



Bluebonnet News



City of Austin COVID-19 updated at a minimum daily:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/COVID19>

Stay Home – Work Safe Order:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/article/stay-home-work-safe-order-information>

Community Resources:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/article/covid-19-community-resources>

If you are sick:

[http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Fact%20Sheet%20V1\(1\).pdf](http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Fact%20Sheet%20V1(1).pdf)

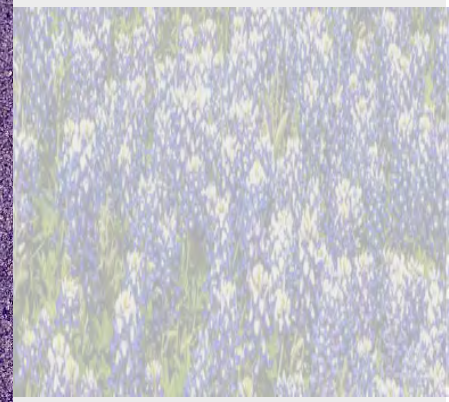
Simple Flyer:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/article/covid-19-community-resources>



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President's Message

Chapter 74 Members,

I hope that each of you are happy, healthy and enjoying this Spring weather! We find ourselves in a circumstance that we could not have imagined just a few weeks ago. I am confident that our strong networks will help each of us deal with “social distancing”.

With that in mind, the IRWA leadership is taking steps to keep our members safe. Region 2 and Chapter 36 have canceled the courses and seminar planned as part of Spring Forum in Fort Worth. Region 2 will hold our semi-annual business meeting via teleconference rather than at the forum. The teleconference is being scheduled and we will send out details as soon as we receive them. This teleconference/meeting is open to all members and I encourage you to join the call. Chapter 74 will be well represented by most of our elected officers and committee chairs.

Have you renewed your IRWA membership? If not, please do so by April 15th, 2020. Any members who have not renewed their IRWA membership prior to April 15th, 2020 will be removed from our Chapter’s membership roster.

Nominations for Young Professional of the Year, Right of Way Professional of the year and Right of Way Employer of the Year are now open. Officer nominations are also open. Please see the Special Edition Nominations Newsletter sent February 21st for details on submitting your nominations by April 30th, 2020.

Congratulations to our newest SR/WA, Maggie Schedler! Our Chapter is now home to 59 members holding the SR/WA designation, representing more than ¼ of our membership.

The Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF) 20/20 Vision Scholarship Program is accepting applications until May 1st, 2020. The program is targeted toward those individuals committed to achieving the RWA and/or the RWP credential. I encourage all seeking these credentials to apply for a scholarship. You can find more information on the IRWA website (<https://www.irwaonline.org/>).

Please check our website (<https://irwachapter74.org/>) and follow us on LinkedIn for updates on upcoming events.



Lori Bible, SR/WA
 Chapter 74 President

Past Presidents

- 2018 Alex Gale, SR/WA, R/W-URAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC
- 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 Olderoog, 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



Nominations

Nominees for the IRWA’s Right of Way Professionals of the Year, Young Right of Way Professionals and Right of Way Employer of the Year Award are assessed based on demonstrated support of employees and commitment to the IRWA at the chapter, regional, and international levels in terms of participation, financing, time allowance, facilities, and services.

Chapter 74 Nominations Committee asks all members to report outstanding Right of Way Professionals, Young Right of Way Professionals and Right of Way Employers.

These individuals or employers will be dedicated to excellence in the industry and actively involved in our Chapter.

Submit Nominations to:

Randy Williams - Randy.Williams@am.jll.com

Ron Olderog - ronald.olderog@austintexas.gov

Virginia Anderson - virginia@aria-cmg.com

Annual Nominations:

Official Open Date: March 1, 2020

Official Close Date: April 30, 2020

Nominations for Professional, Young Professional and Employer of the Year must be submitted by April 30th.

Attached to the newsletter email are the required forms to be submitted to the Nominations Committee by the deadline date. Forms can also be found on the chapter website <https://irwachapter74.org/>.

Officer Nominations:

Official Open Date: March 1, 2020

Official Close Date: May 1, 2020 – Online submission only

Chapter members interested in becoming an officer must submit a biography and rationale for candidacy to the Nominations Committee by the deadline date of Friday May 1, 2020 close of business day.

All candidates have the opportunity to speak at the April 14th Chapter (luncheon) meeting and candidate submissions are placed in the April 15, 2020 Newsletter.

Membership also has an option to run for candidacy from the floor at the May 12th Chapter (luncheon) meeting.

Election of 2020/2021 Chapter Officers will be held at the May 12th Chapter meeting, votes will be tallied, and the Nominations Committee will announce the winners at the close of the (luncheon) meeting.



Candidacy forms can be found on-line at <https://irwachapter74.org/news/> and attached to this email.



Refunds

Spring Seminar, Forum Registrants and Sponsors

As a cautionary measure resulting from the corona-virus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, Chapter 36 and Region 2 made the decision to cancel the IRWA Region 2 Forum and Chapter 36 Spring Seminar scheduled for April 1-3, 2020. We wanted to update you on the status of your refund.

1. Housman and Associates will be issuing refunds in the next week for all the registration fees paid by credit card and check. Credit card payments are credited back to your account and check payments, a refund check will be mailed.
2. We will contact Sponsors individually regarding your refund preference.
 - a. Issue a refund check or credit back to your card
 - b. Roll sponsorship to the A&M Region 2 Education Refresher (See attached last year's A&M Sponsorship form).
3. Checks received around/after cancellation the following options are offered.
 - a. Have the check returned.
 - b. Shredded.
 - c. Deposited and rolled over to the A&M event.



Any special routing or memo instructions to ensure proper refund by check, please contact John Eaves at Housman Associates immediately at john@housmanandassociates.com or (512) 259-5554.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us:

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Notice of Cancellation

Chapter 36 Spring Seminar/Golf Tournament/TMS Reception/Classes

REGION 2 SPRING FORUM NOW TELECONFERENCE

With an abundance of caution surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the March 13 National Emergency Declaration made by President Trump, Chapter 36 is canceling their annual Steve Baggett Memorial Golf Tournament on April 1 and Spring Seminar on April 2. The Region 2 Evening Reception at Texas Motor Speedway on April 2 is also canceled, as well as Courses 804 and 213 scheduled on April 1.

The Region 2 Spring Forum will take place, but it is moving to a video/teleconference format instead of an in-person meeting.

At this time, we are still making a determination of the financial impact the cancellation will have, and more detailed information regarding refunds will be sent out next week. We have number of individuals already registered for the IRWA Chapter 36 and Region 2 events and have had tremendous support from our generous sponsors to hold these events. We will address outstanding details in a timely manner. However, we wanted to let everyone know as soon as possible about the cancelation to allow adjustment of travel plans as needed.

While this is a disappointing situation, our primary concern is the health and safety of our members. We thank you for your understanding.

Denise Skinner, SR/WA, PMP
Region 2 Chair

Lora Gunter, J.D., SR/WA
Chapter 36 President



April Course Information

C200 - Principles of Real Estate Negotiation

Start Date: April 23, 2020
End Date: April 24, 2020
Number of Days: 2
Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuition: \$415 Member / \$520 Non-Member
IRWA Credits: 16 QUE/CEU
AQB Credits: Not Applicable
Prerequisites: Not Applicable

Course Instructor:

Georgia S. Snodgrass, S.W.A., R/W, is a professional instructor in the CLS-Professional Development Institute (Contract Land School) 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 Business Degree in School Business Administration from Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA. Prior to joining the Contract Land School, 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.

Course Coordinator:

Alexis Vanzura
505 E. Huntland Dr.
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Austin, Texas 78665
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Email: avanzura@cobb fendley.com

Four Ways to Register:

Online: www.irwaonline.org
Fax: (310) 538-1471
Phone: (310) 538-0233, x 138
Contact Course Coordinator

Classroom Location:

HDR
710 Hester's Crossing
Suite 150
Round Rock, Texas 78681
Phone (512) 685-2900
Participant Capacity: 25

Suggested Hotel Accommodations

Holiday Inn Express &
Suites Round Rock - Austin N
301 W. Louis Henna Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78728
Phone: (512) 243-7877
Rates \$105 + tax per night
Contact hotel directly for reservations

PLEASE NOTE:

To ensure proper registration credit, if registering for someone other than yourself, you MUST use their log in information. If you are having difficulties registering on-line for this class, please submit a registration form to be manually registered



Coming Soon!

C504 - Computing Replacement Housing Payments

Start Date: COMING SOON!
End Date: TBD
Number of Days: 2 days
Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuition: \$TBD Member / \$TBD Non-Member
IRWA Credits: 16 QUE/CEU
AQB Credits: Not Applicable
Prerequisites: Not Applicable

This course is designed for participants with thorough knowledge and experience implementing the Uniform Act. Realistic and complex situations are used as if the participants have been assigned to a small project requiring the relocation of the occupants of two apartment projects. The household surveys have been conducted and a copy of each survey sheet is provided. The data is provided. The participants act as the individuals assigned to compute replacement housing payments of a half agency. Participants should use their knowledge, calculator, and public phone as group discussions and exercises maximize practical application of the cases studied will be the basis of this course.

Credentialed
An intermediate course that can be applied towards recertification.
Special requirements for R/W-AC, R/W-RAC and R/W-URAC programs.

Topics

The importance of collecting the pertinent information at the interview stage
Replacement Housing Payments for 90-day occupants
Aliens not lawfully present
Replacement Housing Payments for less than 90-day occupants
Replacement Housing Payments for 180-day owner occupants
Legal reference - The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-646) as amended
Regulatory Reference 49CFR part 24

Course Coordinator:
Laura Nelson
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Suite 430
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: (512) 292-0006
Email:
lnelson@binklybarfield.com

Classroom Location:
TBD

Suggested Hotel Accommodations
Holiday Inn Austin Midtown
6000 Middle Fiskville Rd.
Austin, Texas 78752
(512) 451-5757
Rates \$127 + tax
Contact hotel directly for reservations

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2019 - 2020 Chapter Officers



President

Lori Bible, SR/WA



Vice President

Tara O'Neal



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Director 1 Year

Virginia J. Anderson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC



Director 2 Year

Alex Gale, SR/WA, R/W-URAC, R/W-NAC



Election of 2020/2021 Chapter Officers to be held at the first Chapter meeting in May.



How to wash your hands properly

1 Wet your hands

2 Liquid soap

3 Lather and scrub - 20 sec

4 Rinse - 10 sec

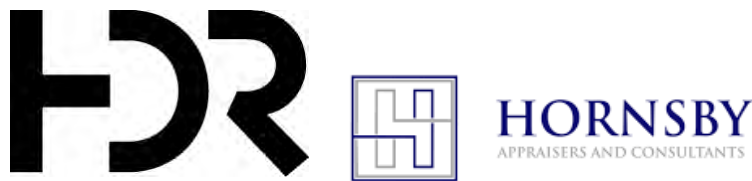
5 Dry your hands

6 Turn off tap

DON'T FORGET TO WASH:

- between your fingers
- under your nails
- the tops of your hands





Interested in sponsoring? Contact a member of the Communications Committee