

# Chapter 32 Spring 2023 Newsletter

#### **President's Message**



The first nine months of our leaderships' work and efforts have been ancillary at its best, in an effort to ensure our Chapter's sustainability and continued succession of strong leadership going forward. We have strengthened our presence on both the Region and International platforms of our association, while continuing to advance our Education, Credentialing mission and revenue growth at the Chapter level.

The Chapter's Service Committee Chairs and their committees are major key actors in our success and have served our Chapter well in advancing our Education and Credentialing mission, and membership and revenue growth.

Just in case you were not aware of this, Chapter Members are welcome to participate (attend) nearly ALL of the IRWA meetings. If you have an interest in attending or participating on an International, Region, Industry and/or Service Committees, please reach out to the Chair to obtain their meeting dates.

Our Region Representatives and Industry Committee Chairs have actively represented our Chapter at the International Industry meetings by attending, participating and reporting to our members at Chapter and Region Forum meetings. The Director(s) or Proxy have the ability to vote on our Chapter's behalf at both the Annual International Board Meeting at the Conference and Region Forums (Fall 2022 - Jackson MS and Spring 2023 - Hilton Head SC) and report back to the Chapter, as well.

With all of us working together we can ensure our Chapter will have a strong future over the next five to 10 years and beyond. Our hope is as new leadership emerges our future will continue to be strong in the International Right of Way Association and the Industries we serve.

Have an AMAZING Chapter 32 Member Experience "ON PURPOSE"!!!!

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

March 31, 2023 - 5th Annual ITC Symposium in conjunction with Region 2 & 6 Joint Forum *More info* 

<u>April 27, 2023</u> 6:30pm - Election Meeting at Loveless Cafe, 8400 Hwy 100, Nashville, TN 37221

June 1, 2023 6:30pm - 2023-2024 New Officer Installation Meeting, Loveless Cafe, 8400 Hwy 100, Nashville, TN 37221

Get ready for the 2023 elections! Nominations will open March 24th, 2023. Reminder emails will be sent. For now, check out *the* nomination and voting process and get your names ready!



June 25-28, 2023 - 69th Annual **International Education Conference** in Denver, Colorado

October 10-12, 2023 - Chapter 32 Hosting Region 6 Fall Forum, Shelby Farms Park, Memphis TN



Have you ever had a question about IRWA and not known who to contact? Luckily International has a list of Who to Contact for

any question you may have!



#### **Get Involved!**

We want your help! If you want to get involved, there is definitely a committee you can serve on. Have technical skills, want to help with recruitment? Just look over *the website* and let us know if there is a committee that interests you!

## \$25 reward!

Member referrals encouraged! For each new member you refer that signs up and pays dues, we will offer you a \$25 Amazon gift card! So invite someone who might be interested! And *let us know* the new member's name!



#### **Awards Nominations**

It is time for our Employer and Professional Awards! Employer awards include government, companies <20 employees, and companies >20 employees. Find details on the *Employer Award* and the *nomination form*. And get details on the **Professional Award** and *nomination form*. Nominate all you feel are deserving!



### Spotlight On...

**Our new Communications** Chair Dyan Damron, PE, PTP Dyan is the Director of Traffic, Planning & ROW at Volkert. She

received a B.S. in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in transportation from Tennessee Tech University. She has extensive knowledge in right-ofway acquisitions and relocations management, and traffic engineering

and transportation planning. She serves on several committees and leadership roles within her professional organizations. She has two rescue dogs that she loves dearly and is a big advocate for rescue and shelter pets. She is also passionate about cooking and a healthy lifestyle. She's featured on Nashville's News Channel 5 on a regular basis, with over a decade of appearances on various shows, including Talk of the Town.



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