



The Bluebonnet

JOIN US FOR OUR JULY LUNCHEON!

Join us on **Thursday, July 14, 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 July will be Elizabeth Bobo with WFG National Title. See Page 10 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—2022/2023 Officer Induction Social

Tuesday, June 21, 2022; 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The Brass Tap

204 E Main Street, Round Rock, TX 78664

[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: Elizabeth Bobo with WFG National Title

Region 2—31st Annual L.E. Clarke Aggie Golf Invitational

Wednesday, August 10, 2022; 7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Texas A&M University Campus Course

Texas A&M University, College Station, 77843.

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

Region 2—Right Of Way Refresher Seminar

Thursday, August 11, 2022; 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Memorial Student Center (MSC), 2nd Floor, Room 2400

Texas A&M University, College Station, 77843.

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

Chapter 74—Young Professionals Top Golf Social

Wednesday, August 24, 2022; 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Top Golf

2700 Esperanza Crossing, Austin, TX 78758

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

This is a members only event.

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 Oldero, 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

2021—2022 CHAPTER 74 OFFICERS



President
Barbara Price



Vice President
Richard Scholtz, R/W-AC



Treasurer
David Baylor, SR/WA



Secretary
Cathy Thomas



Director 1 Year
Alex Gale, SR/WA



Director 2 Year
Tara O'Neal

Thanks to everyone for their participation in the 2022/2023 officer election. See Page 9 of this month's newsletter for the election results.

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2021—2022 CHAPTER COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP

Leslie Persia

EDUCATION

Alexis Vanzura

Michael Glaros

Roxana Sierra

PROGRAMS

Brittney Snellgrove

Karolina Herrera

Lauren Woodward Stanley

Lisa Rials

PROFESSIONAL

DEVELOPMENT

John Campbell (Chair)

William Gold

BY-LAWS

Kimberly McClung

Tanner Taylor

Shannon Gray

Virginia Anderson

LEGAL

Kimberly McClung

COMMUNICATIONS

NEWSLETTER

Lisa Cooper

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Ray Rials

VALUATION

Lory Johnson

NOMINATIONS

Randy Williams

Ron Olderog

Virginia Anderson

SEMINARS

Liz Norris

Randy Williams

YOUNG

PROFESSIONALS

Max Roach

Jaylia Travis

Tori Shrum

Micah Bergman

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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



3 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.

Ways to Join



irwaonline.org



888.340.IRWA

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

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

VIRGINIA
ANDERSON

RONALD OLDEROG

CHAPTER 74 ELECTION RESULTS

The Chapter 74 Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the results of the Officer election.

IRWA Chapter 74 Elected Officers for the next fiscal year beginning July 2022 through June 2023 are as follows:

President:	Richard Scholtz
Vice President:	David Baylor
Treasurer:	Cathy Thomas
Secretary:	Ray Rials
Two Year Director:	Barbara Price
One Year Director:	Teri Morgan

The Chapter wants to thank all of the returning officers and congratulations to our newest officer, Ray Rials.

Thanks also go out to Teri Morgan and Lory Johnson for stepping up and being willing to take on the open One Year Director position. It was a close election but our congratulations go out to Teri who will be in the vacated position.

Congratulations also go out to the following award recipients:

Professional of the Year

Lisa Cooper

Young Professional of the Year

Brittney Snellgrove

Employer of the Year

LW Survey

The Nomination Committee is grateful to the membership for their participation in another virtual election year. It is more challenging doing it this way but with all of the cooperation, we were able to be successful once again in this process. Hoping for an in-person election next year.

Thank you one and all,
Randy, Virginia and Ron

COMMITTEE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

MEMBERSHIP

Consisting of no more than 3 members, each to be appointed by the President for no more than three consecutive one-year terms.

Your primary responsibility is to develop membership recruitment campaigns using the chapter membership report form. Be the point person in the membership renewal process that begins in September of each year for the chapter. Oversee the new member approval process for the chapter to ensure that all new chapter members are approved in a timely manner. Distribute new member certificates and pin to all new members either at chapter meetings or by mail. You will be asked by the Chapter President to work with fellow board members in setting the goals and objectives for membership growth and retention.

1. Participate in quarterly conference calls conducted by headquarters (typically held in the 2nd month of each quarter).
2. Complete the chapter report form for membership on a quarterly basis. Establish goal, objectives and strategy to obtain the goal. Turn in report to Chapter President and report on status at chapter board meetings.
3. Using contacts within the chapter, obtain mailing lists for coordinated campaigns with headquarters.
4. Obtain list from the Chapter Education Chair of all non-members who have taken a course through the chapter. Send email with application inviting the non-members to join the chapter and IRWA.
5. Obtain list from Chapter Meeting Coordinator of all non-members who attending a chapter meeting. Send email with application inviting the non-members to join the chapter and IRWA.
6. Upon receipt of a pending chapter member email from headquarters, ensure that the new members are approved by the chapter board and notify headquarters of the approval (typically a 30 day or less turnaround).
7. Notify new member with an invitation to attend the next chapter meeting. Present new member with membership certificate and membership pin. If the new member cannot attend chapter meetings, arrange to have the certificate and pin sent to them

To be part of a Committee, please reach out to incoming President, Richard Scholtz. There are many opportunities available and we welcome as much member participation as possible.

COMMITTEE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

EDUCATION

Consisting of no more than 3 members, each to be appointed by the President for no more than three consecutive one-year terms.

Your role critical in two areas: Member attendance of chapter courses and the promotion of online courses. There are many resources available to assist you as you develop the Chapter's Education Plan and online promotion. More importantly, Involving the other members on your chapter board in these efforts will go a long way in achieving the goals you set for member growth.

Qualifications: A Chapter Education Chair must be a member in good standing of the IRWA, a chapter or chapters of the Association (current on all relevant membership dues paid in full at the time you assume the position). Ideally, a Chapter Education Chair will have been a member of the IRWA and chapter for a minimum of one year prior to taking on the role of Education Chair.

Specific Responsibilities:

The primary responsibility of the Chapter Education Chair is to develop and implement a strategic, comprehensive Chapter Education Plan. This is accomplished by analyzing data from numerous sources to determine the best month/year in which to schedule chapter sponsored presentations of specific IRWA courses, while also promoting the benefits of IRWA Online Education.

The secondary responsibilities of the Chapter Education Chair include selecting and contracting with Facilitators (Instructors) for both presentation fees and class related expenses, securing class facility locations, selecting Certified Coordinators to whom class related responsibilities and logistics will be delegated, etc. This information enables the Education Chair to "officially schedule" a chapter sponsored class presentation by completing and submitting a CSMA (Course Sponsorship & Marketing Agreement) form to Headquarters for each class to be scheduled.

You will be asked by the Chapter President to work with fellow board members to set your chapter's specific goals and objectives for maximum classroom attendance, and to determine strategies to use when promoting online courses to your chapter members.

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COMMITTEE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Consisting of no more than 3 members, each of who shall be appointed by the President for no more than three consecutive one-year terms.

Your role is critical in two areas: Processing requests for certification/designation for members of your chapter, and working with your Chapter Education Chair to ensure that both Classroom and Online courses are promoted to Credentialing program candidates to ensure that they meet the requirements to obtain their certifications/designations. There are many resources available to assist you in this capacity. More importantly, involving the other members on your chapter board in your efforts will go a long way in achieving the goals you set for member growth.

Qualifications: A PDC Chair must be a member in good standing of the IRWA, a chapter or chapters of the Association (current on all relevant membership dues paid in full at the time you assume the position).

Specific Responsibilities: The primary responsibility of the Chapter PDC Chair is to assist and mentor chapter members who have achieved, or are in the process of achieving, a designation (through IRWA's Generalist Career Path) and/or certification (through IRWA's Specialist Career Path). The Chapter PDC Chair must be familiar with the specific requirements for each of IRWA's Credentialing Programs (both initial and recertification), and be prepared to provide information and guidance to members who are participants in IRWA Credentialing.

Increase the chapter's participation in IRWA Credentialing Programs by:

- Increasing awareness of the value of investing in one's professional development by pursuing a designation and/or certification; Encouraging new chapter members to declare their active candidacy for one or more Credentialing programs, and Reaching out to current chapter members who may be close to fulfilling the educational requirements for a specific Credentialing Program, and encouraging them to declare their active candidacy.

Assist members who are current participants in IRWA Credentialing by:

- Becoming familiar with the specific program requirements for each level of IRWA's Generalist Career Path, and for each Specialist certification; Providing information and guidance to those who are pursuing their initial designation / certification to ensure that they meet all program requirements during the specified timeframe; Ensuring that all members who currently hold a designation / certification fulfill all requirements in order to recertify during the specified timeframe, and Conferring with your Chapter Education Chair (and other Chapter Leaders) to confirm that members will be able to fulfill the educational components of their Credentialing program requirements. This will be accomplished through a strategic combination of scheduling in class presentations of IRWA courses and also promoting those courses which are currently available online.

COMMITTEE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

NOMINATIONS

Shall consist of a Chairperson and no more than 2 members. This committee shall present 5 and recommend a slate of officers to the membership for their consideration no later than the ninth month of the administrative year.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter:

- Preparation and distribution of monthly newsletters to membership including coordination with Board and Committee members on content, identifying related content from the International Right of Way Association headquarters and local Region.
- Email blasts to Chapter as requested by Board and Committees.

Website:

- Regular maintenance of the website and LinkedIn, including updating content, luncheon registrations, sponsorship renewals, payment of fees, and additional web master related activities as they arise.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

This group is specifically designed for beginning right of way professionals who want to become more actively involved into the Association while enhancing their skills. If you are passionate about continually educating yourself, augmenting your skillset and having your hard work acknowledged, then it's time to surround yourself with likeminded individuals.

IRWA Young Professionals must unite and support each other, as well as outsiders, to grow in their profession and to dig deep in their industry. The Young Professionals must aim to be equipped with education, ethics and encouragement. Creating a body of individuals who are close in the likeness of skill level, education, professional & life experiences establishes a trusting atmosphere to allow free flowing questions and professional bonds to form.

The IRWA Young Professionals Group is recommended for participants of the age of 35 and under but is not required.

COMMITTEE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

PROGRAMS

As part of the Programs Committee, you will be responsible for:

- Locating and scheduling speakers for eight Chapter luncheons.
- Reserving space (virtual and/or in-person) for Chapter luncheons.
- Coordination and set-up with the venue in advance and the day of for menu, equipment, spacing, registration, etc.
- Coordination with the Treasurer and Webmaster for luncheon and venue payments.
- Coordination with the Board on luncheon content.

INDUSTRY COMMITTEES & DISCIPLINE COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

- **Asset Management**
- **Environment**
- **Public Agency**
- **Oil & Gas Pipeline**
- **Relocation Assistance**
- **Surveying & Engineering**
- **Transportation**
- **Electric & Utilities**
- **Valuation**
- **Legal**
- **September Seminar**

These are discipline specific committees to serve in an advisory capacity to our membership. They do not require being filled but we welcome anyone that would like to contribute their expertise to the Chapter. You will be asked to provide a write-up for the newsletter during the year.

To be part of a Committee, please reach out to incoming President, Richard Scholtz. There are many opportunities available and we welcome as much member participation as possible.

The Programs Committee is actively seeking members.



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May 2022 Luncheon



Thanks to everyone for attending our first in-person luncheon in May. It was a full house! Special thank you to Sejin Brooks for being our guest speaker.

The Programs Committee is actively seeking additional committee members. Email the PROGRAMS COMMITTEE today to volunteer!



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July 14, 2022
Luncheon



Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Bobo, VP
National Transportation Division, WFG
National Title Company

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

Join us for our July luncheon with a presentation by Elizabeth Bobo. The presentation will feature all things title!

Elizabeth is a twenty-year veteran in transportation right-of-way title insurance. She, with the help of her team, grew an idea (novel at the time of its inception) and a passion into a specialized and thriving Transportation

Division. This Division has been, and continues to be, a major contributor and business partner in the Texas Transportation industry.

Elizabeth has also amassed a vast array of experience in other areas of title. In the residential area, she has familiarity with resale, owner finance, assumptions and lender refinance transactions. In the commercial area, she closed complex urban transactions, including Small Business Loans, 1031 Tax Exchanges, commercial refinances, commercial sales and purchases. In the government area, Elizabeth has handled the closing of large scale transportation projects for the Texas Department of Transportation (i.e. eminent domain and judgment closings), various municipalities and counties, work for transit entities, and FEMA.

REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

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



AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

Utility Manager [CLICK HERE](#)

The Utility Manager is responsible for leading the utility design for the Orange and Blue Lines Light Rail Transit (LRT) projects, Facility Expansion and Renovations projects, and coordination with utility companies for their cost-effective and timely facility relocations in conjunction with partners and stakeholders. The Utility Manager will ensure that relocations and new service connections follow local, state, and federal laws, and the project design criteria.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Commercial Signs Program Specialist I or II - Right of Way Division [CLICK HERE](#) and search Job ID: 124730

Performs research and technical assistance work in support of the Commercial Sign Regulatory Program. Work involves assisting in coordinating and providing consultative assistance to program team and commercial signs owners and operators. Coordinates the review, authorization and issuance of commercial permits and licenses.

Right of Way (ROW) Project Coordinator- Austin District [CLICK HERE](#) and search Job ID: 123887

Assists in performing project management work related to state and federally funded right of way projects including negotiating with landowners, helping relocate displaces, reviewing appraisals, assisting in the relocation of utilities, coordinating the eminent domain process, and assisting in the management of acquired right of way. Work involves assisting in coordinating the planning and initiation of projects; assisting in monitoring the progress and schedule of projects; and communicating with project stakeholders, management, private entities, governmental agencies, and other relevant parties.



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.

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ROW Professionals of Texas

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www.irwaonline.org

IRWA Region 2 Website:

www.irwaregion2.org

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