



# Bluebonnet News

## IRWA Governance Task Force Update

The International Governing Council (IGC) developed a Governance task force to review the current IRWA governance model and review suggested governance changes presented during the 2018 IRWA Educational Conference. By a motion on Sept 15, 2018, the IRWA's International Governing Council voted unanimously to pause the Governance Project and postpone the Board of Directors vote in Portland 2019, in order to create a Governance Task Force (GTF) to review the process.

The GTF includes 10 region reps, the IEC as ex-officio members, and a staff liaison. For months, the GTF members have worked together to gain an understanding of the goals and objectives of the Governance project and to study all of the Governance project documents including the ones produced by Tecker International. Soon we will be reporting to the IGC with our findings and recommendations.

## RWPTX Make-A-Wish Golf Tournament

On behalf of the ROW Professionals of Texas Make-A-Wish Golf Tournament Committee, we would like to thank you for your previous support and participation of this tournament.

As you may know, for years, this tournament has been held on the first Thursday in September in conjunction with the Eminent Domain Seminar held in San Marcos, TX. While this has worked well for many years, the Committee has decided that we would like to try something new to make this a standalone event and allow it to continue to grow and continue to provide much needed support to the wonderful Make-A-Wish Organization.

We are excited to announce that we will be moving the tournament to be held annually in March. Please be on the lookout for tournament marketing materials which will be coming out closer to the end of 2019 advertising a date and other important details. We certainly hope this change will be for the better and we look forward to your continued support and participation for this great cause.



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# President's Message

Chapter 74 Members,

I hope that everyone had a great summer and was able to enjoy some vacation time with family and friends. I'm sure that many of you are busy with children back in school and all the extra-curricular activities that go along with the school session. Chapter 74 leadership has been busy this summer transitioning to the new fiscal year and planning for upcoming events. More about that in a minute.

The "Bring the Heat: Education in College Station", Region 2 Refresher Seminar, was very successful. About 300 members from across Region 2 attended the events, including several Chapter 74 members. Many thanks to Sheila Mills for organizing the Valuation Session and Cathy Thomas for presenting. David Baylor received his SR/WA designation and was recognized at the Awards Luncheon. And, our very own Young Professional – Jaylia Travis – was recognized as the Region's Young Professional of the Year!

Our committees have been busy this summer planning for upcoming events and structural changes to bring our chapter in line with the purpose, mission and bylaws of the IR/WA.

- The Bylaws Committee has drafted new bylaws and is in the process of refining the draft to address comments from the leadership group. Next steps include finalizing the draft, presenting to headquarters for review, then bringing the proposed bylaws to the Chapter Membership for consideration.
- The Young Professionals (YP) Committee is planning several events this year. The first will be held on October 24th and another is being planned for the Holiday Season.
- The Membership Committee has set an aggressive goal of increasing the Chapter membership by 5% (net). That's equivalent to keeping all 220 current members and adding 11 new members. Look for information about the October Membership Drive event to be held in conjunction with the YP Event on October 24th.
- The Education Committee has set a goal of holding 10 days of courses by June 30, 2020. Additional information is available on the Chapter's website and in the newsletter. Please keep your eyes open for a survey to help the Committee plan for future courses needed by our members.
- The Programs Committee has scheduled the Membership Meetings for the year. The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for October 10th at Maggiano's. Capital Metro CEO Randy Clark will be our guest speaker.
- Have you visited the Chapter's website lately? If not, you'll want to check it out! The Communications Committee has updated the content and made a few other changes to better serve our members. We also have a new newsletter editor. Many thanks to Ray Rials and Laura Nelson for leading these efforts.
- Liz Norris and the dedicated September Seminar Committee members have put together an incredible lineup of speakers for the September ED Seminar. I hear that we had 270+ attendees registered with more registrations at the door.

With all the activity in the first 2 months of the year, we are well on our way to keeping Chapter 74 members engaged and informed! Please reach out to me or any of the Committee members to get involved and be part of this exciting time in our Chapter's development.



Thank you,  
Lori Bible, SR/WA  
Chapter 74 President

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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.



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# September Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Chapter Board Meeting	4	5	6 Eminent Domain Seminar	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## September Events

September 3, 2019

### Monthly Board Meeting

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
Location: City of Austin, One Texas Center  
505 Barton Springs Road  
13th Floor, Director's Conference Rm.  
Austin, Texas 78704

September 6, 2019

### 24th Annual Eminent Domain Seminar

Time: 7:30 am Registration  
8:00 am Welcome  
Location: San Marcos Activity Center  
501 East Hopkins Street  
San Marcos, Texas 78666

## October Events

October 1, 2019

### Monthly Board Meeting

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
Location: City of Austin, One Texas Center  
505 Barton Springs Road  
13th Floor, Director's Conference Rm.  
Austin, Texas 78704

October 10, 2019

### Monthly Chapter Luncheon

Time: 11:00 am Registration  
12:00 pm Presentation  
Location: Maggiano's Little Italy, DeCarlo Room  
10910 Domain Drive, Suite 100  
Austin, Texas 78758

October 24, 2019

### Young Professionals Networking Event and 2020 Membership Drive

Time: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
Location: Austin Beer Garden Brewing Co.  
1305 W. Oltorf Street  
Austin, Texas 78704





# Membership Benefits

Elevate Your Professional Status with the IRWA Advantage!

## Get and Stay Connected

Through local, regional, and national meetings, along with the only magazine dedicated to right of way, you will have access to the latest trends in Right of Way and the professionals who are setting them.

## Strengthen Knowledge

IRWA offers over 350 classroom courses annually. Providing industry training to over 10,000 Right of Way professionals each year.

IRWA members enjoy discounts on tuition, events and the annual IRWA Education Conference.

## Gain a Professional Edge

IRWA membership comes with access to IRWA Member Network - the only online community dedicated to the Right of Way industry.

Need an opinion while working on a project? The IRWA Member Network, and it's 30 online communities, can help find an answer from industry professionals around the globe.

Become a member online today visit <http://irwachapter74.org> or contact our Membership Committee for more information. We invite you to attend a local luncheon or event to obtain more on the International Right of Way Association. Upcoming events are listed on the chapter website calendar.

## New members your first IRWA monthly luncheon is free!

Installment options are available for membership fees contact your local committee chairs for more information or visit <http://irwachapter74.org> to learn more and to submit your application.

Please contact the Membership Committee to have your first IRWA luncheon covered by the Chapter.

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 registration  
\$500 travel voucher





# October Luncheon

**Date:** Thursday, October 10 th, 2019

**Time:** 11:00 am Registration and lunch  
11:20 am IRWA Announcements  
12:30 pm Presentation

**Location:** Maggiano's Little Italy, DiCarlo Room  
10910 Domain Drive, Suite 100  
Austin, Texas 78758



**Cost:** Register now \$25 via PayPal or \$30 at the door  
Online registration <http://irwachapter74.org/monthly-luncheon/>  
Online registration closes Tuesday, October 8th, 2019

**Program:** Randy Clarke, President & CEO Capital Metro  
Capital Metro and The Future of Regional Mobiltiy



Randy Clarke has been the President and CEO of Capital Metro since March 2018. For the previous two years, he served as vice president of operations and member services at the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) in Washington, D.C. Prior to that, he spent seven years in various positions with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) in Boston, including deputy chief operating officer.

Clarke was a key member of the senior leadership team at the MBTA, which provides 1.2 million trips daily. He was featured in Mass Transit magazine's 2011 "Top 40 under 40" list, which highlights leaders in the transit industry nationwide.



He is a graduate of Acadia University in Nova Scotia and holds a master's degree in public policy from the University of Southern Maine.

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



## The International Summit in London

Delivering Land Assembly — UK Dilemmas, Global Solutions

**Mark your calendar!**



**When:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 and Wednesday, March 25, 2020

**Where:** Ernst & Young, Gowling WLG, and The House of Lords



Every country has unique challenges in the modern world. The successful delivery of housing, modern services and infrastructure, regenerating city and town centres, as well as business communities, all are common ambitions and in every case, the acquisition of land and rights are the vital ingredients.

Each country and each scheme has a unique set of dilemmas with the potential to frustrate and disable, and whilst no one country has the magic ingredients to overcome such obstacles, we can learn and potentially find solutions from the global market place. The key is to understand what solutions work in different jurisdictions, and then consider whether the solutions can be readily applied elsewhere. This is how best practice evolves and matures.

This is a UK held event, but its focus is on what represents best and effective practice from around the world. For that reason, it will unquestionably be of value for practitioners wherever they might be based. There will be a social programme to experience the diversity and unique qualities of London.

Day 1 - Tuesday 24 March 2020  
9:30 am to 4:30 pm Conference  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm House of Lords Drinks Reception

Day 2 - Wednesday 25 March 2020  
9:30 am to 4:45 Conference

Day 3 - Thursday 26 March 2020  
Trips for international delegates

<http://landassemblysummit.org/programme.html>



# 2019 Annual Education Conference Recap in Photos

The International Right of Way Association's 65th Annual International Education Conference was held in Portland, Oregon. The industry leading event was attended by more than 1,200 right of way professionals who all enjoyed educational and networking opportunities.

Plan to join the IRWA at the 2020 Education Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



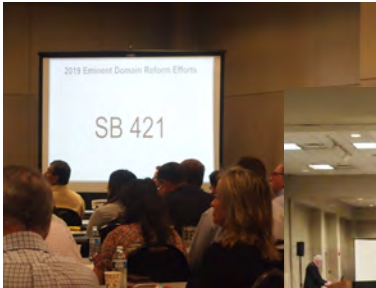


# 2019 September Seminar

Hot topics in Real Estate and Eminent Domain

## 2019 EMINENT DOMAIN SEMINAR AGENDA

- 7:30 **Registration; Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 **Welcome**  
Randy Williams, SR/WA, MAI - Program Moderator
- 8:15 **Opening Remarks**  
IRWA Region Update
- 8:30 **Legislative Update for 2019**  
Eric Friedland J.D. - City of San Antonio  
Luke Ellis J.D. - Marrs Ellis & Hodge LLP
- 9:15 **Legal and Valuation Issues in Pipeline Condemnation From the Property Owner's Perspective**  
Paul Barkhurst J.D. - Barkhurst Hinojosa PC
- 10:00 **Morning Networking Break**
- 10:30 **Current Eminent Domain Issues-Texas and US Supreme Court**  
Kristina W. Silcocks, J.D - Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP  
Tony Blazi, J.D. - Office of the Attorney General  
James Kirk II, J.D. - Associate General Counsel, TxDOT  
Sejin Brooks, J.D. - Barron and Adler, Clough & Oddo, LLP
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 1:15 **TxDOT Right of Way Division Updates**  
Kyle J. Madsen, J.D. - Division Director, Texas Department of Transportation
- 1:45 **The Future of Water in Texas**  
Graham Moore, P.E. Executive Director, Alliance Regional Water Authority
- 2:30 **Afternoon Networking Break**
- 2:45 **Federal Condemnation**  
Sue Ayers, J.D. - Jackson Walker LLP  
Paul Hornsby, MAI - Paul Hornsby & Company  
Corey Smith MAI - BBI Inc.
- 3:30 **Buyer Beware: Acquisition Damages and Costs to Cure**  
Jim Oliveros J.D. - Ross Molina Oliveros PC
- 4:30 **Closing Remarks and CE Credit Signatures**



Congratulations Teri Morgan for serving as Region 2 Chair for the last two years!





# Region 2 Young Professional of The Year!

Jaylia Travis, CFM, Right-of-Way Agent



Jaylia Travis joined ORC's Junior Agent Program in the Summer of 2017 in Austin, Texas immediately after graduation from Texas State University - San Marcos. Since then she has had a wide range of opportunities to work on both ORC Associates and U&I projects in Texas. She predominantly works on various TxDOT transportation projects but supplements with utility projects for Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), AEP and Gulf Interstate Engineering (GIE).

Jaylia recently obtained her Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) certification which is a nationally recognized designation recognizing continued education and professional development that enhances knowledge and performance of local, state, federal and private sector floodplain management professionals. Texas has a wide range of opportunities where ORC and Jaylia could benefit from her recently gained knowledge.

Jaylia is also active in our local IRWA Bluebonnet Chapter 74 in Austin. She is currently our chapters Young Professional Committee Chair. She was also selected as the 2018 Young Professional of the Year which afforded her a trip to the annual IRWA convention in Portland, Oregon.

Jaylia is also on track to obtain her IRWA Right of Way Agent (RWA) certification in the coming months.

Overall, Jaylia is a very astute, well-rounded agent and a valued Texas team member.



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