

# The Bluebonnet NEWSLETTER

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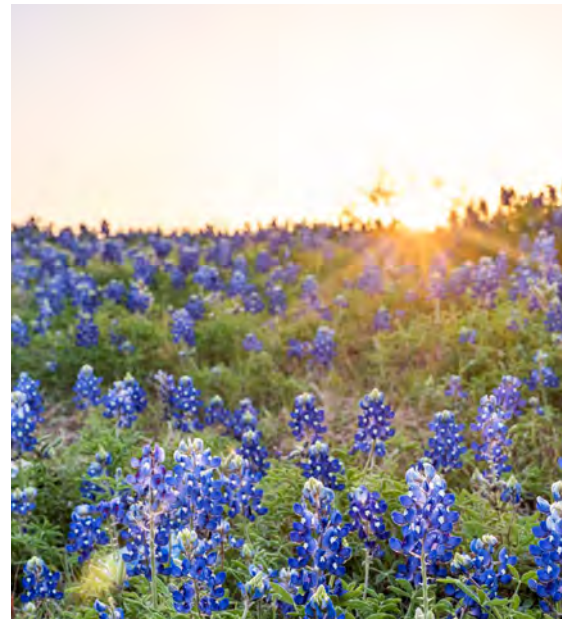
## 2022 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Chapter 74 celebrated the upcoming holidays at the December Luncheon. Toys were collected for Blue Santa Austin.

See Page 10 of newsletter for more photos 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: January Luncheon](#)

**Thursday, January 12, 2023**

**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: February Luncheon](#)

**Thursday, February 9, 2023**

**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: March Luncheon](#)

**Thursday, March 9, 2023**

**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.](#)

### [2023 Spring Seminar and Golf Tournament](#)

**Thursday/Friday, April 20-21, 2023**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

The Golf Club at Champions Circle

15801 Championship Parkway

Fort Worth, TX 76177

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

### [IRWA/Appraisal Institute Joint Luncheon](#)

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

**11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m..**

Maggiano's at The Domain

10910 Domain Dr., Austin, TX 78758

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



# 2022 – 2023 OFFICERS

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



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Tommy "Ray" Rials, MBA, PMP



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**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](#).

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### COMMUNICATIONS

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

### EDUCATION

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

### LEGAL

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### MEMBERSHIP

Leslie Persia (Chair)

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### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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### SEMINARS

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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



# CHAPTER 74

**YOUNG PROFESSIONAL  
FIRST QUARTER EVENT  
REACH OUT TO MAX FOR INPUT**



**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.

### YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY REAL ESTATE INTERN

Know someone looking to start a career in right of way? Summer internship available for students currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program. [APPLY TODAY!](#)





# MEMBERSHIP

## GET AND STAY CONNECTED.

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATUS

**209 Total Members**

**188**

*Primary Chapter Members*

**21**

*Associate Chapter Members*

Dedicated exclusively to the right of way profession, the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) has nearly 10,000 professional members.

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.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**

## 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.

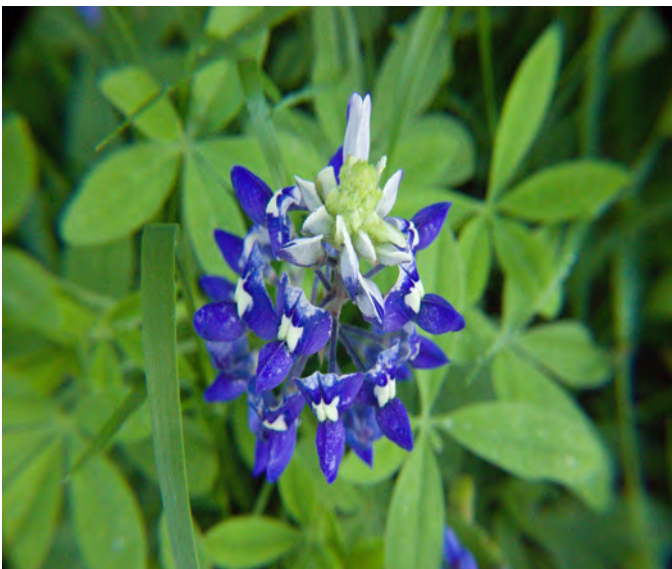
Training for professionals by the professionals.

### Prefer the convenience and flexibility of web-based learning?

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.

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!***

***Stacia Booth, R/W-RAC***

Relocation Assistance Certification  
Stateside Right of Way Services, Inc.

***Laura Nelson, R/W-NAC***

Negotiation/Acquisition Certification  
Right of Way of Texas, LLC



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

## JANUARY LUNCHEON

Chapter 74's January Luncheon will feature a panel discussion and Q&A session hosted by Sunshine Vanover and Teri Morgan.



January 12, 2023

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Austin, TX 78758

## JANUARY SPEAKERS

**SUNSHINE VANOVER, SR/WA**

**TERI MORGAN, SR/WA**

**PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A**



**J. Sunshine Vanover, SR/WA, PMP**

Sunshine serves as the Divisional Director for O. R. Colan Associates, LLC. She oversees projects in Texas as well as client relations & business development.

She started with ORC in 2012 and immediately became a vital member of the SH99 Grand Parkway project management team. After a two-year hiatus, Sunshine returned to ORC in 2016 as Project Manager.

She holds the SR/WA designation from the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). Sunshine is a graduate of Texas State University, with a B.S. in Industrial Technology, and Texas A&M University, with a B.S. in Accounting and an M.S. in Industrial Management.

Join us Thursday, January 12, 2023, for a panel discussion and Question & Answer session hosted by Sunshine Vanover, SR/WA with O.R. Colan Associates and Teri Morgan, SR/WA with HDR Engineering, Inc. Sunshine and Teri will be discussing different projects they have worked on, lessons learned and how the International Right of Way Association has helped develop their careers and their agents.



**Teri J. Morgan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC**

Teri currently serves as the South-Central Region Right of Way Lead, located in Austin, for HDR Engineering, Inc. Teri supports the growth of HDR's right of way teams in the south-central region by

mentoring and training project managers, right of way agents and right of way technicians, contributing to client development efforts and providing project management services. During her 30-year career in right of way, Teri's diverse market experience affords her the foresight and know-how to expedite and improve the process of obtaining property rights for projects.

Teri has been an active member of the IRWA and has served as the Region 2 Chair and the International Transportation Committee Chair. She has twice been awarded the IRWA Professional of the Year award.



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

# CHAPTER 74 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

December 2022

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THE SPECIAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON.



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Richard W. Scholtz, R/W-AC*



## **What led you to a career in right of way?**

I started in right of way valuation right out of college not really knowing what I was getting myself into. I quickly figured out that this wasn't like your typical house or farm and ranch appraisal and fell in love with doing this type of work. I really like that everyday is something different. One day you're appraising an island in the Houston Ship Channel, the next day you're inspecting a machine shop that makes rocket nozzle parts for NASA, and they're telling you that you can't take pictures of this, or that, or that over there.

Richard is an appraiser and Senior Vice President at JLL Valuation Advisory. He currently services as the President of IRWA Chapter 74.



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**What made you want to become more involved in the IRWA and what has been the biggest impact so far on your career?** I had been involved with IRWA off and on since 1999, but when I moved to Austin in 2005, Randy Williams encouraged me to get involved with the Austin chapter by attending chapter meetings with him, and later joining one of the committees. This eventually led to me running for chapter office and serving on the International Ethics Committee.

## **What does the future look like for Right of Way? I**

believe the future for the right of way profession is very bright. People still want the lights to come on, the water to pour out of the tap, and be able to travel to and from work. How we get those resources to people, and where they come from may change, but people are still going to want those basic needs. The right of way profession will be responsible for getting it to them in an efficient manner.

## **If you could have dinner with one person, living or dead, who would it be and why?**

Jacques Pepin. I remember watching his cooking shows on PBS when I was a child, and he was instrumental in teaching me how to cook using the proper technique. I still watch his youtube channel for recipe suggestions.



## Past Presidents

2021 Barbara Price

2020 Tara O'Neal

2019 Lori Bible, SR/WA

2018 Alex Gale, SR/WA

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2016 Maggie Schedler, SR/WA

2015 Patti Bell, SR/WA

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2006 Tinker Cotton, SR/WA

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2004 Steve Beck, MAI, SR/WA

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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

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1987 Greg Althoff, SR/WA

1986 Richard Steubing

1985 Charles Clinger, SR/WA

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## JOB POSTINGS

### Local Right of Way Opportunities.

#### Texas Department of Transportation – Right of Way Project Manager II

Click [HERE](#) and Search Job ID: 2200879

The Right of Way (ROW) department acquires real estate/property to build roads. You will be part of a fast paced team of right of way professionals delivering projects by acquiring property, relocating displaced individuals and clearing property for construction. This office is responsible for acquiring the real estate needed for transportation projects to build and improve the highway system. You will play a vital role in helping our transportation system improve mobility to better serve the citizens of Texas.

#### 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.

#### Texas Department of Transportation - Commercial Signs Programs Specialist I

Click [HERE](#) and Search Job ID: 2200881

Performs research, technical assistance and professional and technical writing 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. May participate with ensuring appropriate payments and enforcement activities. Work is broad in scope and requires contact private entities, general public. Reports to the Commercial Signs Program Section Director. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments.



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



#### GET IN TOUCH

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