



## The Bluebonnet

### MAY VIRTUAL LUNCHEON—MAY 11

Please join us Tuesday, May 11, via Zoom for a presentation by Lauren Woodward Stanley, AIA. Additional details on Pages 10-11.

### 2021 NOMINATIONS—See Page 7 for all the details!

Deadline for nominations is **April 30, 2021**. Nomination forms are attached to the back of the newsletter.

**Interested in being an officer?** Submit your bio to the nominations team TODAY!

### ABOUT OUR CHAPTER

Bluebonnet Chapter No. 74, is the Austin, TX, chapter of the International Right of Way Association. 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 and right of way services.

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

The Chapters By-Laws are available [online](#).



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chapter 74, Austin, Texas Bluebonnet Chapter

Hello all and thank you for continuing your membership with our Chapter. We are so honored to have each and every member and grateful for the talents and knowledge you bring to our chapter and made stronger by the experience you offer. We look forward to future networking and education events that will bring us together once again. Until then please join us virtually when you can and we will continue to do our best to provide you connectivity in this time of uncertainty.

Earlier this month Lisa Cooper, our Programs Chair, organized a virtual chapter meeting where we had the great opportunity to hear from Georgia Snodgrass talk to us about the upcoming conference in June to be held in San Antonio. There will be a great Monday Night event which will be held at the Espee that will feature a Texas Band, Texas BBQ, Armadillo Races, and free cowboy hats (that will be custom shaped) for those first to arrive. This event sounds like a honky-tonkin' good time, y'all! San Antonio is one of my favorite places in Texas and will not disappoint! This conference will be one to remember.

### ***There are a few upcoming events:***

- International Education Conference will be held in San Antonio from June 6th through the 9th and will be offered virtually and in-person. Registration is open!
- Fall Region 2 Region 2 Refresher will be held August 11th through the 13th in Bryan, College Station.

### ***Reminders:***

- Nominations for Professional, Young Professional and Employer of the Year (these are all open for your submissions)
- Officer Nominations (these are all open for your submissions)

Sincerely,  
Tara O'Neal  
2020-2021 Chapter 74 President

### PAST PRESIDENTS

2019—Lori Bible, SR/WA  
2018 Alex Gale, SR/WA, R/W-URAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC  
2017 Virginia Anderson, SR/WA, R/WRAC, R/W-NAC  
2016 Maggie Schedler, SR/WA, R/W-URAC, 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

## 2020—2021 CHAPTER 74 OFFICERS



**President**  
Tara O'Neal



**Vice President**  
Barbara Price



**Treasurer**  
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**Secretary**  
David Baylor, SR/WA



**Director 1 Year**  
Alex Gale, SR/WA, R/W-URAC, R/W-NAC



**Director 2 Year**  
Lori Bible, SR/WA

**THINK AHEAD!**

Our 2021-2022 year is right around the corner.

If you are interested in serving, please reach out to incoming Chapter 74 President, [Barbara Price](#).

**2020—2021 CHAPTER COMMITTEES**

**MEMBERSHIP**

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Tori Shrum

Stephanie Ferraris

Nickie Hebert

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**VALUATION**

[Cathy Thomas](#)

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Ron Olderog

Virginia Anderson

**SEPTEMBER**

**SEMINAR**

[Liz Norris](#)

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[Kimberly McClung](#)

Tanner Taylor

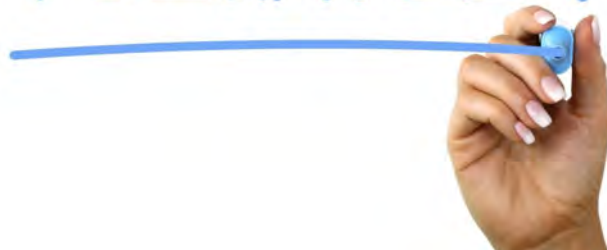
Shannon Gray

Virginia Anderson

Don Toner

[CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE USING OUR ONLINE FORM](#)

VOLUNTEER



# MEMBERSHIPDRIVE

With the addition of **[Online Renewal](#)** it has never been easier to renew your IRWA membership! By renewing your membership, you stay connected to your profession through, Right of Way Magazine, educational programs, and the community of your peers. You also receive reduced member rates when you take a course, as well as when you attend Association conferences, seminars, and Chapter meetings and events.

If you are facing the difficult choice of paying for your dues out of your own pocket- or letting your membership lapse altogether, we encourage you to call the IRWA Headquarters to discuss options on how you can maintain your membership for the upcoming year. **Split-payment option for IRWA dues.** Want to break up your IRWA dues into two payments? Please contact Mariah Carrillo, Membership Services, at [carrillo@irwaonline.org](mailto:carrillo@irwaonline.org) for more information.

Renew your IRWA membership today by going to [www.irwaonline.org](http://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](mailto:carrillo@irwaonline.org).

**Contact our local Membership Chair, [Leslie Persia](#).**

## EDUCATION

Though many in-person courses and seminars are suspended due to COVID-19, IRWA leadership is working hard to make education available to the members.

Visit the International website for a [listing](#) of the virtual courses available.

## CHAPTER 74 EDUCATION PLANNING

The Education Committee is currently planning courses for the 2021 year. Be on the look out for additional information coming soon!

Opportunities are also available to join the committee, become a course coordinator, or instructor.



**NOMINATIONS  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS**

**RANDY WILLIAMS**

**VIRGINIA ANDERSON**

**RONALD OLDEROG**

**[CLICK HERE TO EMAIL  
YOUR NOMINATIONS  
FORM TO THE  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS](#)**

**Submit**

## CHAPTER 74 NOMINATIONS

The Chapter 74 Nomination Committee has identified the following schedule for the upcoming 2021/2022 election cycle. Please see below for schedule of events. ***The nomination forms are attached to the newsletter and are available on the website.*** These can be submitted to the Nominations Committee using the **SUBMIT** button on the left.

### **Nominations for Professional, Young Professional and Employer of the Year**

**March 1, 2021 (Monday):** Opening date to begin submittal of nominations to the Nomination Committee

**April 30, 2021 (Friday):** Closing date for submittals

Nomination forms will be sent in a blast email to the membership.

We will announce the awarded nominees with the officer election results in May.

### **Officer Nominations**

**March 1, 2021 (Monday):** Opening date for submittal of officer candidates to the Nomination Committee

Nominees for officer positions must submit a biography and rationale for their desire to serve the Chapter. These will be added to the April and May newsletters.

**April 30, 2021 (Friday):** Closing date for candidate submittal

*(A reminder email will be sent to the membership that nominations for the officer positions is closed.)*

**May 3, 2021 (Monday):** An email blast will be sent to the membership identifying the officer candidates.

**May 4, 2021 (Tuesday):** An email request for a motion to open the elections will be sent to the Chapter Board. The motion must be made and seconded before opening the election. Once the motion and second have been made, an email with the ballot of the officers and the nominated candidates will be sent to the chapter membership with a 14-day deadline for voting.

If seconded, the next day (**May 5**): an email will be sent to the chapter membership that elections will close May 19, 2021 (Wednesday).

**May 20, 2021 (Thursday):** An email will be sent to the chapter membership informing them the elections are closed.

**May 21, 2021 (Friday):** An email will be sent to the chapter membership announcing the new 2021-2022 officers.

# 2021 Chapter 74 Secretary Nominee Bios

## **Ray Rials**

I would like to be considered for Secretary for 2021-2022. As Secretary, I will bring my passion for innovation, process innovation, and delivery to chapter initiatives. As Chapter 74 Communications/Web master since 2019, I established a LinkedIn channel to augment chapter communications; participated with the chapter's first virtual conference in San Marcos; continue to provide chapter support for website content and technical support and manage our chapter's annual sponsorship drive.

I became a member of IRWA in 2018. Currently I sit on the Communications Committee as web master and look forward to becoming chapter Secretary in 2021.

My company was fortunate enough to receive Employer of the Year award for IRWA Chapter 74 in 2020.

I am currently pursuing my appraisal license with plans to sit for the General Appraisal exam in August. I have a Project Management Professional (PMP) designation in good standing through Project Management Institute since 2005, an MBA from University of Texas at Dallas and a Bachelor of Science/Computer Science from Sam Houston

# Cathy Thomas, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, R/W-AC

*Candidate for IRWA Chapter 74 Secretary, 2021-2022*



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I have been active in the IRWA Bluebonnet Chapter 74 since re-joining in 2014, serving as Education Committee Co-Chair from 2014-2016; Valuation Committee Co-Chair from 2016-2018 before becoming the Valuation Committee Chair in 2019, through present. During this time, I have also regularly attended monthly luncheons and various IRWA regional events. Looking forward, I find myself being called to serve the chapter in a different capacity and am asking for your vote and support for 2021-2022 Chapter Secretary.

As many of you know, I am a real estate appraiser, with the majority of my career performing right-of-way appraisals for numerous utility providers, municipalities, and governmental entities, as well as property owners. My work takes me all over the state, and occasionally, out-of-state. My goal is always to provide excellent outcomes for my clients, and I take that same approach to the volunteer roles that I serve in. Historically, I served as the Treasurer for the Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas for five years before becoming more active with Chapter 74. My goal throughout my time as a Chapter 74 committee member has been to assist chapter leadership in bringing good outcomes to our chapter and our members. I look forward to continuing that service in the coming years as a chapter officer.

I thoroughly enjoy the relationships I have developed in the IRWA over the years, and frankly, depend personally upon them. The folks that I have met in IRWA are my clients, colleagues and friends. I enjoy the hard work we do on the job and the hard play we manage to regularly schedule to build relationships and enjoy each other's company. The last 13+ months have been challenging on a number of levels for all of us, but I believe the loss of interpersonal connection has been among the hardest. I have missed my IRWA friends and I am looking forward to reconnecting with everyone in 2021-2022!

Thank you for your consideration and for your vote.



**MAY 11, 2021**  
**VIRTUAL LUNCHEON**  
**12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.**

## ***Connect Works: People & Passage***

***Presented by Lauren Woodward Stanley, AIA***

Austin is at a threshold in shaping its explosive growth. With bold measures like Project Connect and Austin’s Climate Equity Plan, we have substantial resources and expertise to implement compelling solutions that generate a strong sense of connectivity throughout the city. The design components of mobility are not just the terrain of transportation engineers but of planners, architects, urban ecologists, community stakeholders, and artists who can envision how to build things that enrich the experience of all the city’s residents. We can look at the finer grain of how people move and pause throughout the city, the quality and character of their interface with transit systems, roadways, their own two bike pedals or feet. Such things as shelter, shade, urban forest, lighting, safety, wayfinding, stormwater capture, seating, artwork, and green space create a vibrant connective tissue, a textured Austin, and simultaneously address other issues like urban heat mitigation.

This presentation will explore *Connect Works* - projects that carve out physical places in the streams and eddies of urban passage and provide access, amenity, and art, embedding new use and value in transitional and interstitial spaces.

These projects amplify larger programmatic goals by serving citizens at a more human scale, celebrating local culture, giving historical context, integrating natural systems, and tempering climatic conditions. We will look at project typologies and examples, consider needs, constraints, and opportunities, and speculate on potential partnerships that could be leveraged to realize projects.

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/96032158920?pwd=RoZicVY4dkI1WFI2RGJqTE55NGEvQT09>

346-248-7799  
Meeting ID: 960 3215 8920  
Passcode: 903886

# MAY 11, 2021

## VIRTUAL LUNCHEON



### **Lauren Woodward Stanley, AIA** *Speaker Bio*

Lauren Woodward Stanley is an architect and co-owner of Stanley Studio, an integrated design practice she shares with Lars Stanley, FAIA. Their studio and

shop produce award-winning architectural and metalwork projects at a wide range of scales, from schools and libraries to parks and public art, integrating crafted detail, sustainable systems, collaboration, and response to the natural world. Drawn to the intersection of architecture and landscape, Lauren seeks design solutions that are rooted to their site, engaged with their culture, and responsible with resources, finding a poetic beauty unique to each project.

A UT Austin School of Architecture Masters graduate, Lauren worked in several notable architectural firms in Seattle before returning to Austin in 2005, where she has kept civically active as speaker, stakeholder, and community builder while engaged in professional practice. Over two decades of practice, she has cultivated a passion for nature in cities, co-founding or sitting on advisory and professional groups focused on urban nature and green infrastructure, including Living City ATX (focused on equitable access to urban green), AIA Committee on the Environment Health & Wellness Committee, Biophilic Cities Network (Austin chapter), City of Austin's Green Roof Advisory Group, GRoWERS (a green roof advocacy non-profit), and the EM Franklin Green Street project with the City of Austin Neighborhood Partnering Program.



## 2021 International Education Conference in San Antonio

### ***CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!***

The IRWA 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference is moving forward in San Antonio, Texas June 6th - 9th, 2021. You should have already received an e-mail with registration information, including registration either for virtual or in person attendance. Chapter 39, as host for this conference, is requesting volunteers at this time for various shifts and assignments. We're not quite certain yet how many volunteers we will need, but are looking for at least 100 at this point to ensure we have enough help when the time comes. Volunteer slots will be filled as we get closer to the conference date. Just looking for names at this point. This conference will be a big undertaking, so the more volunteers we have the smoother it will run.

If you are planning on attending the conference, we would hope that you would volunteer to help this great Region pull off yet another successful event. We know that we have great members who are always willing to help out and this is another opportunity to make our Region SHINE.

So step up and sign up! Please provide your name, contact information (e-mail and cell phone) and shirt size. The shirt will be a polo shirt in both men's and women's sizes.

Joyce Labus  
Chapter 39 Conference Volunteer Coordinator  
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# 2021 International Education Conference in San Antonio

## 67th Annual International Education Conference June 6 - 9, 2021

The International Right of Way Association is excited to announce plans for the 67th Annual International Education Conference, June 6 – 9, 2021.

We understand that there is uncertainty around traveling and events, but we are committed to providing you a valuable education experience – whether you choose to attend in person, or virtually.

**[Register Online Today!](#)**

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### **In Person**

Where: San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter

Plans are in place for a safe, socially distanced annual conference with opportunities to learn, network, and engage with other right of way professionals. With your live registration, you also have virtual access and can earn a total of up to 48 hours of CE credit\*!

You can book your hotel reservations here: **[San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter](#)**

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### **Virtual**

Where: Wherever You Are!

Experience the Annual Education Conference virtually! You'll be able to view the general sessions, join educational sessions and earn up to 48 hours of CE credit with your virtual participation\*\*!

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*\*24 hours of CE credit will be automatically recorded for participation at the in-person conference. Up to an additional 24 hours of CE credit can be earned by watching additional educational sessions on demand.*

*\*\*Up to 48 hours of CE credit can be earned by watching on-demand educational sessions presented at the live conference.*



## CURRENT JOB POSTINGS

### **AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP—JOB POSTINGS—[CLICK HERE](#)**

The Austin Transit Partnership is an independent organization with the authority and resources to design, construct and implement the Project Connect program. ATP will operate with full transparency for the community and with oversight from the Capital Metro board and Austin City Council. Our next steps will be to search for candidates who are leaders and change agents able to effectively collaborate with Capital Metro and the City of Austin leadership and staff. Many of these new jobs include architectural, urban design, engineering, or construction expertise.

### **CITY OF AUSTIN—APPRAISER POSITION OPPORTUNITY**

The Office of Real Estate Services with the City of Austin is now accepting applications for an Appraiser Senior position. Under limited supervision, this position performs complex appraisal assignments, including multiple parcel projects, parcels with multiple types of development restrictions and different property types, and performs market research tasks related to the acquisition and/or lease of real estate for the City of Austin. The job description is attached.

#### ***Minimum Qualifications:***

Graduation with a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major coursework in Business Administration, Real Estate, Public Administration, or a related field, plus four (4) years of experience in commercial appraisal activities

Experience may substitute for education up to four (4) years

Those interested in applying and viewing a complete job description may do so at:

<https://www.austincityjobs.org/postings/88472>

Job Posting Closes: 5/21/2021



## Perks of Being a Sponsor

- Free job postings in the newsletter, website, and email blast.
- Your logo and link to your website included on IRWA Chapter 74 website and monthly newsletters.

Payments can be made [online via our website](#) for your convenience.

We appreciate all of our sponsors as they help support our website and social media platforms so we can stay connected with our membership.



## CHAPTER SPONSORS



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[Chapter 74 Website](#)

[Chapter 74 LinkedIn](#)

**IRWA Website:**

[www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org)

**IRWA Region 2 Website:**

[www.irwaregion2.org](http://www.irwaregion2.org)

**COMMUNICATIONS  
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**Website Questions?**

Contact [Ray Rials](#)

**Newsletter Questions/  
Contributions?**

Contact [Lisa Cooper](#)

**Contact [Ray Rials](#) to**

**become an IRWA**

**Chapter 74 Sponsor.**



## 2021 Official Nomination Application for the Chapter 74 Employer of the Year Award

The nominated company must be an active supporter of its employees, who must be members of the International Right of Way Association. To qualify as a candidate for the award a company must have made outstanding support contributions to the activities of the Association and its member employees.

**Winners within the previous three years are not eligible for nomination.**

Nominated Company / Agency		
Company / Agency Representative / Contact Person		
Address		
City	State / Province	Zip/Postal Code
Phone	Email	
Nominated By		
Chapter Number 74		

1. Does the Company or agency actively support Chapter 74?
2. Are their employees' members of IRWA and Chapter 74?
3. Does the company or agency send their employees to IRWA and Chapter 74 education classes?



4. Does the company or agency support IRWA chapter 74 activities by sponsorship or encourage their employees to Participate?

5. Please add additional comments as to why this company or agency should be considered for this award?



## 2021 Official Nomination Application for the Chapter 74 Professional of the Year Award

The Candidate should be an active member of IRWA Chapter 74. They should have contributed to the Chapter in some way such as holding an office or participating on a committee or assisting with one of the Chapter's special events throughout their membership with the Chapter.

There is no age requirement/restriction associated with the Professional of the Year award or Application.

**Winners within the previous three years are not eligible for nomination.**

Nominee Name		
Address		
City	State / Province	Zip/Postal Code
Chapter Number 74	Region Number 2	
Years as an IRWA Member		
IRWA Designations		
Employer		
Applicant Name		

<b>IRWA Participation</b> Describe their participation at the Chapter, Region, and International level including positions held, initiatives, and goals. (if known)
<b>Justification</b> Describe the reasons why you're nominating this person as a good candidate for the Professional of the Year Award.



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Person Submitting Nomination:	Date:
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## 2021 Official Nomination Application for the Chapter 74 Young Professional of the Year Award

The Candidate should be an active member of IRWA Chapter 74. They should have contributed to the Chapter in some way such as holding an office or participating on a committee or assisting with one of the Chapter's special events throughout their membership with the Chapter.

*The age requirement/restriction associated with the Young Professional of the Year is 35 years or under.*

**Winners within the previous three years are not eligible for nomination.**

Nominee Name		
Address		
City	State / Province	Zip/Postal Code
Chapter Number 74	Region Number 2	
Years as an IRWA Member		
IRWA Designations		
Employer		
Applicant Name		

<b>IRWA Participation</b> Describe their participation at the Chapter, Region, and International level including positions held, initiatives, and goals. (if known)	
<b>Justification</b> Describe the reasons why you're nominating this person as a good candidate for the Young Professional of the Year Award.	
Person Submitting Nomination:	Date: