

**IRWA  
CHAPTER 32  
NEWS & EVENTS  
2Q 2021**

## President's Corner



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of IRWA Chapter 32. I have enjoyed my tenure serving the Chapter and it has been a true pleasure to work with my fellow officers. I have been blessed to serve as President with stellar supporting officers and friends. Fellow officers, thank you for the honor and privilege to work and serve our Chapter together.

Faced with adversity and unique circumstances over the past year, the Chapter was able to improvise, adapt, and overcome. We endeavored to have positive virtual meetings and incredible guest speakers that would not have been possible otherwise. The Chapter offered virtual courses that were a success. Membership renewals were excellent and several members completed certifications and designations. All positive outcomes regardless of adversity, but especially positive for 2020.

In June 2020, I gave the chapter (especially me) a DARE...a DARE to take at least one virtual course. I became an overachiever, completing four virtual courses. I hope that you met the DARE or will endeavor to complete your personal DARE in 2021-2022. I was pleasantly surprised, finding virtual education most rewarding. The courses were taught by nationally recognized instructors, teaching in their respective fields of expertise. Students were from east coast to west coast, even Hawaii and Canada. Discussions were interesting and on point. This was another positive outcome in an otherwise adverse climate.

We all learned new ways to complete our tasks as needed for scope of work to keep the wheels of our respective projects moving forward. We found the good in the virtual world, discarded the bad, and made the best of what we were given. Though I am not a fan of the virtual world, I am thankful for it and mindful to use it for the good of the order. Our Chapter did that, with successful Chapter meetings and executive officers' meetings. We found the virtual model to be efficient and we reaped the benefits of closing the gaps of distance without travel or loss of additional work time. All positive outcomes.

I would like to share my closing words with quotes from two great Americans:

“Do what you can with what you have where you are.”- President Theodore Roosevelt

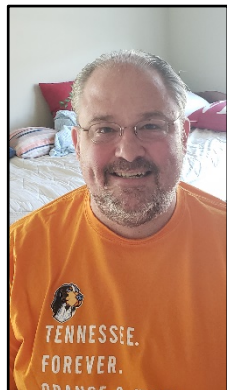
“It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.”- President Theodore Roosevelt

And finally,

“Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you’ll start having positive results.” - Willie Nelson

As a chapter, individually and collectively, we did successfully prevail, doing all of the above. Having big shoes to fill from those that have gone this way before me, (I wore boots; thank you Jenni), I tried on their shoes and did my best with what we were given. Chapter 32, I thank you for your support, friendship, and guidance.

Daring you to give and best your best,  
Rhett

**Member Spotlight****Steve Hertstein, SR/WA – Incoming Secretary (2021-2022)**

I have my SR/WA and have been in the ROW arena for 10 years now. I am also a Notary Public. I live in Spring Hill with my wonderful family. My wife is Amber, our boy is Jackson (13) and our daughter is Bella (11). We enjoy games, puzzles, camping, fishing, and taking the dog (Angel) to dog parks. I am a Paris-trained Chef who enjoys cooking and honing my barbeque skills on the weekends. I love playing poker also.

**Membership Directory**

Chapter 32 is compiling a directory that will be sent to each member as a pdf. Please send your current information (name, professional designation(s), address, phone number, business email, professional service(s), primary and secondary market areas, interests/hobbies, and a photo (jpeg)) to incoming secretary Steve Hertstein, SR/WA at [steve.hertstein@tn.gov](mailto:steve.hertstein@tn.gov) for inclusion in the directory.

**Members on the Move\***

Congratulations to Marc Headden for earning the SR/WA designation. Excellent work!

\*Please forward information related to promotions, designation attainment, and professional accomplishments to [steve.hertstein@tn.gov](mailto:steve.hertstein@tn.gov) for inclusion in future issues.

**New Members**

Chapter 32 is pleased to welcome the following new members.

Name	Organization
Patti Bowlan	TDOT
Dyan Damron	Volkert, Inc.
Bruce Wayne Skimmyhorn	TDOT
Carolyn Bunch	BNU, LLC
Danielle Bunch	BNU, LLC
Charles Thomas	BNU, LLC

**Upcoming Meetings**

Our next meeting will be held in person at the Harpeth Room of the Loveless Café (8400 Highway 100, Nashville) on June 3, 2021. In addition to a delicious meal, the Chapter's newly elected officers will be installed at this meeting. The schedule is as follows:

Bar opens on patio (weather permitting) at 6:15 PM

Buffet dinner from 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Harpeth Room closes at 9:30 PM

A limited number of reservations remain available. If you have not already registered and would like to attend the meeting, please contact Rhett Turner, MAI, SR/WA at [rrt2244@gmail.com](mailto:rrt2244@gmail.com). Reservations will be accepted in the order they are received.

<b>Chapter 32 - 2021-2022 Slate of Officers</b>	
One-Year International Director	R. Rhett Turner, MAI, SR/WA
President/Two-Year International Director	C. Brett Spaulding, MAI, SRA
President Elect	Robin A. Upchurch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
Treasurer	Brian R. Eades, MAI, CCIM
Secretary	Steve Hertstein, SR/WA

**2021 IRWA Education Conference – June 6-9, 2021, San Antonio, Texas**

Chapter-related events include:

“Where Roadway Design and ROW Intersect” – Jon Zirkle and Patti Bowlan

“USPAP, URA & Yellow Book: Navigation Tips for Right of Way Appraisers and Users of Their Appraisals” – John Rolling, SR/WA, ASA (moderator); panelists are Michael Brady, MAI, SRA; David Burgoyne, SR/WA, ASA; Christina Thoreson, SR/WA, MAI, CRE; and Lisa Desmarais (Appraisal Foundation Vice President).

**RWIEF Events**

Chapter 32 is sponsoring the Armadillo Races on Monday night at the ESPEE

2021 Alamo City Classic Golf Tournament – members playing

**Region 6 Fall Forum**

Chapter 26 has volunteered to host the Region 6 Fall Forum for 2021. No details related to location or dates are available at this time.

**Upcoming Education**

Chapter 32 recently offered Course 100: Principles of Land Acquisition and Course 604: Environmental Due Diligence and Liability. A special thank you to the instructors, Christina Thoreson, MAI, SRA, SR/WA, R/W-AC, AI-GRS and Clyde Johnson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC. The Chapter greatly appreciates the diligent efforts of our Education Chair, Angel Bailey, RWP, for making these classes possible.

Please take a moment to peruse the National and Chapter websites for topics of interest to you.

National website: <a href="http://www.irwaonline.org">www.irwaonline.org</a>
Chapter website: <a href="https://irwachapter32.org">https://irwachapter32.org</a>