



Volunteer Vibes

Tennessee Chapter 32 - International Right of Way Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Fellow Members,

"Let everything you do be done as if it makes a difference." This famous quote by philosopher William James is especially true for right of way professionals. Ensuring the environmental security of our communities while paving the path for the creation of infrastructure and the safe delivery of energy does indeed make a difference! So how does the ROW professional prepare for such an important responsibility? One way is through training and education. It stands to reason, then, that if you want to be the best that you can be, you should learn from the best!

The IRWA is recognized as the international authority in the education and support of Right of Way Professionals from every discipline. "Current, Credentialed, and Connected" is their motto...and they deliver!

With that in mind, I challenge each member of Chapter 32 to be prepared to make a difference as a ROW professional by taking at least one IRWA course, either in-class, online, or via the newly-launched VEIT program during the upcoming year. Furthermore, it's no secret that our chapter relies primarily on income derived from IRWA education, so your support is truly a win-win!

Please remember that we are here to serve YOU, so let us hear from you if we may be of service. Meanwhile, stay connected by visiting our website at www.irwachapter32.org.

Respectfully,
Brenda Walsh, R/W-NAC

UPCOMING MEETINGS-MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Chapter Meeting/Election of Officers

April 8, 6:30 PM
Marriott Two Rivers Grille
600 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN
Guest Speaker: Tim Drennan
Dinner: Self-Paid

Officer Installation Banquet

June 13
Time/Place TBA

2014 EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

Many thanks to our Education Committee, chaired by Bill Medley, SR/WA, who worked hard listening to your requests, responding to your needs, recruiting top-notch facilitators, and scheduling the following in-class courses for 2014:

Principles of Land Acquisition-C100*

(*Required for IRWA Certification)

May 13-16 Instructor: Richard Schreiber, Esquire
One Commerce Square, Memphis, TN

Appraisal of Environmentally Contaminated RE-C417

June 10-11 Instructor: Richard Dickson, SR/WA
TDOT Region III Auditorium, Nashville

Understanding Environmental Contamination in RE-C603

June 12 Instructor: Richard Dickson, SR/WA
TDOT Region III Auditorium, Nashville, TN

Practical Negotiations for US Fed. Funded Land Acq.-C207

July 23-24 Instructor: Faith Roland, SR/WA
TDOT Region III Auditorium, Nashville, TN

Eminent Domain Law Basics for ROW Professionals-C803

August 19-20 Instructor: Richard Schreiber, Esquire
TDOT Region III Auditorium, Nashville, TN

Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain-C410

September 12 Instructor: Bill Melton, SR/WA
TDOT Region III Auditorium, Nashville, TN

NHI-Linking Freight to Planning and the Environment

November 17-18 Instructor: TBA
TDOT Region III Auditorium, Nashville, TN

NEWEST INNOVATION IN ONLINE LEARNING:

The IRWA proudly unveiled its newest innovation in online learning...Video Enabled Integrated Technology (VEIT).

This dynamic new learning platform is designed to provide you with an online-based curriculum that has a *live classroom*.

In celebration of launching this new learning platform, IRWA is offering a 15% discount on C213 through March 31st. Check it out at www.irwaonline.org.

2014 IRWA INT'L EDUCATION CONFERENCE:

Why go?

Regardless of whether you work in the public or private sector, have a high-level position or are just starting out in this industry, the conference is an excellent opportunity to network, socialize and learn from other ROW professionals. There are dozens of educational sessions taught by industry experts. Amazing keynote speakers brighten the conference with poignant, often humorous stories. For job-seekers, it's a chance to meet an enormous number of potential employers all in one place. The networking opportunities available through IRWA cannot be overstated! If you haven't been to a conference lately (or ever), you're definitely missing out!

When: June 22-25, 2014

Where: Hartford, CT

Learn more at www.irwahartford2014.org.

Mark it down:

"Nashville in 2016"

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Chapter 32 extends a warm welcome to our new members:

Michael C. Duncan

Acquisition Agent
Trinity Energy Land Services, LLC
Normandy, TN

Christina B. Holmes, SR/WA

Right of Way Appraiser
TDOT Region 2
Chattanooga, TN

Christina recently earned the SR/WA designation and became a certified IRWA course coordinator. Congratulations, Christina!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Our Nominations & Elections Committee, chaired by Warren Gepford, SR/WA, is pleased to nominate the following slate of individuals to serve as Chapter 32 Officers for the 2014-15 administrative year:

1-Year Director – Brenda Walsh, R/W-NAC
2-Year Director and President – Amanda McDevitt
President Elect – Marc Headden
Treasurer – Amy Click, SR/WA
Secretary – Chris Hall

Officers will be elected at the Chapter meeting to be held on

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GUEST SPEAKER:

We are fortunate to have as our guest speaker for the April Chapter Meeting Tim Drennan, newly appointed Manager of Field Operations for the IRWA. Tim will be giving us an update on the new committee structure designed to promote the relevance of industry-specific IRWA education and credentialing. He'll also be giving us a brief tutorial on the newly (mis)launched MemberFuse ☺

Tim comes to us from Big Brothers, Big Sisters in Dallas where he was recognized for recruiting the most volunteers and for launching the most new corporate and civic partnerships within the agency.

We welcome Tim to the IRWA family and look forward to his visit with us on April 8th.

IRWA/TAC EDUCATION FORUM & GOLF TOURNEY:

The First Annual Education Forum/ Golf Tournament will be held May 5th, 2014 at the prestigious Nashville Golf and Athletic Club located at 1703 Crockett Springs Trail, Brentwood, TN.

Last year's inaugural event raised needed funds for Chapter 32 as well as our local organizational partner, Tennessee Appraiser Coalition (TAC).

Morning Session: Continuing Education

(4 Hrs. from: TREAC, IRWA, AI, IFA, IAAO)

Special Guest Speaker : Wayne Goss, SR/WA and IRWA International Treasurer

Topic: "Local Public Agency Initiatives"

Other Topics:

"Understanding Today's Regulatory Environment"

"Federal Appraisal Requirements and Updates"

Hot Topic Session:

"Statistics, Coming to an Appraisal Near You"

CEU Facilitator: Billy R. Medley, SR/WA, CG #822

615-397-4137; Email: brmedley@yahoo.com

Afternoon: Golf

\$100 per person (4 man teams)

Fee includes green fees, cart, lunch and after-golf food

Hole Sponsorships - \$300.00

Includes company logo sign at hole & free advertising on the Tennessee Chapter 32 web-site

<http://www.irwachapter32.org>

and the Tennessee Appraiser Coalition web site

<http://tnappraisercoalition.com>.

Merchandise Prizes awarded for lowest team score, longest drive, and closest to the pin.

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