



**IRWA – CHAPTER 32
NEWS & EVENTS
4Q 2020**



President's Corner

Nearing the close of the year 2020, we can choose to focus on the adverse negativity surrounding us or we can choose to look at the positive side of 2020. I choose the latter, the positive. I choose to remember the positive and discard the negative. I will fondly remember the unexpected gift of family time, more meals together at home around our kitchen table just talking together as a family. The times on the back porch enjoying a cigar, discussing sports with Jackson, life with Shelby and all the blessings with Angela. I discovered the ability to build a fire in the firepit without using diesel fuel to start it (in KY why would you build a fire without it, it's easy) enjoying visiting with neighbors and roasting marshmallows for smores. This pandemic gave me time – time to reflect, evaluate personal and professional decisions, and determine what is truly important. I found pleasure in the simple things that I am often guilty of forgetting are important. I found pleasure in the gift of time.

I'm choosing positive in all facets of life, no matter how difficult the situation may be. Situations are only for a season, choose to make each season the best you can. This applies to our professional life path too. When responding to a difficult phone call or email, I learned to take a deep breath, and smile before answering, remembering a time when I wished for call or email to respond to, no matter how unpleasant I thought it might be. I learned that taking a deep breath and having a smile goes a long way to calming the adverse. As professionals in the Right of Way arena, not only do we represent ourselves, we represent everyone in our profession. How do we want to be seen by those who do not understand our profession, those who generally only learn about it when they are personally affected by a project that we see as employment? As members of an international organization considered a world leader in education for our field, we represent IRWA. How do you want your profession, your organization to be viewed? I strive to choose positive every day.

In June, I DARED YOU to grow by taking a virtual on-line course. I must admit, thus far, I have failed to meet my own DARE. However, I have time to meet this DARE in 2020, ending the year on a positive note.

A survey was sent to you recently to determine interest in a traditional in-person meeting but we received a limited response. Please take time to respond to the survey or email me or Brian Eades, MAI, chapter secretary. Be heard, let us know your thoughts and views for an in-person chapter meeting, or if you prefer virtual meetings, tell us that too. And if there are course offerings or classes you would like offered, please speak up!

Clint Black wrote the song "A Good Run of Bad Luck" back in the 90's. I think we can all say that we have had a good run of bad luck in 2020, but "I'd bet it all on a good run of bad luck" that you can turn it positive and find the good run. In fact, I dare you to stay positive and find that good run of GOOD LUCK!

I would like to thank Brian Eades for his hard work and support to make this chapter newsletter a reality.

Respectfully,

Rhett

Member Spotlight

Our Chapter President, R. Rhett Turner, MAI, SR/WA, is a certified general real estate appraiser in Tennessee and Kentucky. He has completed the MAI designation with the Appraisal Institute and SR/WA (Senior Right of Way Agent) with the IRWA (International Right of Way Association). He has been appraising various types of real estate for 25 years, the last 12 years specializing in eminent domain. Rhett was employed by Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) from March 17, 2008 to October 23, 2015. During his tenure with TDOT, he held the following progressive positions: Staff Review Appraiser (Right of Way Appraiser 3) which included completing technical aspects of appraisal review for state projects and administrative functions; State Chief Appraiser (Right of Way Appraiser 5) which included assisting with management and oversight of the statewide appraisal program, selection and oversight of the fee panel consultant appraisers on continuous contract as well as preparing and teaching the appraisal and introduction sections of the local public agency right of way training course; Transportation Manager 1 (TM1) which included acting as the department liaison with the State Attorney's Office for condemnation proceedings, oversight of the local public agency program, assisting with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) internal audit process.

After leaving TDOT to pursue self-employment in the field, he works as a consultant and is now a TDOT pre-qualified appraiser panel member, providing real estate appraisal review and real estate appraisal services to TDOT and local public agencies.

Rhett and Angela, married for 24 years, reside in Mt. Juliet, TN with Shelby, a freshman at University of TN - Knoxville and Jackson who is in the 8th grade. Rhett enjoys family time, the family Labradors (Judge and Lucy), hunting and fishing with Jackson and beach time with Shelby and Angela. He also enjoys football, baseball and the search for the perfect bourbon and cigar combination for back porch time.

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 brian@eadesvaluationgroup.com for inclusion in the directory.

Members on the Move*

Congratulations to Brett T. Jones, MAI for obtaining his R/W-AC designation and to F. Marc Headden, R/W-AC for successfully completing the SR/WA capstone examination. Excellent work gentlemen!

*Please forward information related to promotions, designation attainment, and professional accomplishments to brian@eadesvaluationgroup.com for inclusion in future issues.

Upcoming Meetings

COVID Update: Due to limited interest among Chapter members, the Executive Committee decided to postpone an in-person meeting at this time. Be on the watch for a virtual Chapter meeting in the near future.

Chapter & Region News



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 22, 2020 - Course C603
Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina

October 22, 2020 - Fall Social
Al's Low Country Boil
Live Music – International Harvester

October 23, 2020 – Fall Seminar
Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina
Presenters: Stewart
 Maser
 Friends of Low Country Low Line
 South Carolina DOT

October 23, 2020 – Region 6 Reception
Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina

October 24, 2020 – Region 6 Fall Forum
Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina

Register for Course 603 @ www.irwaonline.org

Register for Chapter 31 Fall Social and Seminar @ www.irwa31.com

Register for Region 6 Reception and Fall Forum @ www.irwa31.com

Reserve your hotel room at Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina by 9/30/2020 to take advantage of discounted nightly rate of \$149.00. Call (843) 856-0028 or 888-856-0028 Code: International Right of Way Association, Chapter 31

*****AUDIO CONFERENCE LINE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR CHAPTER 31 SEMINAR AND FALL FORUM. CHECK CHAPTER 31'S WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION. *****

Fall Seminar – October 23rd
Phone Dial-in
+1.408.419.1715 (United States(San Jose))
+1.408.915.6290 (United States(San Jose))
Meeting ID: 204 687 388

Region 6 Fall Forum – October 24th
Phone Dial-in
+1.408.419.1715 (United States(San Jose))
+1.408.915.6290 (United States(San Jose))
Meeting ID: 733 309 634

The following members are currently serving the Chapter as Officers or Committee Chairs.

<i>Chapter Officers</i>	
One-Year International Director	Joshua Kriner, RWA
President/Two-Year International Director	Rhett Turner, MAI, SR/WA
President Elect	Brett Spaulding, MAI, SRA
Treasurer	Robin Upchurch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
Secretary	Brian Eades, MAI, CCIM
<i>Chapter Committee Chairs</i>	
Education	Angel Bailey, RWP
Membership	Ben Baggett
Professional Development	Christopher Hall, MAI, SRA
Nominations & Elections	Amy Reeves, SR/WA
Bylaws	Sean Sampson, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
Pipeline	Duncan Williams
Young Professionals & Outreach	Jon Kriner
Transportation	Ted Boozer, MAI

Upcoming Education

Although there are no Chapter-sponsored educational offerings scheduled at this time, IRWA is offering numerous virtual opportunities. Take a moment to peruse the National and Chapter websites for topics of interest to you.

National website:	www.irwaonline.org
Chapter website:	https://irwachapter32.org