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*Have a wonderful  
Holiday Season...*

*Wishing you  
a great 2008!*



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### *Michigan Chapter 7 IRWA • Tentative 2008 Schedule*

January 11	Friday	Annual Dinner Meeting & Installation of Officers	Ann Arbor: Weber's Inn
February 7	Thursday	Executive Board Meeting	Jackson: Commonwealth Associates, Inc
March 6	Thursday	General Membership Meeting	Lansing: MDOT
April 4 - 6	Friday - Sunday	General Membership Region Forum	Mt. Pleasant: Soaring Eagle
May 1	Thursday	Executive Board Meeting	Oakland County Rd.
June 5	Thursday	Executive Board Meeting	Livonia: Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment
August 7	Thursday	Executive Board Meeting	Ann Arbor: Washtenaw County Road Commission (W.C.R.C.)
September 24	Wednesday	Executive Board Meeting	Traverse City: Great Wolf Lodge
September 25, 26	Thursday, Friday	Fall Education Seminar	Traverse City: Great Wolf Lodge
November 14	Friday	General Membership Meeting	Frankenmuth: Zehnder's
December 4	Thursday	Executive Board Meeting	Ann Arbor: W.C.R.C.

*CLIP & SAVE • These are the dates you need to know for 2008!*

The 2008 Roster is under way...

Do I have your current contact information?

Please get any changes or additions to Tim Davis, SR/WA before January 11, 2008.

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Is your name spelled correctly?

Roster Time!

Do you know of another member who has not been receiving The Great Lakes State-ment?

Greetings, members.

I hope you have enjoyed *The Great Lakes State-ment (GLS)*. However, we are always looking for ways to improve. One suggestion which might prove interesting would be to have the various Committee Chairs responsible for submitting at least one newsletter article per year. Another idea is have members submit questions which are researched and responded. Further, *the GLS* is a high quality publication but tends to be "more form than substance." The Board is reviewing the publications of neighboring chapters for ideas and is considering lowering publication costs by hiring someone to print and mail *The Great Lakes State-ment* from a PC, e.g., Adobe Workshop. Members are encouraged to submit suggestions. This is no reflection on Linda M. Polo who has done a terrific job in publishing *The Great Lakes State-ment*.

Finally, please note that a new year begins for *The Great Lakes State-ment* in 2008 with the next issue. That means all advertising fees will be due and payable. Actually, there are several members who had business card ads in the GLS during 2007, but did not pay. Members having unpaid ad fees will be prohibited from placing ads in 2008 until paid. All potential advertisers, please note, fees will likely increase modestly in 2008. The Board is expected to decide a new fee structure soon. Please look for a notice in the February issue.

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Every man owes some of his time to the upbuilding of the profession to which he belongs.

-Theodore Roosevelt



*president's chapter message*  
**Richard W. Roth**

*Yeah!* This is the one I have been waiting for, the last column of the year. I get to hand off this job along with the other presidential duties to Andy Reed on January 11, 2008. I hope everyone will mark this date on their new calendars and attend the installation of officers at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor.

The final General Membership Meeting of the year was held at the Kellogg Center in Lansing, Michigan on November 8th. It was the best of the year. It garnered the largest attendance, and best interaction between speakers and audience. Also Norm Thomas, SR/WA did a yeoman's job of getting us continuing education credit for the program. *Way to go Norm* – and thanks for your efforts all year long.

I also want to thank the other 2007 officers who did another fine job this year. Andy Reed, President Elect; Laura Southwell, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Secretary; Kim Tassen, Treasurer; Paul Sander, SR/WA, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; and Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA, Professional Development Committee Chair. Thank you one and all. I also want to thank all the various committee members for their help this year. We are blessed with an active membership and that is what has made Chapter 7 one of the strongest chapters in the entire organization.

And speaking of active members, most of you know Pat Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, if for no other reason than her years of service to the chapter on the education committee. Pat is a past president of Chapter 7 and most recent Balfour Award recipient, which is the highest award an individual can receive in the IRWA. Pat was a Region 5 Chair and, until June 30 of this year, had served on the International Education Committee for many years. When Pat's term ended June 30th, she thought she was going to live a life of leisure, but others in the organization didn't want her talents to go to waste and she was drafted by Region 5 to run the International Executive Committee (IEC).

This is a great honor for Chapter 7 and a great challenge for Pat. It was undoubtedly the high point of my year as President to announce Pat's candidacy at the November Membership Meeting. I hope everyone will step forward to not only congratulate Pat, but to also offer assistance. Getting elected is an expensive and time-consuming task, so on behalf of the Chapter, I am soliciting everyone's help and cooperation. If Pat is successful in her campaign, five years later she would become only the second International President from Chapter 7 in 50+ years of existence, the other being Bill Reid, SR/WA. So let's all get behind Pat on this challenge and seize the opportunity.

I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as President this year and hope you will continue your support for 2008 President Andy Reed and his fellow officers.



We are pleased to place **Alicia Worthley** front and center in our Member Spotlight.

Alicia was the 1984 recipient of our Chapter 7 Professional of the Year Award and followed that in 1985 by serving as Michigan Chapter 7 President.

By 1988, her leadership and hard work earned Alicia the highest honor amongst right of way professionals: the Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award.

She was then Co-Chair of the International Seminar, held in Dearborn that year (1989) and served as Region Chair for the 1990-1991 term. Sometime before Alicia retired from the City of Troy, in 2001, she hired Pat Petitto. And, as recently as 2005, she was awarded the Chapter 7 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Alicia's list of accomplishments include Chapter Newsletter Editor and Local Public Agencies (LPA) Committee for Chapter 7. She also served on the International LPA, Education Committee and Ethics Committee. (And probably other local and International committees we may have neglected to mention.)

She continues to invest countless hours organizing the annual Fall Education Seminar and Annual Dinner Meeting. Alicia also puts in a lot of time to qualify the continuing education credit hours for appraisers and brokers.

Alicia says she is retired and lives in Clawson, MI with her husband, Rod, who is also retired.



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## *East Lansing, MI November Education Seminar*



In the classroom at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing on November 8th – the largest meeting attendance of the year!

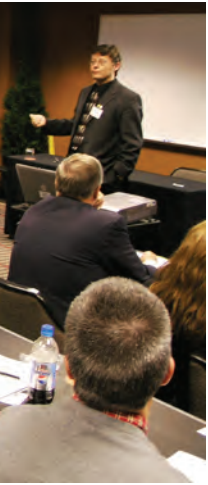
From left to right above: At the November 8th General Membership Meeting in East Lansing is Tom Wilson, DTE; Jeannie King, Consumers Energy; Barbara Mention, Cynthia Stump of ITC and Norm Thomas, ASA, SR/WA, Chapter 7 Vice President and Program Chair.



at right: Michael Lohmeier, ASA, CMAE3, CRP, MAI, RES, SRA of Virchow Krause & Co.



above: Cynthia Stump and Barbara Mention of ITC Holdings  
at right: Dorothy Boone of the City of Lansing



***The Appraisal Foundation (TAF) Fall 2007 Meetings  
Washington D.C.***

top, left to right: IRWA members Dave Layne, Randall Kopfer, Jim Struble, Rick Baumgardner and Dave Maturen. Photo taken in the Caucus Room of the Cannon House Office building at TAF meeting in Washington D.C.

above: Jim Struble, IRWA President; Art Clapp, Chair of TAF and Dave Maturen, IRWA Representative TAF Board of Trustees.

left: Dave and Nancy Maturen are looking very dapper at the TAF 20th Anniversary dinner at the Madison Hotel in Washington DC





# Congratulations!

**Way to go, Laura!!**

**Laura Southwell** has achieved the SR/WA designation.

## Forum Moderator Appointment

Congratulations to **Michael Odette** on being named moderator for the Asset Management Discussion Forum.

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## Condemnation Case Comes Before Michigan Supreme Court

The Michigan Supreme Court has scheduled the MDOT V Tomkins case for oral argument on December 4, 2007.

That means we will probably have a decision by spring.

Recall, one of the issues is whether the measure of just compensation is different in an inverse condemnation case than it is in a direct partial taking case. Also the Court needs to decide whether the provision in the UCPA that prohibits the jury from considering the general effects of the project as part of just compensation is constitutional.

*submitted by: Howd, Raymond  
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## Retired member passing mentor & friend...

As chairman of the Past Presidents and Retired Members Committee, I regret to inform you that one of our retired members passed away recently. **Jim Fanzini**, who retired as head of the Right of Way Division of the Road Commission of Oakland County, recently died from complications of an intestinal infection. Jim was living in Bangkok, Thailand at the time of his death. Jim was an active member in the IRWA. Anybody that knew Jim would agree that he was a very unique individual. Jim was a Professional Engineer, a licensed attorney and a mentor to many of us currently employed in the R/W profession.

*submitted by: Gary Bowman*

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## IRWA – MICHIGAN CHAPTER 7 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 6, 2007 – 9:30 am

Washtenaw County Road Commission  
5500 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan

### SCHEDULED AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#### TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL

#### OFFICERS REPORTS

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2008 Budget

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**Annual Dinner Meeting  
& Installation of Officers**

**Friday • January 11, 2007**

**Weber's Inn • Ann Arbor, MI  
3050 Jackson Road**

6:30PM – Registration  
& Welcome Reception  
including cocktails & hor d'oeuvres  
sponsored by:  
**Elenco Land Services, Inc.**

7:00PM – Dinner  
8:00PM – Annual Meeting  
& Installation of 2008 Officers

Choice of entrée – all dinners include vegetables, tossed salad and assorted pastries  
*Prime Rib:* House specialty, slowly roasted and served with au jus  
*Chicken Maurice:* Sautéed chicken breast with a sauce of mushrooms, garlic and Marsala wine  
*Asiago Encrusted Talapia:* Grilled to a golden brown and topped with casino butter.

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& Installation of Officers

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