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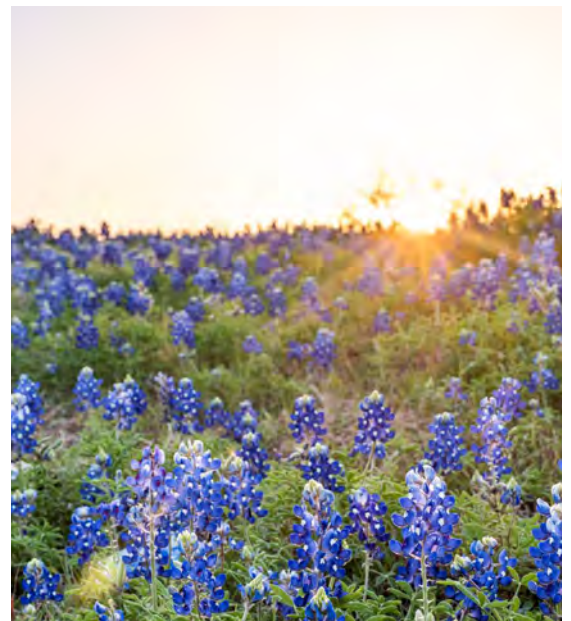
## REGION 2 LIFETIME ACHEIVEMENT AWARD

Chapter 74's **Randy Williams** was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's Region 2 Fall Forum.

See Page 10 of newsletter for more Awards from the event.

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

### Chapter 74: October Luncheon

**Thursday, October 13, 2022**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Maggiano's at The Domain

10910 Domain Dr., Austin, TX 78758

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

### Chapter 74: Young Professionals

Fall Happy Hour

**More Info Coming Soon!**

### Chapter 74: November Luncheon

**Thursday, November 10, 2022**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Maggiano's at The Domain

10910 Domain Dr., Austin, TX 78758

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

### Region 2 & 6: ITC Symposium

**March 30, 2023**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

The Beach Houst Hilton Head Island

1 S Forest Beach Drive

Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

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



# CHAPTER 74

**YOUNG PROFESSIONAL  
FALL HAPPY HOUR  
DETAILS COMING SOON!**



**YOUNG  
PROFESSIONAL  
CHAIR, MAX ROACH**

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

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

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

### IRWA REGION 2 FALL FORUM YOUNG PROFESSIONAL EVENT

The Thursday night event hosted by the Region 2 Young Professionals Group was well attended. Door prizes were presented by YPs Callie Howard and Ryan King (shown below).



# IRWA

## OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Chapter 74 is pleased to announce Joshua Niles of the City of New Braunfels as the October speaker. Details below.



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11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Maggiano's at The Domain  
10910 Domain Dr.  
Austin, TX 7875



## SPEAKER

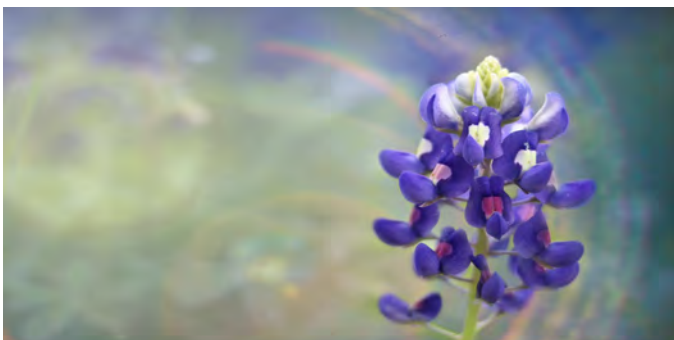
**JOSHUA NILES**

**CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGER  
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

Joshua Niles has worked in construction management for eleven years, with nine years being at the City of New Braunfels and two years with a commercial finish out contractor.

Since starting with the City of New Braunfels in 2013 he has been a part of managing and implementing two bond programs in 2013 and 2019 and is currently working on a potential 2023 bond program. Joshua has climbed through the ranks in his department which offers him a unique perspective on how projects are managed. A role he was able to lead early on at the city was developing the project controls that the Capital Improvement Division operates under.

Josh is currently managing the largest project the city has undertaken in a \$36 million Police Department Facility. Funding for this project was approved in the 2019 Bond Program.



**\$30 (MEMBERS); \$35 (NON-MEMBERS)**



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# 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](#).

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### 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



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

***Congratulations on your accomplishments!***

***Michael Gates, SR/WA-GN***

Senior Right of Way Professional - General  
City of Austin

***Tanner Taylor, SR/WA-GN, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC***

Senior Right of Way Professional - General  
THC, Inc.

***Rhonda Young, SR/WA-TN, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC***

Senior Right of Way Professional - Transportation  
HDR Engineering, 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



# 2022 – 2023 OFFICERS

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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



# MEMBERSHIP

## GET AND STAY CONNECTED.

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### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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#### **Jesse Cooper**

*HDR Engineering, Inc.*

#### **Rachel Hernandez**

*Texas Gas Service, A Division of ONE Gas*

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

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- 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.

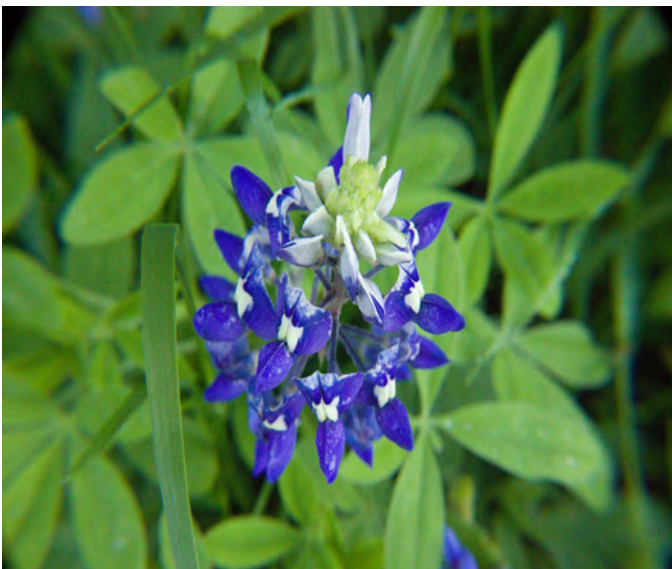
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IRWA offers online courses 24 hours a day 7 days a week from any location.

Learn on your schedule and at your pace.

Visit [www.irwau.org](http://www.irwau.org) today to explore IRWA education opportunities



## 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.

# REGION 2 FALL FORUM

## Awards Luncheon

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO REGION 2 OFFICERS ERIN NEWBERRY, MAGGIE SCHEDLER, and MARCUS BOYD FOR THE EVENT.



Virginia Anderson (left) accepting the IRWA Chapter 74 2022 Employer of the Year Award for LW Survey.



Callie Howard received the Young Professional of the Year Award

REGION 2 PRESIDENT, ERIN NEWBERRY, PRESENTED **LORA GUNTER**, WITH THE 2022 PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD AT THE THE REGION 2 FALL FORUM IN COLLEGE STATION.



Marcus Boyd and Ray Rials (left) received recognition for their many volunteer hours with the website set-up and online registration for the event.



## 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

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1994 Mary Jane Amezquita

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1992 Sandra Bishop

1991 John Baylor

1990 Cheryl Bennett

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1987 Greg Althoff, SR/WA

1986 Richard Steubing

1985 Charles Clinger, SR/WA

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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.



**2023 SPONSOR DRIVE STARTS NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>!**

## JOB POSTINGS

### Local Right of Way Opportunities.

#### Texas Department of Transportation – Auditor (Austin)

Click [HERE](#) and Search Job ID: 125474

Performs audits on utility relocation reimbursement payments in the Right of Way Division to determine compliance with Department policies, procedures, directives and relevant laws; as well as effectiveness and efficiency of operations. Work involves planning, organizing and conducting audits in compliance with professional auditing standards, maintaining, reviewing and preparing confidential information and other management-related programs

#### 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 Austin – Real Estate Analyst

Click [HERE](#) and Search Position No. 105746

The City of Austin is seeking a qualified individual for a full time Real Estate Analyst position with the Financial Services Department/Real Estate. Minimum qualifications include: 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 real estate activities. Experience may substitute for the education qualification up to the maximum of four (4) years. The City offers an excellent benefit package providing a number of health and wellness and retirement benefits.



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



#### GET IN TOUCH

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