



The Bluebonnet

FEBRUARY IN-PERSON LUNCHEON

Join us on **Thursday, February 10 2022** for an in-person luncheon at Maggiano’s at The Domain. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. and the presentation will start at 12:00 p.m. Susan Fraser, TxDOT Austin District Program Manager , will be speaking on the Mobility35 Program. See Page 12 for additional details.

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



Dear Members,

To start out on an exciting note, you should have recently received a flyer which outlined a new member education benefit, for financial assistance, towards IRWA courses. Recognizing the importance of education and credentialing, our VP, Richard Scholtz, has negotiated and coordinated behind the scenes to set a new standard in commitment to our members

education.

If you benefit from the new assistance, remember to thank Richard, for all the personal time he has put into making the dream a reality. We hope to inspire other Chapters into following along the path forward.

It is important for me to relay to you that Lori Bible, our Director 1 Year, has stepped aside from her Chapter duties, for the present time, due to health concerns. As Lori gets a well-deserved chance to recuperate, the Executive Board has selected last year's Director 1 Year, Alex Gale, to fulfill the duties until June. Lori has dedicated decades of service to IRWA, and the Chapter is deeply indebted to her, for her service and dedication. Please keep her in your thoughts and in your hearts.

I attended the Williamson County Growth Summit, in December, put on by the Austin Business Journal. This annual summit is attended by the area Mayors, City & County Government Leaders, Engineering Firms and Corporate Leaders.

The Austin Metro area is once again a shining example of what prosperity can look like during difficult times. With little to no slowdown, our entire region is poised for unbridled economic growth in the coming years. In addition to unveiling the latest economic statistics, experts discussed the region's plans for increased transportation projects, and the selection of Taylor for the new Samsung development, with more announcements to come.

If you have not attended the area summits, you may want to keep an eye on the events page of the Austin Business Journal. Summits are held, in our various metro regions, and provide a great opportunity to meet your government representatives, as well as colleagues.

PAST PRESIDENTS

- 2020—Tara O'Neal
- 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
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- 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Our Programs Committee is hosting an in-person luncheon, at Maggiano's Little Italy, in the Domain, on February 10th. The guest speaker is Susan Fraser, PM, TxDOT. Susan will be speaking on how Mobility35 Program will improve mobility and connectivity for all modes of transportation—cars, transit, trucks, emergency vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles—along and across I-35, as funding is identified. If you have not attended an event where Susan spoke, we highly recommend you do so. TxDOT is accomplishing an astounding number of high-profile projects and their employees are a testament to their high level of standards and excellence. We have witnessed this with TxDOT employee, Tara O'Neal, our Past President and Director 2 Year, for our Chapter, and we are fortunate to have Tara on our Executive Board.

Our Education Committee has submitted the class plans for 2022-2024 to the Region 2 Chair and the list includes 7 classes. Remember to submit your education course requests to the committee.

Our January Board meeting welcomed Houston Chapter 8 Oil & Gas Symposium Co-Chairs for an update on the event as well as the Co-Chairs from Chapter 13 in Cleveland, Ohio, working on the International Education Conference in June.

I wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season and a very prosperous New Year!

Take Care,

Barbara Price

2021-2022 Chapter 74 President

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2021—2022 CHAPTER 74 OFFICERS



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Barbara Price



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Richard Scholtz, R/W-AC



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Secretary
Cathy Thomas



Director 1 Year
Alex Gale, SR/WA



Director 2 Year
Tara O'Neal

THINK AHEAD!

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

2021—2022 CHAPTER COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP

Leslie Persia

EDUCATION

Alexis Vanzura

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John Campbell (Chair)

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Sunshine Vanover

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Tanner Taylor

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Jaylia Travis

Nickie Hebert

Tori Shrum

Micah Bergman

CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE USING OUR ONLINE FORM



Who is the

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION



Dedicated exclusively to the right of way profession, the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) has nearly 10,000 professional members throughout the U.S., Canada, So. Africa, and China. Members include Engineers, Appraisers, Property Managers, Acquisition Agents, Lawyers, Surveyors, Title Experts, Environmentalists and Relocation Assistance Agents. As the central authority for the right of way profession, IRWA has united the efforts of its members toward professional development, improved service to employers and the public, and recognition of right of way as a highly-specialized profession. With headquarters located in the greater Los Angeles area, IRWA is the unsurpassed source of right of way educational programs and professional services worldwide.

MEMBERSHIP **BENEFITS**



REASONS TO JOIN IRWA

1 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.

2 STRENGTHEN KNOWLEDGE.

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

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

3 GAIN A PRO EDGE.

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

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

Ways to Join



irwaonline.org



888.340.IRWA



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

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ✓

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 for more information.

Renew your IRWA membership today by going to www.irwaonline.org and clicking on “Membership” at the top of the homepage, then “Dues Renewal Invoice” on the right side.



Chapter 74's Newest Members

Dawn Heitman
7arrows Land Staff

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Professional Development committee is available to assist you in obtaining your right-of-way career goals.

Be sure to check out the current the current [industry paths](#) as well as [specialist career paths](#) available to you.

Please reach out to a [committee member](#) for any questions you may have.



Congrats!

Nikky Shore, SR/WA

Senior Right of Way Professional



EDUCATION

If you are interested in becoming a Course Coordinator or being part of the Education Committee, please reach out to [Lex Vanzura](#).

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

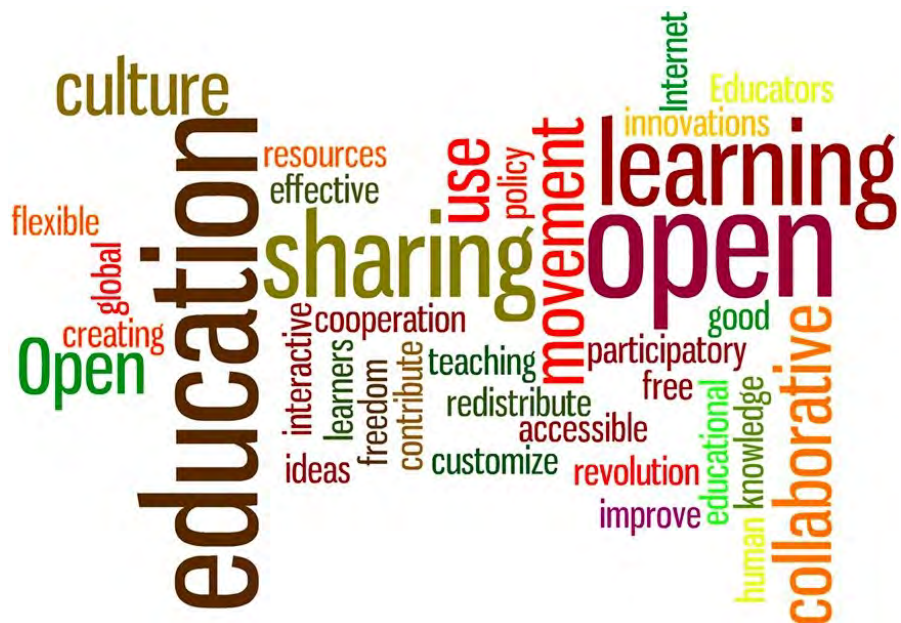
COURSE COORDINATORS NEEDED!

The Education committee is in need of more Course Coordinators.

Benefits of being a Course Coordinator:

- It takes only half an hour to become certified.
- You take any courses you coordinate at no cost.
- Great way to pick up classes for your designations.
- Excellent opportunity to network and meet IRWA members from other chapters.

Click [HERE](#) for the Course Coordinator Certification.



IRWA Chapter 74

The Bluebonnet Education Scholarship Fund

Chapter 74 has committed \$20,000.00 to your training and credentialing needs!



Chapter 74 will reimburse members
\$200 for 1-day course and \$350 for a 2-day course.

3-day and 4-day courses do not qualify for reimbursement.

Who qualifies?

1. Be a current Primary member of Chapter 74 prior to January 1, 2022.
2. New members after January 1, 2022, must reside **within the Austin Metropolitan Statistical Area, or reside within Bell, Burnet, or Fayette Counties.**

What Courses Qualify?

1. Any 1-day or 2-day IRWA course qualifies.
2. Courses taken on-demand, virtually, or in person.
3. 3 course limit per member. Members may only be reimbursed for up to 3 courses.
4. Courses on sale or offered at a discount. Please note, reimbursement will not exceed the cost of the course.

How to Qualify?

1. Take a 1-day or 2-day IRWA course.
2. No pre-approval from the Chapter is required.
3. Submit a reimbursement form and course completion certificate to the Chapter Treasurer and Education Chair within 30 days of completing the course.
4. Chapter will reimburse attendee within 30 days of the reimburse form being submitted.





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February 10, 2022 Luncheon



Topic: Mobility35 Capital Area

Guest Speaker: Susan Fraser, TxDOT Austin District Program Manager for the Mobility35 Program.

Location: Maggiano's at The Domain
10910 Domain Dr, Austin, TX 78758

Susan Fraser will be speaking on how Mobility35 Program will improve mobility and connectivity for all modes of transportation—cars, transit, trucks, emergency vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles—along and across I-35, as funding is identified. The program limits include 79 miles of I-35 from the Williamson/Bell county line to the Hays/Comal county line.

Susan has 19 years of regulatory oversight, program management, engineering, flood control, and public involvement experience in the Austin and San Antonio region. Her experience focuses on program and project transportation mobility solutions. Past roles include managing the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Local Government Oversight Program, the Bexar County Flood Control Program, and the design team for the SH 71 Toll Lanes Project. Susan received her Master of Science in Engineering Management and her Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas.



More information on the project is available at these websites: [I-35 Capital Express Central](#) and [My35](#)

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

Online registration closes Wednesday at Midnight, February 9th, 2022.

Contact the [PROGRAMS COMMITTEE](#) with any questions.

2022 OIL & GAS PIPELINE SYMPOSIUM HOSTED BY IRWA CHAPTER 8 & REGION 2



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022
Norris Centers – Red Oak Ballroom B
816 Town & Country Blvd., Suite 210
Houston, Texas 77024

- Admission to Networking Event hosted by the Young Professionals at The Yard House on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- Admission to day of Oil & Gas Pipeline Symposium including full breakfast, all sessions, morning and afternoon breaks, and the social networking reception event.
- Event Program and entries to various giveaways after the sessions and during the networking event.
- 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.

[Register Online Today!](#)

INTERNATIONAL ELECTRIC AND UTILITY SYMPOSIUM & REGION 2 SPRING FORUM

Hosted by IRWA Chapter 51 and Region 2
Downtown Marriott | 3 Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock, AR 72201

MARCH

- 9th IRWA Class 403 Easement Valuation
- 10th IEUC Symposium
- 11th Region 2 Forum

Little Rock Marriott
3 Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock, Arkansas

(501) 906-4000

Accommodation Rate: \$96 plus 15% tax

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS: FEBRUARY 15TH, 2022

MARCH 9TH, 2022
IRWA Class 403
Easement Valuation
to be held

MARCH 10TH, 2022
IRWA International
Electric and Utility
Symposium

MARCH 11TH, 2022
IRWA Region 2 Spring
Forum and Board of
Directors Meeting

ATTENDANCE FEES

	IRWA Member/ Government Rate		Non-Member Rate	
	Prior to Feb 25	After Feb 25	Prior Feb 25	After Feb 25
In-person Registration	\$250	\$300	\$300	\$350
Virtual Registration	\$150	\$200	\$200	\$250



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE

For sponsorship opportunities, contact Erin Newberry, SR/WA
Phone | 210.844.9961
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AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

Program Manager, Real Estate [CLICK HERE](#)

The Real Estate Program Manager reports directly to the Director of Real Estate. Responsible for real estate and right of way program oversight, transactions, planning, management and planning for acquisitions, relocation, property management, leasing, appraisal, survey, disposition, and development supporting Austin Transit Partnership and Project Connect.

CITY OF AUSTIN

Appraiser Senior: [CLICK HERE](#)

The Office of Real Estate Services with the City of Austin is now accepting applications for an Appraiser position. Under limited supervision, this position performs complex appraisal functions and research tasks related to the acquisition and/or leasing of real estate for the City of Austin.

Property Agent or Property Agent Senior: [CLICK HERE](#)

This position performs key functions for the Leasing, Property Management, and Special Projects section of the Financial Services Department, Real Estate Services including but not limited to identifying, negotiating, and closing the acquisition or real estate for lease or purchase. Other duties may include maintaining leases after execution, inputting lease information into databases, and processing monthly lease and utility payments.

Property Agent or Property Agent Senior: [CLICK HERE](#)

This position fully supports Public Involvement Real Estate Agents in all activities related to land rights acquisitions for Austin Energy. This would include administrative support, mailing, filing, recording legal documents, database management, legal file preparation for eminent domain, and Electric Utility Commission/City Council prep/scheduling/tracking.



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- 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.



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www.irwaregion2.org

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Contact [Ray Rials](#)

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Contributions?**

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Contact [Ray Rials](#) to

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