



The Bluebonnet

JOIN US FOR OUR MAY LUNCHEON!

Join us on **Thursday, May 12, 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. Our guest speaker for May will be Sejin Brooks with Barron, Adler, Clough & Oddo, LLP. 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events in Chapter 74 & Region 2!

Chapter 74—Young Professionals Happy Hour

Thursday, April 28, 2022; 5:00—7:30 p.m.

Armadillo Den

10106 Manchaca Road, Austin, TX 78748

This is a members only event.

Chapter 8—30th Annual Dan Ewing Memorial Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Wildcat Golf Club

12000 Alameda, Houston Texas 77045

[Click here for additional details.](#)

Chapter 74—May Luncheon

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Maggiano's at The Domain

10910 Domain Dr, Austin, TX 78758

Additional details on Page 12.

International Education Conference

June 5-8, 2022

Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland

1 St. Clair Avenue NE, Cleveland, OH 44114

[Click for additional details and registration.](#)

Chapter 74—July Luncheon

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Maggiano's at The Domain

10910 Domain Dr, Austin, TX 78758

Speaker details coming soon.

Chapter 74 & Chapter 39 September Eminent Domain Seminar

Friday, September 9, 2022

San Marcos Activity Center

501 E Hopkins St, San Marcos, TX 78666

Planning is underway for an in person and live-stream event at the newly renovated San Marcos Activity Center. More details to come. Sponsor opportunities are available. Contact Liz Norris at 512-342-3443 or elizabeth.norris@atkinsglobal.com.

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

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 Amezcuita

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

2021—2022 CHAPTER 74 OFFICERS



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Barbara Price



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Cathy Thomas



Director 1 Year
Alex Gale, SR/WA



Director 2 Year
Tara O'Neal

Message from Director 2 Year, Tara O'Neal:

IRWA Chapter 74 Board Members -

After careful consideration, I have decided to step down from the IRWA Chapter 74 Board after accepting a new position with Toll Operations Division's Contract's Section in November of 2020. I no longer have dealings with Right of Way or Right of Way functions and therefore have not been able to fully participate in my ROW duties on the Board.

*Best wishes,
Tara O'Neal*

Nominations are being accepted for the upcoming 2022-2023 Director 1 Year position. Note that no officer may be re-elected to the same office, after serving his or her two consecutive one-year terms until two years have elapsed following the end of the term to which elected. See Page 9 of the newsletter for more information on Nominations.

2021—2022 CHAPTER COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP

Leslie Persia

EDUCATION

Alexis Vanzura

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NOMINATIONS

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Ron Olderog

Virginia Anderson

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Liz Norris

Randy Williams

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PROFESSIONALS

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Jaylia Travis

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.



Ways to Join



888.340.IRWA



irwaonline.org



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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 PROFESSIONAL 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.

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.



John Barnes, SR/WA

Senior Right of Way Professional

Andrew Sustaita, RWA-EU

Right of Way Agent—Electric & Utilities

Lisa Roberts, RWP-TN

Right of Way Professional—Transportation

William C. Eastland, RWA-TN

Right of Way Agent—Transportation



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.

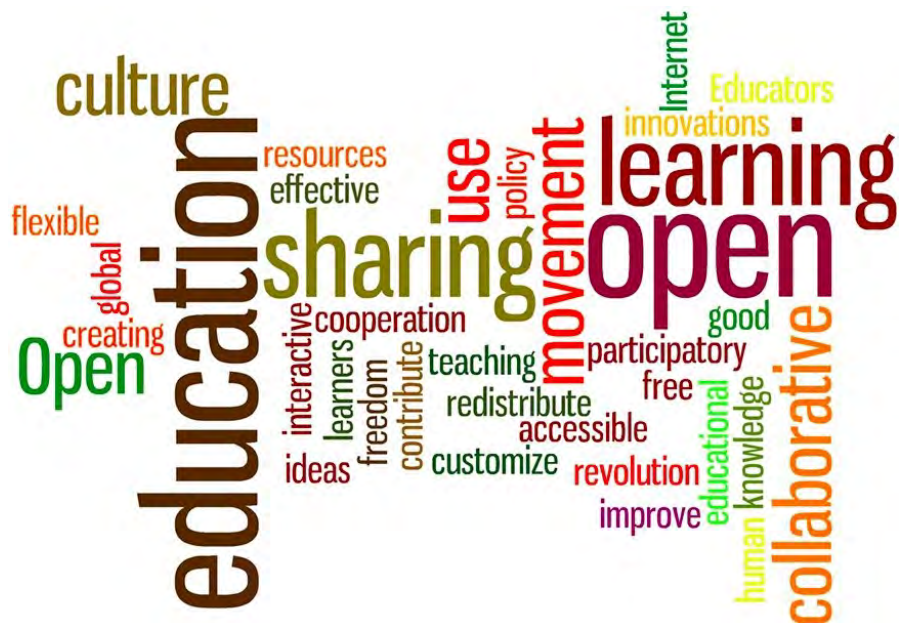
COURSE COORDINATORS NEEDED!

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.



COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

RANDY WILLIAMS

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BELOW TO EMAIL
NOMINATIONS
FORM TO THE
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

Submit

CHAPTER 74 NOMINATIONS

The Chapter 74 Nomination Committee has identified the following schedule for the upcoming 2022/2023 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

February 28, 2022 (Monday): Opening date to begin submittal of nominations to the Nomination Committee

April 29, 2022 (Friday): Closing date for submittals

Nomination forms are available on the [website](#). We will announce the awarded nominees with the officer election results in May.

Officer Nominations

February 28, 2022 (Monday): Opening date for submittal of officer candidates to the Nomination Committee.

April 29, 2022 (Friday): Closing date for candidate submittal

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.

May 2, 2022 (Monday): Email blast sent to chapter membership identifying the officer candidates.

May 4, 2022 (Wednesday): Email blast sent to chapter membership that elections are open through May 18, 2022.

May 19, 2022 (Thursday): Email blast sent to chapter membership informing them elections are closed.

May 20, 2022 (Friday): Email blast sent to chapter membership announcing the newly elected 2022-2023 officers.

2022 Chapter 74 Secretary Nominee Bios

Ray Rials, Jr- MBA, PMP

Candidate for IRWA Chapter 74, Secretary, 2022-2023



I have been an active member of IRWA Chapter 74 since 2019, serving on the Communications Committee with responsibilities for the chapter website and LinkedIn social media site from 2019 to the present. During this time, I worked with the board and all committees to ensure the website and LinkedIn aligned reflected current and up-to-date content; I added a LinkedIn Company Page that has grown to 111 followers. In addition, I led the initiative to migrate both Chapter 74 and Region 2 websites to a new platform in March 2022 and worked with the Chapter 74 ED Seminar team.

I am a General Real Estate Appraiser and PMP working with my wife, Lisa; we primarily provide Appraisal Review services for Right-of-Way projects across Texas. Before becoming a licensed Appraiser, I worked in the technology industry, building a global software delivery team and working from startups to fortune 100 organizations. I am data-driven, with a passion for continuous process improvements. As the chapter secretary, I will bring the same passion for process improvement to our Chapter.

Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

2022 Chapter 74

Director 1 Year Nominee BIOS



TERI MORGAN,
SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC

I have been in the ROW industry for more than 31 years. I became a member of IRWA Chapter 74 in 1990. Since that time, I have served on multiple Chapter Committees such as the newsletter, membership, and education. During this time, I have also served the Chapter as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, President Elect, President, One Year and Two-Year Director. I have earned three IRWA designations: Senior ROW Agent (SR/WA); Relocation Assistance Certification (R/WRAC); and Negotiation Certification (R/W-NAC).

After serving as an officer for our Chapter I was able to move forward as a Region officer and served as Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair of Region 2. During that time, I also served as Chair of the International Transportation Committee and International Finance Committee. During my time as Region 2 Chair with an unending amount of support from the consultant community, Chapter 74's officers, and multiple Chapter volunteers I coordinated the first and very successful Transportation symposium in conjunction with the Region 2 Spring Seminar which was sponsored by Chapter 74. The Symposium earned the Chapter \$20,000.

In the last couple of years, since completing my time as a Region officer, I have not been as active in our Chapter as I would like to be. I would like to give back to the Chapter some of what I have received over the years, which I truly believe has affected my career in a very positive way. I believe my past experience with the Chapter, Region and International can be an asset to this position and our Chapter. I believe that the Director of a Chapter should not just make decisions or vote on items which will affect the Chapter's members without the Chapter's input and understanding of these issues. If given the opportunity to serve as your One Year Director I will make sure the Chapter is aware of what the Region and International issues are after and before any meetings where important decisions are going to be made. I would greatly appreciate your vote for Chapter 74 One Year Director.

Thank You,
Teri Morgan



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May 12, 2022
Luncheon



Guest Speaker: Sejin C. Brooks,
Attorney with Barron, Adler, Clough &
Oddo, LLP

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

Join us for our May luncheon with a presentation by eminent domain attorney, Sejin Brooks. The presentation will feature the firms' eminent domain process, administrative settlements as well as preparation and onboarding new clients.

Sejin C. Brooks is an attorney in the Austin Office of Barron, Adler, Clough & Oddo, LLP. Raised in Oklahoma, he joined the firm in 2014 and focuses on eminent domain litigation. For eight years Mr. Brooks served as an Assistant Attorney General at the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, Transportation Division. While in that position he acted as the project manager of litigation for parcel acquisition matters regarding the DFW Connector Highway Construction Project. Prior to his time as an Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Brooks served as an Assistant District Attorney in Oklahoma and as a Partner Attorney for a law firm in Oklahoma. Mr. Brooks is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Oklahoma Bar Association.

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

2022 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE



Sunday, June 5

7:30 AM-5:00 PM—Registration
2:00 PM-4:00 PM—Opening Ceremony
4:00 PM-5:30 PM Region Caucuses
5:30 PM-7:00 PM—Welcome Reception

Monday, June 6

7:30 AM-5:00 PM—Registration
7:30 AM-8:30 AM—Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM-10:00 AM—Morning Break
9:30 AM-11:30 AM—Exhibit Hall
11:30 AM-1:15 PM—SR/WA Recognition & Awards Luncheon
1:30 PM-5:00 PM—Exhibit Hall
2:30 PM-3:30 PM—Afternoon Break
6:00 PM-10:00 PM—Monday Night at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Tuesday, June 7

7:00 AM-3:00 PM—Foundations Golf Tournament
7:30 AM-5:00 PM—Registration
7:30 AM-8:30 AM—Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM-9:30 AM— Plenary Session
9:30 AM-10:00 AM—Morning Break
2:00 PM-3:00 PM—Afternoon Break
6:00 PM-7:30 PM Leadership Appreciation and Recognition Reception

Wednesday, June 8

7:30 AM-12:00 PM—Registration
7:30 AM-8:30 AM—Continental Breakfast
7:30 AM-9:00 AM—Advisory Council Breakfast
9:00 AM-11:00 AM—IRWA Chapter Leadership Training
9:30 AM-10:00 AM—Morning Break
10:00 AM-11:30 AM—Conference Recap Session
1:30 PM-4:00 PM—Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 PM-7:00 PM—Closing Reception
7:00 PM-11:59 PM—Closing Gala

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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 (ATP) and Project Connect.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Right of Way Division—Attorney IV

[CLICK HERE](#) and search Job ID: 123247

Performs advanced professional legal work concerning the compliance and interpretation of federal and state laws, rules and regulations for the Department. Work requires contact with governmental agencies and private entities. Employees at this level are virtually self-supervising and assume direct accountability for the work product]. This job requires the following: Juris Doctorate (JD) in /from an accredited law school. This job requires the following: 5 years in Governmental and/or administrative law, civil procedure, real estate law, or related.

TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL - TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

Assistant Attorneys General I-II, II-V

[CLICK HERE](#) and Search Job posting Nos. 22-0575 and 22-0576

The Transportation Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas has openings for Assistant Attorneys General I-II and II-V to be located in Austin, Texas. Salary range \$67,100-\$115,000.

The Transportation Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office represents the Texas Department of Transportation in lawsuits involving eminent domain, torts, worker's compensation, employment discrimination, contracts, and regulatory enforcement. All attorneys in the Transportation Division have a robust litigation docket that includes motion and discovery practice, jury trials, and in some cases, matters before the appellate courts. Attorney General employees enjoy excellent benefits along with tremendous opportunities to do important work at a large, dynamic state agency making a positive difference in the lives of Texans. Part-time teleworking may be allowed with management approval.

Contact Information: Susan D. Bonnen; susan.bonnen@oag.texas.gov



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- Free job postings in the newsletter, website, and email blast.
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