

# 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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### Special Points of Interest

- Symposium Photos
- A Moment for Safety





# President's Message

Greetings Chapter 74,

Spring Break and Easter are over and I hope everyone was able to relax with family and friends and perhaps enjoy the nice weather between rainy days.

We have arrived to the annual occasion of electing Chapter Officers to serve for the upcoming year. The May Luncheon, being held at Maggiano's on May 14, 2019, we will not have a speaker. Instead, we will be closing nominations for Chapter Officers, voting on the nominees and finally, installing elected Officers into their new positions which begin July 1, 2019. We will also be communicating our need to know which members would like to serve on Chapter Committees for the next year. I hope those of you who are willing to volunteer on a Committee will reach out to myself and incoming, President Lori Bible to let us know of your interest.

Our Chapter successfully hosted the Transportation Symposium, Region 2

Spring Forum and 2 Courses on April 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank all of you who helped put this event together for everyone. We had a great turnout with over 120 registrants for the Symposium while welcoming Region 9 (Utah, Colorado, New Mexico) in holding their Spring Forum along with us.

There will not be luncheon next month as the International Education

Conference is being held on June 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> in Portland, OR. In July, the IRWA/ AIA Joint Luncheon is in the works with more details coming soon.

I hope to see you soon at one of the upcoming events!

## Past Presidents

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- 1993 Larry O'Neal, SR/WA
- 1992 Sandra Bishop
- 1991 John Baylor
- 1990 Cheryl Bennett
- 1989 Rayburn Corbitt, MAI
- 1988 Josie Wiltzius, SR/WA
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Thank you,  
Lori Bible

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# Congratulations 2019 - 2020 Chapter 74 Officers!



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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.



# CHAPTER 74

## 2019 - 2020 COMMITTEE MEMBERS





# 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 Course 502 Day 1 Non-Residential Relocation Assistance	27 Course 502 Day 2 Non-Residential Relocation Assistance	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

September 26-27, 2019

### Education Course 502 Non-Residential Relocation Assistance

Time: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
 Location: CobbFendley  
 505 E. Huntland Dr.  
 Suite 100, Zilker Conference Rm.  
 Austin, Texas 78752

## 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.

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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



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# October Luncheon

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



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

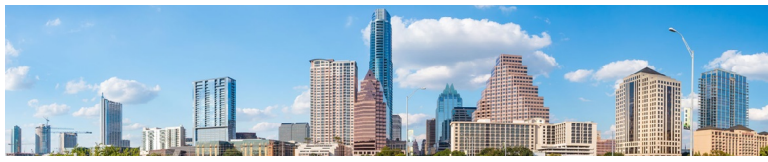
9:30 am to 4:45 Conference

Day 3 - Thursday 26 March 2020

Trips for international delegates

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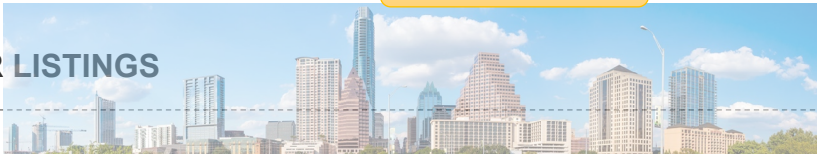
# 2019 Annual Education Conference Recap in Photos

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.



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**Right of Way Agent/Senior Right of Way Agent**

Experienced right of way agent sought to help acquire a wide range of real property interests for a variety of predominately governmental agencies and utility companies. A real estate license is required for this position as is knowledge and experience in acquiring easements and fee simple interests under the Uniform Relocation Act for organizations with the power of eminent domain. An IRWA certification and experience performing personal property relocations is a plus. Being detailed oriented with the ability to work closely with a team and communicate effectively with wide variety of landowners and management is necessary. This position requires familiarity with engineering plans and an ability to analyze the impact of public projects on adjacent private property.

To inquire about this position and obtain a more complete description, please contact David Baylor, Director of Right of Way Services, 512-439-4709 or [dbaylor@lja.com](mailto:dbaylor@lja.com).

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# Spring Allergy Tips

**Sneezing, irritated skin, watery eyes -- it's springtime again, and allergy season is upon us.**

- Avoid being outdoors on windy days, especially mid-morning to mid-afternoon, when pollen counts are often highest. If you must be out, cover your mouth with a scarf or an allergen mask.
- Keep car and home windows and doors closed, and avoid using electric fans inside the home, which can kick up pollen into the air.
- After returning from outdoors, shower, wash your hair and change your clothing.
- Avoid being outside when fertilizers and pesticides are applied to the lawns, trees or shrubs in your neighborhood. If you garden, arrange for someone else to remove the leaves and branches that may have collected in your yard or hedges. This type of garbage usually has mold and other particles that can trigger your asthma.
- In both the work and home environment, it's helpful to use an air purifier to improve indoor air quality. Air cleaners filter particles from the air, such as dust, pet dander, pollen, and other pollutants. This eliminates some of the major causes of allergy symptoms.
- In addition, steam cleaning uses highly heated water to form a fine steam mist that kills germs and bacteria that can cause illness and aggravate allergies.

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