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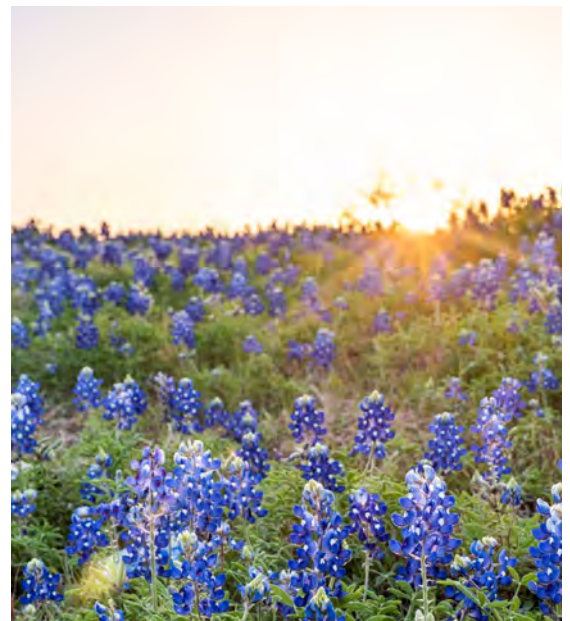
2022 - 2023 OFFICERS

New officer installation was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at The Brass Tap in Round Rock, Texas.

See Page 3 of newsletter for details on our new board.

Bluebonnet Chapter No. 74, is the Austin, Texas, 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.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter 74

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
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.

Texas A&M University
Memorial Student Center (MSC),
2nd Floor, Room 2400
College Station, 77843.

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

Region 2: YP Networking Event

Thursday, August 11, 2022

8:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

The Backyard
303 University Drive
College Station, TX 77840

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

Virtual Only

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



2022 – 2023 OFFICERS

Chapter 74 officers can be contacted via the [Officers Page](#) of our website.



PRESIDENT

Richard Schulz, R/W-AC



SECRETARY

Tommy "Ray" Rials



VICE-PRESIDENT

David Baylor, SR/WA



DIRECTOR 2 YEAR

Barbara Price



TREASURER

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



DIRECTOR 1 YEAR

Teri Morgan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC,
R/W-NAC

2022-2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Interested in joining a committee or have questions about the Chapter? Reach out to the Committee Chairs and Members below for assistance. Contact information is available on the [website](#).

COMMUNICATIONS

Lisa Cooper, SR/WA, R/W-RAC (Chair/Newsletter)
Ray Rials (Website)

EDUCATION

Roxan Sierra, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC (Chair)
Michael Glaros
Laurie Miller, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC

LEGAL

Kimberly McClung, SR/WA (Chair)

MEMBERSHIP

Leslie Persia (Chair)

NOMINATIONS

Ronald Olderog, SR/WA (Chair)
Virginia J Anderson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC
Alex Gale, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC, R/W-URAC

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

John Campbell P.E., SR/WA (Chair)
William Gold II, R/W-AMC, RWA, R/W-NAC

PROGRAMS

Brittney Snellgrove, R/W-NAC (Chair)
Lisa Rials, R/W-AC

SEMINARS

Elizabeth Norris (Chair)
Randy Williams, MAI, SR/WA

VALUATION

Lory Johnson, MAI, SR/WA (Chair)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Max Roach (Chair)
Micah Bergman
Victoria Shrum
Jaylia Travis, RWA, R/W-NAC





MEMBERSHIP

GET AND STAY CONNECTED.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Amanda Adomavich

Stateside Right of Way

Forrest Mullineaux

Kerry Steele

Stateside Right of Way

Evon Williams

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.

BENEFITS

- IRWA members enjoy discounts on tuition, events, and the annual IRWA Education Conference.
- IRWA membership comes with access to IRWA Member Network - the only online community dedicate to the Right of Way industry.

Contact our [Membership Chair](#) to join today!



Leslie Persia, Chair



EDUCATION

EVERYWHERE. ANYWHERE

Do you like the interactive setting of in-person trainings?

Experience one of IRWA's 50 classroom courses and receive instruction by the industries leading subject matter experts.

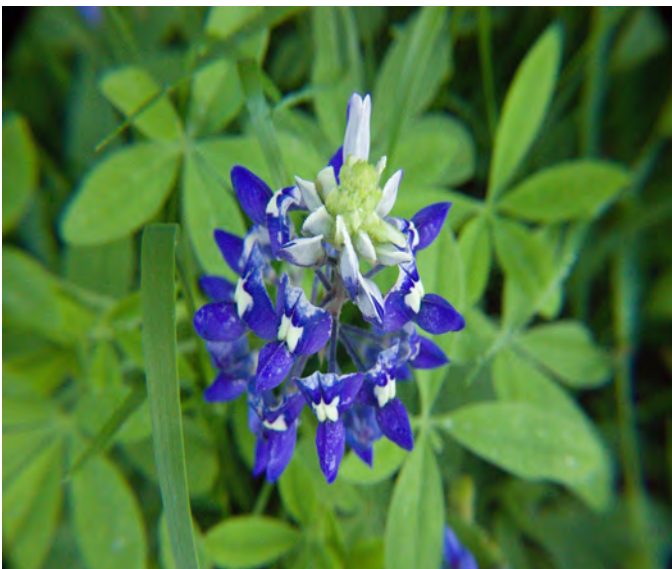
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Learn on your schedule and at your pace.

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MEET THE COMMITTEE



Roxan Sierra (Chair)



Laurie Miller



Michael Glaros

BECOME 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.

JULY LUNCHEON

featuring Elizabeth Bobo from WFG National Title

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ELIZABETH FOR SPEAKING ON ALL THINGS TITLE AT OUR JULY LUNCHEON.



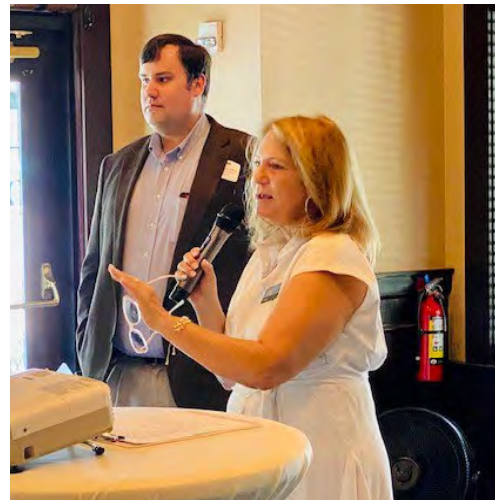
Brittney Snellgrove (left) accepting the 2022 Young Professional of the Year Award



Stateside Right of Way introducing their guest for the July Luncheon.



OUTGOING PRESIDENT AND CURRENT 2-YEAR DIRECTOR, **BARBARA PRICE**, PROVIDED HER THANKS TO THE CHAPTER FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING THE 2021-2022 YEAR.



Lisa Cooper (left) accepting the 2022 Professional of the Year Award

Programs Committee:
Brittney Snellgrove (Chair)
Lisa Rials



David Baylor, outgoing Chapter 74 Treasurer (above) provided the financial summary at the start of the luncheon.

Have a speaker you think would be great at an upcoming luncheon? Reach out to Brittney today!

IRWA/AI

JOINT LUNCHEON

The Austin Chapter of IRWA and the Appraisal Institute (AI) are pleased to announce the upcoming joint luncheon. Details below.

September 28, 2022
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Chateau Bellevue
708 San Antonio Street
Austin, TX 78701



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SPEAKER

JOSHUA WOOD, JD, MAI, AI-GRS

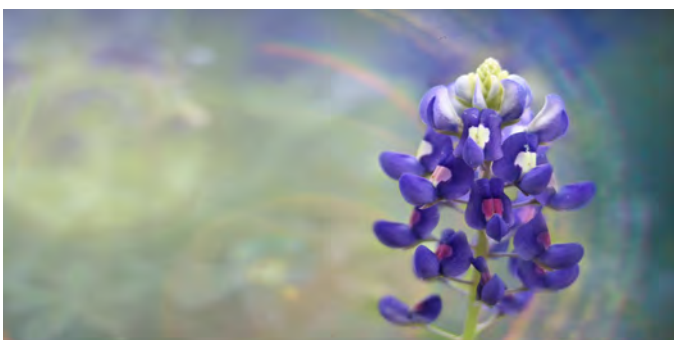
Joshua Wood is Senior Managing Director of Litigation for Valbridge Property Advisors, Houston. Mr. Wood is a state certified general appraiser in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. He holds the MAI and AI-GRS designations from the Appraisal Institute and is a member of the State Bar of Arizona. He is also an arbitrator on the Construction Panel of the American Arbitration Association.

As an instructor for the Appraisal Institute, Mr. Wood teaches litigation and regulatory compliance and serves as a course reviewer. He is also an instructor for the International Right of Way Association and is an AQB Certified USPAP Instructor for the Appraisal Foundation. He has presented lectures for bar associations and national conferences and has been published in law reviews and journals.

Mr. Wood's professional work is focused on appraisals and consultation for litigation. His opinions have been used in conjunction with a variety of legal disputes, including property tax, condemnation, bankruptcy, construction defect, breach of contract, title defect, environmental contamination, partition and estate tax.

\$45 (MEMBERS); \$50 (NON-MEMBERS)
CE CREDITS FOR IRWA, TALCB, AI (PENDING)

The content of Mr. Wood's presentation will focus on Fee Simple valuation. Including ambiguity in the Appraisal Institute definition compared to the legal definition, encumbrances. He will also speak to alternatives to fee simple (leased fee); leasehold, and appraisal application. Additional details are available on the IRWA Chapter 74 website.



REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
[IRWA REGISTRATION PAGE](#)

IRWA stands for the **highest standard** of excellence. As such, its certification and designation path is a rigorous process that will work to differentiate you from other professionals.

Our high standards have enabled us to create a distinction that is universally respected by customers, businesses, and colleagues across most disciplines.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Congratulation on your accomplishments!

Alex G. Lopez, SR/WA-GN, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC

Senior Right of Way Associate - General
LV Right of Way & Real Estate Service

Lisa Roberts, SR/WA-TN

Senior Right of Way Associate - Transportation
Stateside Right of Way Services

Andrew Sustaita, RWA-EU

Right of Way Agent - Electric and Utilities
Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)

William Cullen Eastland, RWA-TN

Right of Way Agent - Transportation
Cobb, Fendley and Associates, Inc.



John Campbell, P.E., SR/WA &
William Gold II, R/W-AMC, RWA, R/W-NAC
serve as our 2022 - 2023 Professional
Development Committee



IRWA REGION 2
YP SPONSORED HAPPY HOUR
AUGUST 11, 2022
THE BACKYARD
COLLEGE STATION, TX
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

This event is open to all seminar attendees.

Please bring your business card to the networking Event to be eligible for the event giveaways!

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Callie Howard-Braddock, R/W-AC at callie.howard@cbre.com

Additional details are available on the [Region 2 website](#).



YOUNG PROFESSIONAL CHAIR, MAX ROACH

The other Young Professional Committee Members include Jaylia Travis, Micah Bergman, and Tori Shrum

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The YP group is responsible for planning networking and community involvement events for the Chapter.

CHAPTER 74
HAPPY HOUR
AUGUST 24, 2022
TOPGOLF
2700 ESPERANZA CROSSING
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78758
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

The Chapter 74 Happy Hour is open to Members Only and is limited to 20 people.

Be sure to [register online](#) today to secure your spot. Hope to see you there!



Past Presidents

2021 Barbara Price

2020 Tara O'Neal

2019 Lori Bible, SR/WA

2018 Alex Gale, SR/WA

2017 Virginia Anderson, SR/WA

2016 Maggie Schedler, SR/WA

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

2009 Ron Olderog, MAI, SR/WA

2008 John Reed, SR/WA

2007 Connie Real, 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, 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

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

JOB POSTINGS

Local Right of Way Opportunities.

Texas Department of Transportation – Survey Specialist V (Austin)

Click [HERE](#) and Search Job ID: 124896

Performs specialized surveying work and provides technical expertise and advice on highly complex surveying projects under the supervision of a Registered Professional Land Surveyor or licensed Professional Engineer. May Serve as a lead worker. Work requires travel. Work requires contact with governmental and private entities.

HDR Engineering, Inc. – Right of Way Project Manager (Austin/Round Rock)

Click [HERE](#) to apply (Job ID: 167652)

The Right of Way Manager will oversee the right of way negotiation and acquisition services primarily for transportation projects in the State of Texas and in compliance with federal, state, and industry laws and regulations. Depending on experience, the Right of Way Project Manager may also manage right of way services for power and water projects as part of HDR's cross sector services. This position will coordinate work of right of way staff and balance team throughout the project. Establish client relations and be involved with marketing, contractual, and production meetings. Participate in reviews with various governing agencies for compliance. Track financial aspects of projects and coordinate and adjust work effort with team to ensure work is completed with the schedule.

City of Pflugerville – Right of Way Management Specialist

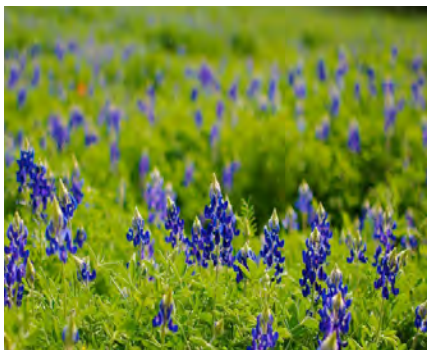
Click [HERE](#) to apply

As a Right of Way Management Specialist for the City, you will be providing administrative/technical office/field work coordinating all right-of-way acquisitions and surplus property activities for City of Pflugerville. See link above for more information.

Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) – Right of Way Agent II

Click [HERE](#) to apply (Job No. 496500)

We are excited to announce that we are experiencing unprecedented growth in our Transmission Services Corporation portfolio and would like to add multiple Right of Way agents to our team. As our right of way agent, you will negotiate transmission line easements (both amendments and greenfield) and fee simple purchases for multi-million dollar projects for our critical infrastructure.



Don't forget to submit your job postings to the Communications Committee!



GET IN TOUCH

[Chapter 74 Website](#) | [Chapter 74 LinkedIn](#)

Website Questions: [Ray Rials](#)

Newsletter Questions/Contributions: [Lisa Cooper](#)