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## IRWA FALL EDUCATION SEMINAR September 26-28 Shanty Creek, Bellaire, Michigan



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## Agenda

### Wednesday September 26, 2012

- 8:00am – 4:00pm Course 406B: 7 Hour National USPAP
- 4:30 – 5:30pm Chapter 7 Executive Board Meeting, Paul Sander, SR/WA, Chapter President
- 6:00 – 6:30pm 2012 Seminar Check-In & Welcome Reception
- 6:30 – 8:30pm Welcome Dinner/Bufferet & Auction to Benefit the Right of Way International Education Foundation

### Thursday September 27, 2012

- 7:30 – 8:30am Morning Session Sign In & Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:00am Michigan Chapter 7 Business Meeting & Committee Reports, Paul Sander, SR/WA
- 9:00 – 10:00am *International Right of Way Association – Working Today for Tomorrow*  
Patricia A. Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-RAC  
IRWA International Executive Committee President
- 10:00 – 12:00pm *2012 Michigan Law for Appraisers – 2 Hours*  
David Maturen, SR/WA  
Maturen & Associates, Inc.
- 12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00pm *Protecting Your Electrical Easement Area*  
Carl Meyer, SR/WA, R/W-NAC  
Michiana Land Services, Inc.

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## **2012-2013 Executive Board**

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### **Director, 2 years**



## **President's Chapter Message**

Paul E. Sander, SR/WA

## **Agenda (Cont.)**

### **Thursday September 27, 2012**

2:00 – 3:00pm      *DNR Project Updates: Natural Resources Trust Fund, Urban Parks & Trails, Land Consolidations & Disposals*

Valerie Lafferty, SR/WA, R/W-AC  
Department of Natural Resources

3:00 – 4:00pm      *Understanding and Working with the Claims Procedure Under the Uniform Condemnation Procedures Act*

Robert S. Rollinger, Esq.,  
Robert S. Rollinger, PC

6:00pm              Dinner

### **Friday September 28, 2012**

8:00 – 9:00am      Morning Session Sign In & Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00am      *Michigan Department of Transportation – “Moving Forward”*

Kirk Steudle, Director  
Michigan Department of Transportation

10:00 – 11:00am      *Road Ends—Senate Bill 778's Amendments to Public Act 451*

William A. Horn, Attorney-At-Law  
Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones

11:00 – 12:00pm      *MAP-21 Legislation & It's Changes to the Uniform Act*

Teresa Vanis

We had a few events since our last issue. The International Education Conference was held in Seattle and we had a great presence and time. It is the best place to network and learn new ideas. We also held our Installation of Officers at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor on June 1, 2012. This is one of the special events for our Chapter as we change the leadership while thanking those that are moving on and those who are volunteering to come in. We all bring new ideas to be discussed and ideas to be exchanged. Some of the sponsors who made this evening and other events for the chapter extravagant are:

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The next time you see Kim please thank her for her guidance throughout the last term. Also please show appreciation to the members of the executive board and committee members who use their own time to show dedication and professionalism in their support of the chapter.

What do I see for the immediate future of the Chapter? I see fantastic recognition at the national level with Pat Petitto SR/WA, R/W-RAC becoming International President and Mary Anne Marr SR/WA becoming International Secretary. We also continue to have great representation at the Region level with Region Chair Jeff Jones SR/WA. I would like to see Chapter 7 representation continue at the international and region level. It keeps us in the national flow of right of way information.

We will continue our initiatives at the local level. Our General Membership meetings and the people who work extremely hard to put these together with accreditation will remain a priority service for our chapter. We will

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### Presidents Message (Cont.)

continue on improvements to make our chapter a primary source for information needed for our professional members. We will continue our efforts to be the best chapter in all areas. We have the best newsletter, the best website and we are the best in all the other areas also.

The Right of Way profession is changing. Agencies are starting to believe that anybody including their unemployable first cousin can buy and relocate any property owner without formal training. AASHTO and other governmental agencies are attacking the need for the appraisal function in valuing property. The IRWA and Chapter 7 recognized these changing times and Chapter 7 has started our very own Marketing Committee. Our goal is to promote our certifications especially our SR/WA as the standard for the Right of Way profession. Help the marketing committee spread the word, include the IRWA in your conversations about professionalism in the ROW business world and walk the walk and talk the talk – finish or push your fellow members to finish the SR/WA requirements. Let's make it the credential that means ROW professional to everyone in the business. Let's promote Chapter 7 of the IRWA and have some fun doing it.

#### **Course 406B: 7 Hour National USPAP Course—Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice**

##### **Course Description:**

USPAP satisfies Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA) requirements for standards, and ethics for appraiser certification and licensure, and has met the requirement for Standards and Ethics for state certification and licensure. The 7-hour course focuses on the changes to the edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). It also addresses common misunderstandings about USPAP. This course is intended to fulfill the 7-hour requirement as established by the Appraisal Qualifications Board (AQB) of the Appraisal Foundation.

##### **Credentialing:**

- **Generalist:** An **intermediate** course that can be applied towards the ARWP, RWP or SR/WA program.
- **Specialist:** Required course for the R/W-AC program.

##### **Topics:**

- What is the 7-Hour USPAP Course?
- History, Scope of Appraisal Practice and overview of recent change to the Uniform Standards of Professional Practice
- Definition and Rules
- Standards 1 through 10
- Statements and advisory opinions

##### **Course Tuition Includes:**

- Participant Manual
- USPAP Text
- Student Tracking Form

##### **Who Should Take This Course:**

This course is designed for right of way practitioners who are in the appraisal field.

#### **MDOT Real Estate announces new listserv:**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) recently created a new listserv for local agencies and consultants to update them on real estate related information. If you are interested in joining the listserv, please visit the following link to sign-up:

[http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9625\\_25885-141523--,00.html?list=MDOT-REAL-ESTATE-UPDATES-FOR-LPA](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9625_25885-141523--,00.html?list=MDOT-REAL-ESTATE-UPDATES-FOR-LPA)

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Vanis, Local Agency Coordinator/Relocation Specialist, MDOT – Development Services Division, Real Estate Section at [vanist@michigan.gov](mailto:vanist@michigan.gov)

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Course 406B: September 26, 2012 Bellaire, MI Register online at [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org), or Fax this entire page to IRWA HQ: (866) 388-7419

Last Name	First Name	If payment includes the fees for registrants other than yourself, check here: <input type="checkbox"/> (Please submit names of other registrants on a separate paper along with this form) Will you also be attending? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Title		
Company Name		
Address		
City, State, Zip		
( ) -	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Phone	Member	Member ID Number
Email Address		

	<b>Registration Deadlines</b>		<b>Member Tuition</b>	<b>Non-Member Tuition</b>	<b>Total Tuition Amount Due</b>	
Before	8/31/2012	:	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$ _____	Total Member Registrants: _____ Total Non-Member Registrants: _____
After	8/31/2012	:	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$ _____	

PRINT NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD: \_\_\_\_\_

Amex  MC  Visa  Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit CW: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to be Charged: \_\_\_\_\_

## Course 406B: 7 Hour National USPAP Course

**Sponsored by:** IRWA Chapter 7  
**Date:** September 26, 2012  
**Time:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
**City:** Bellaire, WA

**Class Location:**  
 Shanty Creek  
 5780 Shanty Creek Road  
 Bellaire, WA 49615  
 Phone: (800) 678-4111

**Four Ways to Register:**  
**Online:** [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org)  
**Fax:** (866) 388-7419  
**Phone:** (310) 538-0233, x138  
**Contact Course Coordinator**

**Cancellation Policy:** All classes scheduled by IRWA are subject to cancellation. All class registrants must contact the Course Coordinator prior to making travel arrangements, keeping in mind that the class may be cancelled at any time (for reasons including, but not limited to, insufficient registration, instructor emergencies or other issues beyond the control of the chapter and/or IRWA). Fully liquidated damages for any losses incurred by a class registrant are limited solely to a refund of the registrant's prepaid class tuition. IRWA and its chapters assume no other registrant liability resulting from class cancellation.

**Tuition Refund Policy:** Written notification of intent to cancel registration must be received via email by both the Course Coordinator and IRWA Headquarters Education Staff ([education@irwaonline.org](mailto:education@irwaonline.org)) prior to the class start date in order to be eligible for a tuition refund. A full tuition refund will be issued if notice is received 15 days or more prior to class start date; a 75% refund will be issued if notice is received less than 15 days prior to the class start date, and no refund will be issued for notice received on or after the class start date.

**Accommodations:**  
 Shanty Creek  
 5780 Shanty Creek Road  
 Bellaire, MI 49615  
 Phone: (800) 678-4111

**Rates: (starting at)**  
 Single/Double: \$118.00 + Tax  
 (2 beds)  
 Single/Double: \$139.00 + Tax  
 (Parlor king)

Please contact the hotel directly for rates and reservations.

**Course Coordinator:**  
 Jeffrey Jones, SR/WA  
 3705 Shoals Street  
 Waterford, MI 48329  
 Phone: (248) 227-0730  
 Email: [jjjones.srwa@gmail.com](mailto:jjjones.srwa@gmail.com)

**About the Instructor:**

**David C. Maturen, SR/WA:** Mr. Maturen's Portage based real estate appraisal firm specializes in work for governmental agencies, conservancies and condemning authorities. He holds a Michigan Certified General Real Estate Appraiser license and the SR/WA designation from the International Right of Way Association. Prior to forming his own firm, he was employed as an appraiser in the Property Tax Division of the Michigan Department of Treasury and also held a Level III Michigan Assessor Certificate for over 40 years. He is a former member and Chair of the Michigan State Board of Real Estate Appraisers and a past Chair of the International Right of Way Association Valuation Committee. David is the recipient of the 2007 Frank C. Balfour Award from the IRWA. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of The Appraisal Foundation, which is responsible for development of standards and qualifications for U.S. appraisers. He is in his fourth term as a Kalamazoo County Commissioner and serves on several state and national committees involved in real estate and government issues.



**SUMMIT VILLAGE**  
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**International Right of Way**  
**September 25-28, 2012**

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Reservations Must be Received By: **August 25, 2012**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL OR FAX TO:**

Reservations Department • Shanty Creek Resorts  
5780 Shanty Creek Road • Bellaire, MI 49615  
Fax: 231.533.7004

Check-in begins at 6pm, Check-Out is 12pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

*You are welcome to arrive early or extend your stay following this scheduled event. At times specified accommodations are not available prior to or following your event. If the room type requested is not available, we reserve the right to assign the next available room type and rate.*

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children: \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM TYPE:	1 Adult	2 Adults	3 Adults	4 Adults
_____ Guest Room (2 Beds)	\$118	\$118	\$133	\$148
_____ Parlor Studio (King Bed)	\$139	\$139		

The above rates are Per Room, Per Day, plus 6% state tax, 9% resort fee and 5% TCCVB fee.

**If your organization is state tax exempt you must furnish a copy of the state tax exemption certificate when making your reservation.**

**THIS FORM MUST BE MAILED OR FAXED IN TO RECEIVE THE GROUP DISCOUNTED RATES.**

Deposit Policy: You must guarantee your room reservation with a major credit card or a check for deposit of 1<sup>st</sup> nights lodging. Credit card **WILL BE** charged for the above deposit. Use of Debit cards at the resort for lodging or deposits may cause your financial institution to put a hold on your account for the total amount of the stay plus a \$50.00 per night incidental charge. The resort is not responsible for returned check fees resulting from this practice by your financial institution. Refund of your deposit will be made if cancellation occurs at least 5 days prior to arrival, less a \$10 handling fee.

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If Mailing a Check, Please Note on the Line Above.) Reservation will be held for 10 days pending receipt of the check. If credit card deposit is made and organization pays in full by check refunds of credit card are subject to a \$10.00 handling fee.*

Signature (Required): \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special lodging requests?  
Barrier Free: \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please Indicate): \_\_\_\_\_

We do our best to honor special requests, however we cannot guarantee them.

**For Questions or More Information, Please Call: 1-800-678-4111**

**International Right of Way Association  
Michigan Chapter 7  
2012 Fall Education Seminar**

**September 26 - 28, 2012**

**Shanty Creek  
Bellaire, Michigan**

Registration Fee per person:           \$220.00 - Education Session Registration  
  \$90.00 - Spouses and Guests

Please make checks payable to: **IRWA Chapter 7**

Mail registration to:                       Jeff Jones, SR//WA  
  3705 Shoals St.  
  Waterford, MI 48329

Name		Dinner Selection
Company/Agency		IRWA Membership No.
Address		
City	State	Zip code
Phone / Work	E-mail Address	
Appraiser name as it appears on license		License No. and Type
Real Estate Broker name as it appears on license		License No. and Type
Real Estate Sales name as it appears on license		License No. and Type
Spouse / Guest		Dinner Selection
Spouse / Guest		Dinner Selection

**Dinner Selection:**    Roasted Walleye  
                                  Grilled Flank Steak  
                                  Grilled Chicken

Education Registration	_____ @ \$220.00	_____ \$
Guest Registration	_____ @ \$90.00	_____ \$
<b>TOTAL</b>		_____ \$

**Registrations and checks MUST be received by September 19, 2012**

Any Question please contact:           Jeff Jones 248-227-0730 or  
  jlljones.srwa@gmail.com

Visit [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org)

## **Speaker Bios**

**Patricia A. Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, IRWA International Executive Committee President, Greenstar & Associates, LLC, Owner**

Pat was installed as International President of the International Right-of-Way Association in June of 2012, an organization dedicated exclusively to the right of way profession with nearly 10,000 members throughout the U.S., Canada and South Africa, and with cooperative partnerships in Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Pat is the Owner of Greenstar & Associates, LLC, a real estate consulting company specializing in real estate services for local public agencies. Prior to that, she was employed by the City of Troy, Michigan for 36 year working in the Real Estate & Development Department acquiring right-of-way interests for the City. Pat was the Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award recipient in 2002, the highest honor bestowed by the International Right-of-Way Association. Additionally, she has served on the International Professional Development Committee, received the IRWA Michigan Chapter 7 Professional of the Year Award in 1990 and 2001, and Region Professional of the Year Award in 2011.

**David C. Maturen, SR/WA, Maturen & Associates, Inc.**

Mr. Maturen's Portage, Michigan based real estate appraisal firm specializes in work for governmental agencies, conservancies, condemning authorities and individuals. He holds a Michigan Certified General Appraiser license, a Broker's license and the SR/WA designation from the International Right of Way Association. He is the IRWA's 2007 Frank C. Balfour award Professional of the Year. He is a former Chair of the Michigan State Board of Real Estate Appraisers and former Chair of the International Right of Way Association Valuation Committee. Dave served for six years as the IRWA representative to The Appraisal Foundation, which is responsible for development of standards, qualifications and practices for U.S. appraisers, and was Secretary to its Board of Trustees in for 2010. For 13 years he was a senior appraiser with the State Tax Commission supervising the work of assessors and equalization departments in SW Michigan and held a Level 3 Michigan Assessor certificate. Dave is in his fifth term as a Kalamazoo County Commissioner and currently Chairs the Commission. He serves on several state and national committees involved in real estate and government issues.

**Valerie Lafferty, SR/WA, R/W-AC, Michigan Department of Natural Resources**

Ms. Lafferty has over 25 years of experience as an attorney and Certified General Real Estate Appraiser. Currently she is the real estate review appraiser for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Lafferty has worked in real estate appraisal and acquisition for Consumers Energy, CBRichard Ellis and was the Principal/Owner of Market Street Land Services, a company whose services provided right-of-way project management, appraisal, negotiation and relocation services. Ms. Lafferty is the Past-President of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan – Mid-Michigan Chapter, is a Board Member of the Resolution Services Center of Central Michigan, served as Commissioner on the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging, and was a Planning Commissioner and Member of the Board of Review in her community. Ms. Lafferty holds the SR/WA designation from the International Right of Way Association as well as an R/W-AC Appraisal Certification.

**Calling All Members—Clean Out Your Closets For the Annual Chapter Auction Event!  
Wednesday September 26th - After Dinner**

This is a tradition you don't want to miss!

Wednesday evening the Chapter will host an auction with the proceeds going to support our International Education Foundation. All attendees are asked to bring at least one item for the auction. It's a grab bag, so don't be shy..No item is too large or too small! Don't forget your pocketbook either. Cash or checks accepted.

Visit [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org) for registration details!!

## Speaker Bios

### **Carl Meyer, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, Michiana Land Services, Inc.**

Carl L. Meyer is the President and CEO of Michiana Land Services, Inc., with offices in Saint Joseph, Michigan, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Chicago, Illinois. Michiana Land Services provides services to the oil and gas industry, public utilities and communication companies for turnkey project management of property-related activities; route and location feasibility studies, right-of-way negotiations for the installation of new facilities, title insurance or opinion of title, procurement of permits from Federal, State and Local government agencies, and records management. Mr. Meyer handles all corporate, legal and technical matters and oversees the projects for Michiana Land Services.

Prior to forming Michiana Land Services, Mr. Meyer was employed for 20 years by Amoco Pipeline Company and Arco Pipeline Company as a Senior Right-Of-Way Agent. He was the project manager for the longest pipeline constructed within the U.S. which involved 241 miles, 3 states and crossed through 712 parcels of land without condemnation rights. He has testified in both State and Federal Court cases.

Mr. Meyer was a senior member of the International Right-of-Way Association holding the SR/WA, R/W-NAC designation. He received the 1981 Gene L. Land Award, was President of IRWA Chapter 5 in 1983 and Chairman of the IRWA Pipeline Committee in 1988. Mr. Meyer is licensed with the Texas Real Estate Commission as an easement and right-of-way agent. He is a member of the Michigan Oil and Gas Association and the Michigan Association of Professional Landmen. Mr. Meyer is also a Registered Lobbyist within the State of Michigan.

### **Robert S. Rollinger, Esq., Robert S. Rollinger, PC**

Robert S. Rollinger has practiced law in Michigan for thirty-five years. His practice is concentrated in the areas of real estate law, condemnation law, and commercial and contract law. He represents both public and municipal entities.

Mr. Rollinger is a former Special Assistant Attorney General for the Michigan Department of Transportation and is a member of both the Michigan Bar and the District of Columbia Bar. He is also a member of the Condemnation Committee of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan the Zoning and Land Use Committee, the Broker Committee of the Real Property Law Section, and the Public Corporation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan. He formerly served as Chairperson of the Real Estate Section of the Detroit Bar of Michigan. He has served as an adjunct faculty member of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, teaching a senior law school seminar on "Real Estate Sales Transactions." He also has taught at Walsh College in Troy on commercial real estate transactions. Recently, he authored "The Condemnor's Right To Financial Information From a Property Owner and Claims Assessment Procedures Under The Uniform Condemnation Procedures Act," which was published in Laches.

Additionally, Mr. Rollinger serves as outside counsel to the Road Commission for Oakland County and the Washtenaw County Road Commission; and, has acted as special counsel to the City of Warren TIFA and the Village of Lake Orion.

### **Kirk T. Steudle, P.E., Michigan Department of Transportation Director**

Kirk Steudle was appointed as Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation by Governor Rick Snyder on January 1, 2011. He also served as State Transportation Director from 2006 to 2010.

As State Transportation Director, Mr. Steudle oversees MDOT's more than three billion dollar budget, and is responsible for the construction, maintenance and operation of nearly 10,000 miles of state highways and more than 4,000 state highway bridges at a department with 2,500 employees. He also oversees administration of a variety of multi-modal transportation programs and projects that range from Aviation to the Zilwaukee Bridge.

Mr. Steudle is the 2011-12 President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and serves on the AASHTO Executive Committee. In addition, he chairs the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP) II Oversight Committee. Mr. Steudle is a national expert in Connected Vehicle Technologies, a high-

## Speaker Bios Cont.

**Kirk. T. Steudle (cont.)** tech highway operations technology that enables vehicles to communicate with roads and each other to improve safety and mobility. Mr. Steudle is on the Board of Directors of both the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA), and the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) World Congress. He also serves on the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program Advisory Committee to the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Engineering Society of Detroit, the largest engineering society in the country.

Born and raised in Adrian, Michigan, Mr. Steudle graduated from Lawrence Technological University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering. He is a registered professional engineer. He joined MDOT in 1987 as an engineer trainee and has served the department in various positions across the state throughout his career.

In 2010, he was recognized nationally for his continuous outstanding service and exceptional contribution to highway engineering when he received the prestigious Thomas H. MacDonald award from AASHTO. In 2011, he was awarded the P.D. McLean Award from the Road Gang for excellence in highway transportation.

### **William A. Horn, Esq., Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones**

Mr. Horn is an Attorney with the firm of Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones and is a member of their litigation, municipal, energy and environmental practice sections. Mr. Horn has practiced law in Michigan for 30 years. He has served as adjunct professor of environmental law at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Madison and the University of Wisconsin Law School.

### **Teresa Vanis, Michigan Department of State**

Teresa Vanis is the Local Agency Coordinator and Relocation Specialist for the Michigan Department of Transportation's Real Estate Section. She is responsible for oversight of MDOT's Local Agency Real Estate and Relocation Programs. Teresa has worked for MDOT since 1990 and has experience in acquisition, relocation, and excess property. Teresa graduated from Michigan State University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. In 2005, she received a Master's Certificate in Project Management from The George Washington University School of Business. Teresa has held a Broker's License since 1995 and a Limited Real Estate Appraiser License since 1994.

## Bruce Schanz wins International Survey & Mapping Competition



New chapter member Bruce Schnaz, never thought he would be attending the International Education Conference in Seattle. When Bruce was notified that his drawing had been selected as the winner in the International Survey & Mapping Competition's Individual Category just weeks before the conference, Bruce's employer, Consumers Energy, realized the significance of the award and sent Bruce to Seattle to claim his prize. As a first time conference attendee, Bruce also won a free IRWA membership for 2013!

# Education & Development

## **New Ethics Requirement:**

Effective July 1, 2012, only IRWA ethics courses – 103, Ethics and the Right of Way Profession or 104, Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professionals may be applied towards the ethics requirements for recertification. Non-IRWA ethics courses previously approved by the IPDC will no longer count for recertification.

## **Michigan Chapter 7 In Seattle**



Michigan Chapter members pose for a photo-op while on route to a group dinner honoring our very own incoming International President, Pat Petitto, SR/WA

 <p><b>Roland Cilke, SR/WA</b> President Cell: (231) 218-9018</p> <hr/> <p>Oil &amp; Gas Wind Energy Right-of-Way Title Wireless</p> <p>415 Munson Avenue, Suite 101 Traverse City, Michigan 49686 Business: (231) 929-3434 Fax: (231) 929-7011 Email: rcilke@whitepinecompanies.com</p>	<p><i>Patricia A. Petitto, SR/WA</i></p> <p><b>Greenstar &amp; Associates, LLC</b> Real Estate Services for Local Public Agencies</p>  <p>(248) 342-6640 petittopa@aol.com 4840 N. Adams Road Suite 183 Rochester, MI 48306</p>	 <p>Specializing in Real Estate Acquisition Services for Public Agencies</p> <p>Margaret Stetekee President</p> <p>1624 Seminole Rd SE East Grand Rapids MI 49506 616.560.4088 Phone 616.452.1608 Fax firstrow@grar.com</p>
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