



IRWA Chapter 7 General Membership Meeting Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Agenda

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7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00-8:30 am	Business Meeting Steve Roon, IRWA Chapter 7 President
8:30 - 9:30 am	“The Ultimate Title Search” Iain Bryant, Business Development & Jamie Scheett, Manager, A.S.K. Services, Inc.
9:30 - 11:00 am	“Food as an Economic Cluster in an Urban Context” Gary Wozniak, President & CEO of Recovery Park
11:00 - Noon	“Grants of Easement for Right-of-Way on Indian Lands” Elizabeth Cook, Attorney, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi
Noon - 1:15 pm	Lunch and Past Presidents Recognition
1:15 - 2:15 pm	MDOT owned Railroad Rights-of-Way Ron Adams, MDOT
2:15 - 3:00 pm	Installation of Officers
3:00 pm	Adjourn

To the passing ...



of the torch...

FireKeepers Casino & Hotel
11177 East Michigan Avenue
Battle Creek, MI 49014

2013-2014 Executive Board

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

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Local Public Agency

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Margaret A. Steketee

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Ali Baker

Marketing

L.R. Cole, SR/WA, R/W-NAC

A.K. (Ken) Smith

Lynn P. Hall, SR/WA

Membership

Michelle L. Reed

Newsletter

International Directors

Director, 1 year

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

Director, 2 years

Larysa Figol, SR/WA



Paul E. Sander,
SR/WA

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

Larysa A. Figol, SR/WA

Nominations

Norman Thomas, SR/WA

Past Presidents & Retired Members

Carl L. Meyer, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

Zach L. Meyer

Pipeline

Paul S. Stempin, SR/WA - Class of 2014

Jeffrey L. Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC -
Class of 2015

Kimberly A. Tassen, SR/WA, R/W-NAC - Class of 2016

Professional Development

Laura Stensland, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC

Program

Jeffrey L. Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC

Andrew Reed, SR/WA

Recognition & Awards

Linda M. Dembeck, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

Mark Chovan

Relocation

Tim Davis, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC

Roster

Lynn P. Hall, SR/WA

Silent Auction

Christopher S. Lamus

Michael Schutz

Survey

Paul E. Sander, SR/WA

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

Transportation

Laura Stensland, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC

Utilities & Liaison

Jim Aiello, P.E., SR/WA

Website

President's Message

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



Region 5 Chapter 7 Spring Forum Report

Chapter Number and primary areas served:

IRWA Michigan Chapter 7 – Greater Detroit Area, Lansing and Grand Rapids

Strengths of our Chapter: Michigan Chapter 7 has a strong active core of members that continue to work tirelessly to have great quality General Membership Meetings that have continued to grow in attendance. Michigan Chapter 7 is a healthy, productive and energetic Chapter. Our membership is skilled and involved in the Association, taking on leadership positions not only in the Chapter, but in Region 5 and at the International level. We embrace new tools, innovations and best practices and because of our willingness to embrace new changes, our Chapter continues to grow annually, meeting or exceeding our goals. Proof of the Chapters outstanding efforts we were elated with the announcement of finalists for National awards in five categories.

Weaknesses of our Chapter: As stated above, attendance at our Chapter Membership meetings has consistently increased and our membership numbers have grown, but as a Chapter we are struggling to turn those great numbers into volunteer members willing to serve on Committees or on our Executive Board.

Goals of our Chapter for current year: Increase membership by 5%, a goal that our Chapter reached for the first time since International rolled out the most recent past incentive program. (The incentive program Chapter 7's goals were based upon for 2013-2014). As a Chapter we also continue to push to achieve our goal to retain 93% of our membership. Currently we need two un-renewed members to renew before April 15th and we will obtain our second goal, another that we as a Chapter have not previously achieved.

New ideas, successes, recommendations to share with other Chapters: Our Marketing Committee and Membership Committee have done a great job growing our membership. As a Chapter we will continue to financially support these efforts based upon the successes they have returned.

Our Chapter needs assistance with: Surprising Norm Thomas when he is selected for Region 5 Professional of the Year!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve R. Roon'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Steve R. Roon, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
Chapter 7 President & International Director

Steve, you made the chapter the Interesting Right of Way Association especially at Region Forums.

The "eyes" of Lake Erie are awaiting all your spare time. Great job as Chapter President - Thanks

Paul E Sander

"An uncommon experience these days is a person that shakes your hand, looks you in the eye and gives you their word on a commitment. THAT is Steve."

Daniel M. Stekol
Vice President - Field Operations

I'm sure that we all remember Steve's 'introduction' to the IRWA membership at Great Wolf Lodge... Who could ever forget all that blood in the water!

Most of all we will remember how hard Steve worked for the association. He has been in key positions during very difficult and demanding transitions for our chapter. His leadership is greatly appreciated, as is his friendship.

Thanks for everything Steve!
Andy Reed



2014 –2015 EVENTS & COURSES TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

May 6, 2014	General Membership Meeting w/ Installation of Officers & Past Presidents Lunch	FireKeepers Casino & Hotel, Battle Creek, MI
June 22-25, 2014	Annual Education Conference	Hartford, Connecticut
August 15 & 16, 2014	Installation of Officers Banquet	Consumers Energy South Haven Conference Center
August, 2014	SR/WA Study Session	TBD
Sept 24, 2014	Executive Board Meeting	Inn at Bay Harbor, Bay Harbor, MI
Sept 25-26, 2014	Fall Education Seminar	Inn at Bay Harbor, Bay Harbor, MI
October 2014	International Right of Way Month	
Nov. 6 or 13, 2014	General Membership Meeting	TBD
December 4, 2014	Executive Board Meeting	TBD
February 5, 2015	Executive Board Meeting	TBD
March 5, 2015	General Membership Meeting	TBD

Mark your calendar!

For Membership Information Contact:

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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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Installation of Officers Banquet

Friday, August 15th- Saturday, August 16th, 2014

Consumers Energy South Haven Conference Center

410 N. Blue Star Hwy.

South Haven, MI 49090

3:00 pm: Opening Ceremonies and appetizers on the beach

6:00 pm: Welcome Reception

7:00 pm: Invocation and Dinner

8:00 pm: Business Meeting and Installation Program

Cost is \$60.00 per person (\$40 for children) which includes drinks, appetizers, dinner Friday night with breakfast on Saturday morning.

Please register for the event and lodging through Laura Stensland, SR/WA. The registrations must be in by July 25th! Lodging is filling up fast! We only have 8 rooms left with 2 twin beds/private bath. Laura is working to block rooms for overflow at the Sun & Sand motel down the road.

Laura Stensland, SR/WA

laura.stensland@cmsenergy.com

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Certification Announcements!

Right of Way Agent (RWA)

Mr. Matthew D. DeRose w/ Commonwealth Associates

Ms. Amber Lynne Wiswell w/ Enbridge

Mr. Reggie S. Abbo w/ Realty Solutions, LLC

As professionals who know the value of education, you can be justifiably proud of this important achievement. You are an asset not only to the Association, but to the entire Right of Way professional community.



Congratulations!



**Education &
Development**

Register Today for Upcoming Courses!
Contact: Jim Aiello jjaiello@cai-engr.com
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**Thinking About A Designation or
Certification? We Can Help!**

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Nothing available at the time of print.
Please keep checking the Chapter website
for upcoming courses.

In the coming months
look for us on:



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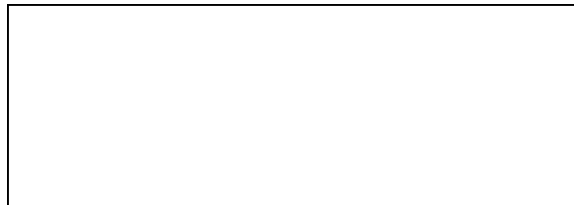
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Address Correction Requested



What:
May General
Membership Meeting

When:
May 6, 2014

Where:
FireKeepers
Hotel & Casino
Battle Creek, MI

Cost:
Registration
\$45 per person

To register, please contact:

Chapter 7 Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Rob Bourgeois

- Mail: Consumers Energy, c/o Rob Bourgeois EP7-472
One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201
- Email: robert.bourgeois@cmsenergy.com
- Phone: 517.740.8936
- Make check payable to: Chapter 7 IRWA
- Fast / Easy Online Registration Available -
<http://www.irwamichigan.org/>

Name: _____

Guest/Spouse Name: _____

Company: _____

Total Attendees: ___ X \$45

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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