of his legislation beyond the Committee is still unclear. Depending on the political environment, Speaker Pelosi may not be willing to give up Floor time to pass what is likely to be a bi-partisan piece of legislation that could be viewed as a win for the President or congressional Republicans.

Furthermore, Senator Carper’s comments tying infrastructure funding to the shut-down politicizes the issue. Politicization of all issues, including infrastructure, may become much more prevalent as the 2020 election approaches.

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



WEBSITE SPONSOR

Sponsor logo and company URL displayed on site Home Page, including direct contact information in the Sponsor tab.

Sponsorship provides company the opportunity to post new job openings to the Chapter webpage, monthly newsletter and email blasts to Chapter 74 members.

HDR Engineering, Inc.



Real Estate Services Tech I

[Apply Online](#)

The role of Real Estate Services Tech 1, we'll count on you to: Perform entry-level technical services for right-of-way projects as required by the assignment; Maintain data and communication flow, supported by strong editorial and verbal skills; Demonstrate attention to detail and organization; Utilize industry experience such as paralegal, mortgage or real estate background; Train in job-appropriate aspects of right-of-way industry; Perform property research, order title, and support Project Managers and RES Agents with document preparation and administrative support as needed; • Maintain tracking and parcel status database and client reports; Perform other duties as needed

Real Estate Services Agent I

[Apply Online](#)

In the role of Real Estate Services Agent 1, we'll count on you to: • Coordinate right-of-way and utility issues for clients – generally related to construction projects; • Understand the importance of complying with the federal, state and industry laws and regulations such as FHWA, FAA, FTA, FRA, FERC and Uniform Relocation Act; Perform activities to support Real Property assessment, risk analysis, acquisition of needed rights, occupant relocation, property management, construction coordination and utility relocation/coordination; Demonstrate ability to communicate effectively, travel, show ability to handle large volumes of work and coordinate closely with management (since work per-

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Right of Way Division

At TxDOT we value employee work-life-balance. In keeping with our commitment to this value our employees benefit from a wide array of programs and activities that include telework, flexed and compressed work schedules, wellness leave incentive, in-house wellness center, career development programs, tuition assistance, and various other benefits. For a complete list of our total compensation package please visit our website at: [Total Compensation](#).

Current Job Postings:

Job ID 112425 - **Business Analyst II– III**—ROW Division, Austin TX

[Click here](#) for job details

Job ID 112756 - **Contract Specialist VI-VII**—ROW Division, Austin TX

[Click here](#) for job details

Job ID 113408 - **Director for the Division**—ROW Division, Austin TX

[Click here](#) for job details

Job ID 113287 - **Real Estate Analyst**—ROW Division, Austin TX

[Click here](#) for job details

Job ID 113391 - **Records Coordinator II**—ROW Division , Austin TX

[Click here](#) for job details

Job ID 112866 - **Right of Way Appraiser III**—ROW Division, Austin TX

[Click here](#) for job details



WE APPRECIATE OUR 2019 WEBSITE SPONSORS!



BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!

Email lisa.cooper@hdrinc.com for information on becoming a Chapter 74 website sponsor.

Perks of Being a Sponsor!

Company logo displayed on site's home page and linked to your company URL, as well as your contact information on the Sponsor tab.

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.



FEBRUARY SAFETY HEART HEALTH

Preventing Heart Disease: Healthy Living Habits

By living a healthy lifestyle, you can help keep your blood pressure, cholesterol, and sugar normal and lower your risk for heart disease and heart attack. A healthy lifestyle includes the following:

- Eating a healthy diet.
- Maintaining a healthy weight.
- Getting enough physical activity.
- Not smoking or using other forms of tobacco.
- Limiting alcohol use.

Choosing healthful meal and snack options can help you avoid heart disease and its complications. Be sure to eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables and fewer processed foods.

Eating foods low in saturated fats, trans fat, and cholesterol and high in fiber can help prevent high cholesterol. Limiting salt (sodium) in your diet also can lower your blood pressure. Limiting sugar in your diet can lower your blood sugar level to prevent or help control diabetes.

For more information on healthy diet and nutrition, see [CDC's Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Program website](#).

Website Sponsorship Information or Newsletter Questions?

[Lisa Cooper](#) (Website)

HDR Engineering, Inc.
(512) 531-5900

[Jennifer Lopez](#) (Newsletter)

Atkins Member of the SNC- Lavalin
Group (512) 342-3234

FIND US ONLINE AT:

Chapter 74 Website:
www.irwachapter74.org

IRWA Website:
www.irwaonline.org

IRWA Region 2 Website:
www.irwaregion2.org

