



Chapter 32

Summer 2023 Newsletter



President's Message

Brian R. Eades, MAI, CCIM, R/W-AC

The Chapter had a great turnout for the 69th Annual International Education Conference in Denver. Of particular mention is the outpouring of love shown for Carol Croft by numerous IRWA chapters who made monetary donations to the RWIEF in her memory. Candise Tuggy with Croft & Associates walked across the stage in Denver to receive her SR/WA designation while Croft's Jenni Kriner began her term as a RWIEF Trustee.

Be sure and put next year's Annual Conference on your calendar. It will be held in Long Beach, California from June 23-26, 2024.

At the Chapter level, we have some new committee chairs and several members who have agreed to continue in their role as chair. There are still opportunities to serve on any of the committees. The Chapter needs chairs for the following committees: Electric and Utilities; Environment; Ethics; and Oil and Gas. The Chapter 32 website has a complete list of our committees. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on any committees or if you would like to serve as chairperson. We would love to have representation on all of our committees.

Chapter 32 is very excited about hosting the Region 6 Fall Forum at Memphis' Shelby Farms Park (October 10-12, 2023)! This 4,500 acre preserve offers 40 miles of trails, 20 bodies of water, and a herd of buffalo! It is a wonderful park with activities for the entire family. In addition to educational offerings, attendees can reconnect with friends, meet new friends, and canoe and sip (we considered wine and zip line but decided that might not be the best idea). The quarterly Chapter meeting and Symposium will take place on October 10th and October 11th, respectively. Registration will be available soon.

Chapter 32 is doing well from both a financial and membership standpoint. Our educational offerings allow our members to obtain the credentials necessary to further their careers. We recently had a successful membership drive at TopGolf in Nashville. If you know anyone in the various disciplines associated with right-of-way, please bring them to a meeting. We would love to have them join us.

Have a wonderful summer! See you all in Memphis in October!

April 27, 2023 Chapter Meeting

On April 27, 2023, Chapter 32 met for dinner at the Loveless Cafe in Nashville. This was the 2023 election and nominations meeting. It was a great turnout with approximately 30 people in attendance!



June 8, 2023 Chapter Meeting

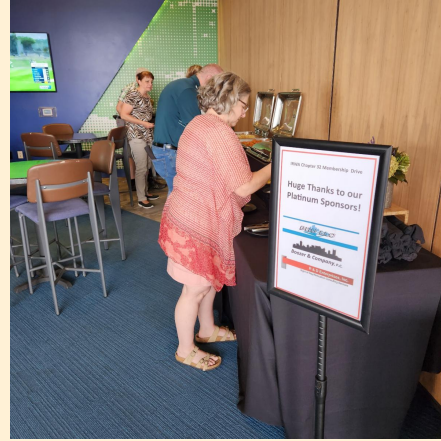
On June 8, 2023, Chapter 32 met for lunch at the Loveless Cafe in Nashville. This was the 2023 new officer installation and awards meeting. We had at least 34 people in attendance! Congrats to our new officers and committee chairs!



June 16, 2023 Membership Drive at Top Golf

On June 16, 2023, we held a membership drive at Top Golf in Nashville. We had nearly 40 in attendance with nine potential new members! It was a great evening with golf, food, and fellowship. Huge shout out to our sponsors BNU LLC, Boozer & Company PC, R&D Enterprises Inc, and

Volkert for making it possible! And thanks to everyone who came out!



International Meeting in Denver

Chapter 32 was well-represented at the IRWA 69th Annual International Education Conference in Denver, Colorado June 25-28, 2023. There were caucuses, breakout sessions, awards lunch, and a gala! Brian's and Candise's messages within this newsletter provide some insight into their experiences! Thank you for showing up for Chapter 32!





Region 6 Fall Forum - October 10-12, 2023

Meeting will be held at ***Shelby Farms Park*** (7-minute drive from the Hilton Memphis and hotel offers on-site Avis Rental Car) except where noted.

Your \$165 registration fee includes:

- October 10th 5pm-7pm Meet and Greet Social (at Hilton Memphis) hosted by YP
- October 11th Valuation & Legal Symposium - 8:00am-4:30pm
- October 11th Canoe and Cocktails Event at Shelby Farms Park - 5:30-8:00pm
- October 12th Region 6 Fall Forum Meeting - 8:00 am- 3:00 pm

*Breakfast and Lunch are included on Wednesday and Thursday

We will have a full day Advanced Course offering IRWA Course 804 Skills of Expert Testimony (separate registration

Book your Hotel Room for the Fall Forum!

Hotel Reservations are now open! We have a special rate at Hilton Memphis for \$149 per night. Book your room with this link or use code 90C. Special rate is only good through September 15, 2023. Book today to make sure you secure your stay!

Region 6 Fall Forum Sponsors Needed!

Click the link to become a sponsor!

- Platinum level sponsorship registration - \$500 to sponsor the symposium and forum. Your name and logo printed at the entrance to the meetings and also published on the schedule/email/app and social

and cost) on October 10th from 8am-5pm for 8.0 CEU credits. Tuition: \$265 member/\$330 non-member

We will also have a Chapter 32 sponsored Lunch Meeting on October 10th 11:30am-1:00pm.

[Register for the Meeting here!](#)

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- **Gold level sponsorship registration** – \$250 to sponsor the canoe & cocktails. Your name and logo printed and advertised at the event and on social media.

- **Silver level sponsorship registration** - \$100 to sponsor the meet & greet social. Your name and logo printed and advertised at the social and on social media.

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!



We need a new Education Course Coordinator. Also, Melinda Upchurch, the current Education Chair would like to train another Chapter member to take over the role for Education Chair for 2024-25. Interested parties for either position should reach out to:

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Spotlight On...

Our new Treasurer Angel Bailey, RWP

I am married with a blended family of 3 boys and 3 girls. My favorite past time is watching movies and eating popcorn with my husband. I love spending my Summers with the grands and my Spring and Winter on girl's trip or family vacation. I grew up in Montclair, California and later relocated to Memphis, Tennessee. As a graduate of the University of Memphis, I have a BA in Marketing. I began my career with Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division in May 2001 and that introduced me to a career as a Right-of-Way Agent in 2007. The Right of Way profession has given me a continuous hunger to learn more about the different sectors of Right-of-Way and how it affects our communities now and in the future. Outside of my daily interactions, and promotions at work, the International Right of Way Association has been a huge part of my growth within the industry. I have held the position of Education Chair, Chapter Secretary, currently Chapter Treasurer and just recently became a PEAK certified instructor for IRWA. Each transition in life with the Division and IRWA-Chapter 32 has helped me to evolve as a Right-of-Way Professional and dig deeper into all the facets of Right-of-Way, Land and Property rights and valuation, Transmission, and the Electric & Utilities industry.



Spotlight On...

Our new Membership Chair Candise Tuggy, SR/WA

Hello! I am Candise Tuggy, and I just got my SR/WA at the 2023 IRWA conference in Denver. I held a photo of Carol Croft, may she rest in peace, as I crossed the stage. In that moment I had so many emotions, but

the two that stood out were pride and belonging. I had my work family, my Chapter 32 family, my Region 6 family, and all Carol's friends in the Foundation and in Leadership that supported me through. I plan to help others get their designation so that they can find this sense of pride and belonging as well.

I live in White House, Tennessee, just outside of Nashville past some happy cows in a little subdivision tucked in the country. I am married to Dale Tuggy, and we have three young adult children. We have an adorable but crazy labradoodle puppy who loves to eat the plants in my garden. I have a variety of flowers, herbs, and ornamental grasses. It brings me joy every day. I always take a moment to look for something wonderful in the garden every day. Sometimes it's a new flower and other times it's a little lizard that jumps out when I move a pot. I enjoy traveling to new places, hiking, and walking our crazy puppy. I try to collect wonderful moments every day!

Have a person or project you want to spotlight? *Let us know!*

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