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Past President's
- Paul E. Sander, SR/WA -
Final Message



I want to thank everyone who helped me, serve you, during my tenure on the Executive Board. Six and one-half years went quickly. I am extremely grateful for the support given to me by the past board and the support and guidance of the many past presidents who still remain active.

I appreciated all the comments both good and bad about IRWA and the Chapter. Without honest communications problems escalate. I believe we worked out many differences in opinions to the benefit of the Chapter. The unity we have toward honest dealings in the Right of Way profession keeps us going and going strong.

I am not going anywhere. I am the new region representative to the International Transportation Committee and remain the chair of the Chapter Transportation Committee. I am still working at the Commonwealth Associates' Jackson, Michigan Office. I may be spending a lot of time in Connecticut, but Michigan is still my home.

If President Roon (Steve) gets half of the support from the Chapter members that I got, and with his leadership, our Chapter 7 will continue to be the Quality Chapter in the Quality Region!

Not Good Bye – Just See You Later,
Paul

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Annual Meeting
and
Installation of Officers

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President's Message

Steve R. Roon, SR/WA, R/W-NAC

I trust you all are enjoying your summer! I wish all of you great health and professional growth throughout the year.

We have reached that time of the year where we have had a passing of the torch, or in Michigan Chapter 7's case Paul Sander, SR/WA passed a gavel, cup and Chapter Charter. On Friday evening, June 14th overlooking Lake Michigan, your 2013-2014 Executive Board members were sworn into office by Patricia Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-NAC and President of IRWA IEC, what an honor! It was truly a perfect night filled with delicious food and drinks, great conversation, and a view that was breathtaking. Thanks to all those who attended and many thanks to those who assisted in putting this event together.

I would like to offer a special thanks to our host sponsor, Consumers Energy and Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA for allowing our Chapter to access their facility and to the Installation of Officers Banquet sponsors who helped offset the costs of this great event. Lastly, but most importantly I would like to recognize and acknowledge Laura Stensland, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC for her many hours spent planning and coordinating this year's banquet! I had many requests from those who attended if we could make this an annual event, well, all I can say is if we are fortunate enough to return make sure you attend, this is an event you won't want to miss.

I rolled out two goals for the Chapter during my Installation speech and have included them below, I ask for your help in achieving them! Goals should be S.M.A.R.T. - specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely: The following two goals are SMART goals.

- By the end of 2013 we will grow our membership 5%; growing from the 191 members we ended 2012 with to 201 members by December 31st, 2013.
- By April 15th, 2014 we will retain at least 93% of the membership we finish 2013 with.

Please take a moment to get to know your Executive Board members and the new roles they are volunteering for. Thank them for their service and offer any skills or knowledge that may assist us in our new roles, we would love the help! Chapter 7 is a great chapter and has been since 1954 because of the many volunteers that have sacrificed their time to serve! Please consider serving YOUR chapter in whatever capacity you can, you will not regret it.

September 25th through September 27th is quickly approaching when we travel north for our Annual Fall Education Seminar in picturesque Bay Harbor. Larysa Figol, SR/WA and Laura Stensland, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC have been working tirelessly to put together a first class seminar that will be rewarding and informative for all those who attend. Hurry and register to attend by contacting Jeff Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W URAC at (248) 227-0730 or jljones.srwa@gmail.com or by going to our Chapter Website and following the link. All three have worked relentlessly to coordinate the many great speakers, secure phenomenal facilities, and negotiating great rates for our seminar which in turn increases the value to you and your employer. I look forward to seeing you there!

I look forward to serving as the Michigan Chapter 7 President and thank you all for the opportunity.

Respectfully,
Steve Roon, SR/WA, R/W-NAC





**IRWA Fall Education Seminar
September 25-27, 2013
The Inn at Bay Harbor, Michigan**

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PROGRAM

Wednesday September 25, 2013

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|-----------------|--|
| 8:00am – 4:00pm | Course 104: The Standards of Right of Way Practice
Instructor: David Layne, SR/WA |
| 4:30 – 5:30pm | Chapter 7 Executive Board Meeting
Steve Roon, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, Chapter President |
| 6:00 – 6:30pm | 2013 Seminar Check-In & Welcome Reception |
| 6:30 – 8:30pm | Welcome Dinner/Bufferet & Auction to Benefit RWEIF |

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Program continued...

Thursday September 26, 2013

- 7:30 – 8:30am Morning Session Sign In & Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:00am **Michigan Chapter 7 Business Meeting & Committee Reports**
Steve Roon, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
IRWA Chapter 7 President
- 9:00 – 10:00am **Ethics and Standards in the Right of Way/Real Estate Profession**
David Layne, SR/WA
Layne Consulting Services, Inc.
- 10:00 – 11:00am **Go Ahead, Make My Day...Why Legal Descriptions Matter**
Maxcell George, PS
Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc.
- 11:00 – 12:00pm **Why does this survey cost so much? What happens when you order a survey?**
Kevin Cleaver, PS
Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc.
- 12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch
- 1:00 – 3:00pm **WIND ENERGY: Engineering the Site, Wind Assessments, Environmental Review, Micro Siting, Permitting, ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey**
Jeffrey Evans, PS & Damon L. Garrett, PE
Metro Consulting
- 3:00 – 4:30pm **Environmental Due Diligence, Brownfield, Hazardous Materials & Ground Penetration Radar**
Michael T. Kulka, P.E.
PM Environmental
- 6:00pm Dinner

Friday September 28, 2013

- 8:00 – 9:00am Morning Session Sign In & Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:00am **The Uniform Condemnation Procedures Act (“UCPA”) Pitfalls and Practical Considerations**
Steven R. Estey, Attorney
Douglas J. Fryer, Attorney
Dykema
- 10:00 – 11:00am **Legal Update**
Alan T. Akerman, Attorney
Ackerman Ackerman & Dynkowski, P.C.
- 11:00 - 12:00pm **The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)**
Michele Palicka, Realty Specialist
FHWA Resource Center
Atlanta, GA



THE INN AT BAY HARBOR RESERVATION FORM

Group Name: International Right of Way

Dates: September 24-27, 2013

A RENAISSANCE GOLF RESORT

Reservations must be made utilizing this form and be received by **August 26, 2013**. Reservation requests received after this date will be taken on a space available basis at current room rates.

When making travel arrangements, please note The Inn at Bay Harbor observes a 4:00 PM check in and 11:00 AM check out.

Accommodations: Please indicate your 1st and 2nd lodging preference below. If room type requested is not available, the next available room type and rate will be confirmed. **We cannot guarantee specific rooms/units.** All rooms are non-smoking.

To better serve all of our guests, reservations cannot be accepted by phone or on-line.

ACCOMMODATIONS		
ROOM TYPE	ROOM RATES	INDICATE 1 ST & 2 ND CHOICE
Studio Quarryside	\$130.00	
Studio Lakeside	\$139.00	
Deluxe Quarryside	\$130.00	
Deluxe Lakeside	\$139.00	

Rates are based on the European Plan which includes lodging only. Rates are per room per night.

Rates and a 7% Resort Services Fee are subject to a 6% Michigan State Sales and Use Tax. Rates are also subject to a 2% Local Lodging Assessment.

Room confirmations will be e-mailed so please include your e-mail address if you are requesting a confirmation.

The Inn at Bay Harbor is a smoke free facility.

The Inn at Bay Harbor has a two night minimum on weekends (Friday and Saturday night).

Tax exempt individuals: Please present the state tax exempt form 3372 at check out. Indicate your method of deposit below. Personal funds are not exempt from state tax or local assessments.

- Company check is enclosed with this registration form.
- Please use my personal credit card to guarantee the reservation. A check will be mailed from the company or presented upon arrival.

Deposits: A deposit equal to the first night's lodging is required with each reservation. Please make check or money order payable to Boyne USA Resorts or include a credit card number. The card will be charged upon receipt of form. Do not send cash.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation and changes affecting arrival / departure dates must be made 7 days prior to arrival date in order to receive refund of deposit. Within 7 days your deposit is forfeited.

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 Boyne Falls, MI 49713
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NUMBER IN PARTY: _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS IN PARTY: _____

AGES OF CHILDREN 18 & UNDER: _____

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COMPANY: _____

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**The Inn at Bay Harbor does its best to accommodate requests, but cannot guarantee them.*

PAYMENT METHOD

CHECK ENCLOSED \$ _____

American Express Visa MasterCard Diners Club Discover

CREDIT CARD # _____ Expiration Date _____

SIGNATURE: _____ Security Code _____

All reservations must be guaranteed by check or credit card deposit.

Checks/money orders should be equivalent to one nights' stay, payable to Boyne USA Resorts.

Credit card imprint is required at check-in for all guests.

Please provide tax exempt form at check out.



A RENAISSANCE, GOLF RESORT

THE INN AT BAY HARBOR ROOM DESCRIPTIONS

3600 Village Harbor Drive, Bay Harbor, MI 49770

Please note check-in is 4:00pm and check-out is 11:00am

Studio Quarryside

Efficiency hotel room with one queen murphy bed and sofa in living area, gas fireplace, kitchenette, one bathroom with stall shower and shared balcony.

Studio Lakeside

Efficiency hotel room with one queen murphy bed and sofa in living area, gas fireplace, kitchenette, one bathroom with stall shower and shared balcony.

Deluxe Quarryside

Hotel room with two queen beds, wet bar with refrigerator, one bathroom and shared balcony.

Deluxe Lakeside

Hotel room with two queen beds, wet bar with refrigerator, one bathroom and shared balcony.

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2013 –2014 EVENTS & COURSES TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

August 15, 2013	Executive Board Meeting	Lansing, MI
Sept 25, 2013	Executive Board Meeting	Bay Harbor, MI
Sept 26-27, 2013	Fall Education Seminar	Bay Harbor, MI
October 4-5	Fall Region Forum	Schaumburg, Illinois
October 2013	International Right of Way Month	Worldwide
November 7, 2013	General Membership Meeting	Frankenmuth, MI
December 5, 2013	Executive Board Meeting	TBD
February 6, 2014	Executive Board Meeting	TBD
March 6, 2014	General Membership Meeting	TBD
April 17, 2014	Executive Board Meeting	TBD
TBD	Spring Region Forum	TBD
May 15, 2014	General Membership Meeting	TBD
June __, 2014	Installation of Officers Banquet	TBD
June 22-25, 2014	Annual Education Conference	Hartford, Connecticut

Mark your calendar!

For Membership Information Contact:

L.R. Cole, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
Email: lcole@kentcountyroads.net

IRWA Chapter 7 is looking to increase their membership!

**Interested in earning a HUGE Reward?
Contact: L.R. Cole, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
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**IRWA Chapter 7 would like to
Welcome New Members:**

- Andrea M Johnson with Zausmer, Kaufman, August & Caldwell P.C.
- Brian M. Aspenleiter with Western Land Services
- James (Jim) Wigginton with PowerTeam Services, LLC

For Membership

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**Thinking About A Designation or
Certification? We Can Help!**

Contact:

Paul S. Stempin, SR/WA
Email: psstempin@sbcglobal.net

IRWA International ~ Member Spotlight



CONGRATULATIONS!!!
MARY ANNE MARR, SR/WA
International Treasurer



**In the coming months
look for us on:**



We are still looking for anyone wanting to donate items to the Fall Seminar's Silent Auction!

If you or anyone you know are interested in donating, please contact Lynn P. Hall, SR/WA!

All proceeds benefit the RWIEF



**Course 104 The Standards of Right of Way Practice
September 25, 2013**

Instructor: David Layne

This course can be used for the requirements of the SR/WA designation, certification and the re-certification for the SR/WA and specialty certifications.

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~ROSTER UPDATE~

A member from the Roster Committee will be sending out an email to all Chapter 7 members requesting specialized discipline information for an Index being incorporated in the roster.

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Development**

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