



**IRWA Chapter 7  
Annual Educational Fall  
Seminar  
September 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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**Shanty Creek Resort  
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**IRWA Course #102 – Raising your Ethical Awareness (in conjunction with Fall Seminar) see Page 9**

**For more information and how to register, see page 9 or go to <http://www.irwamichigan.org/>**



**Michael F. Kurschat, M.S.F., ASA, MAI**

Welcome to our first newsletter for the 2017-18 year! As president, I'd like to encourage each of you to plan on attending our upcoming events, starting with the Fall Seminar at Shanty Creek, September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in Bellaire Michigan. One of the key presentations will be our own Devin Sullivan and Mischa Bordman, attorneys at Zausmer, August & Caldwell, P.C. presenting "From Legislation to Litigation: Michigan's 'Thumb Loop' Transmission Line." This presentation was a big hit at the International Conference in Anchorage and provides an overview of ITC's transmission line project that spanned 140 miles and 500 parcels, requiring the construction of four new substations.

The conference in Anchorage this past June was amazing. I was especially thrilled having our own Mary Anne Marr as the international president. The conference was fun, educational, and it was a special honor for our chapter having Mary Anne leading the Association.

As the year is shaping up, our success as a chapter relies heavily on the resources of our good members. I'm proud of having so many bright minds and hard workers pulling together to provide the presentations and educational offerings that bring high levels of professionalism to our work. And with that, we're always looking for new, leading edge presentations. So if you've been involved with an interesting project, or have some specialized insights, contact either myself or Dave Nepper, our chapter Vice President and Program Chair.

Finally, we appreciate our chapter sponsors. Much of what we do wouldn't be possible without your financial support. Be sure to consider a sponsorship this year! Rob Bourgeois, chapter President Elect and sponsorship chair has several options available.

Best wishes!

**Michael F. Kurschat, M.S.F., ASA, MAI**

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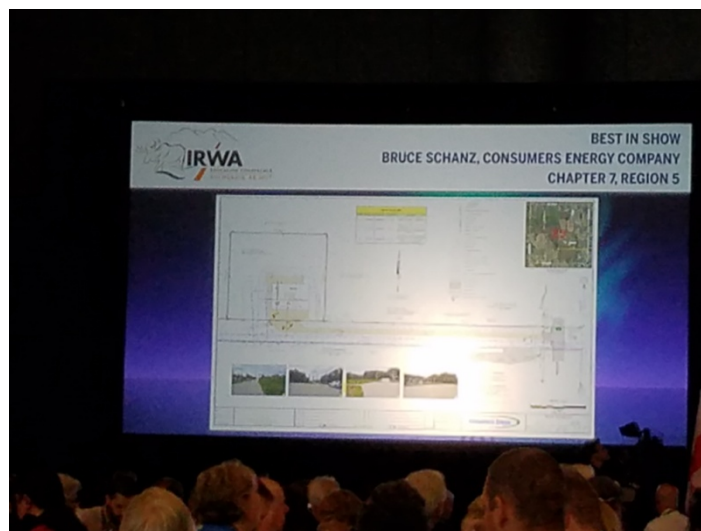


## IRWA Chapter 7 News

### **15TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING COP RIGHT OF WAY MAPPING COMPETITION WINNERS:**

- **ELECTRIC & UTILITY CATEGORY:** BRUCE SCHANZ (CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY) – Chapter 7 Region 5 (Michigan)
- **INDUSTRY GENERAL CATEGORY:** WALTER SASS (WEISSER ENGINEERING & SURVEYING) - Chapter 8 Region 2 (Houston & McAllen)
- **OIL AND GAS CATEGORY:** JASON PLUMMER (ROWE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COMPANY) - Chapter 7 Region 5 (Michigan)
- **TRANSPORTATION CATEGORY:** WALTER SASS (WEISSER ENGINEERING & SURVEYING) - Chapter 8 Region 2 (Houston & McAllen)

**BEST OF SHOW WINNER:** BRUCE SCHANZ (CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY) Chapter 7 Region 5 (Michigan) - ELECTRIC & UTILITY CATEGORY



***THE WINNING SUBMISSIONS WERE ON DISPLAY AT THE IRWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA IN JUNE. THE WINNERS WERE ALSO ANNOUNCED AT CONFERENCE MONDAY AWARDS LUNCHEON.***



***From: Henry Horton, PS – Past Chair - IRWA International Surveying and Engineering CoP***



## IRWA Chapter 7 – 2017/2018 Leadership

### SERVICE COMMITTEES

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## 2017 –2018 EVENTS & COURSES TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

September 27-29 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Educational Fall Seminar	Shanty Creek Resort
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Course 102 – Elevating Your Ethical Awareness	Bellaire, MI
November 2, 2017	General Membership Meeting	Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth MI

### Fall Education Seminar 2017 Agenda

#### Educational Offering:

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**, IRWA Course 102, Elevating Your Ethical Awareness, 8am to 5pm at Shanty Creek Resort.

#### Fall Seminar Events - at Shanty Creek:\*

- September 27<sup>th</sup>** 6pm – Casual dinner, social gathering, and **Silent Auction** at the Hospitality Suite
- September 28<sup>th</sup>** 8-9 am - Full Breakfast/Registration
- 9am – 5pm - Chapter Meeting and Scheduled Programs, Dinner at 6 pm
- September 29<sup>th</sup>** 8-9 am - Full Breakfast
- 9am – 12pm - Scheduled Programs

*\*begin and ending times subject to change*

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

We are requesting members to donate some nice items for the Silent Auction at the Fall Seminar. All proceeds go to the International Right of Way Education Foundation (RWIEF) to enhance our educational offerings. Contact Lynn

Huston with your donations at [lhuston@ellexco.com](mailto:lhuston@ellexco.com) .



Chapter 7 of the IRWA is pleased to announce our 2017/18 Sponsorship Packages!!

Sponsorship donations are utilized to directly offset operational and facility costs affiliated with meetings and events. In return, your company's name and logo will be printed on a banner to be displayed at all of our events, as well as recognition on our website [www.irwamichigan.org](http://www.irwamichigan.org). This will provide exposure of your company and the services you provide to hundreds of professionals involved in all facets of the right of way industry.

**Time is limited!**

Sponsors are being accepted **until Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** for the 2017/18 year.

**Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000 (Limited to 5)**

1. Company logo with large image in one of the corners or directly beneath Chapter logo on our Chapter banner that is displayed at all events.
2. Company logo, a link to your website, and unlimited job postings on [www.irwamichigan.org](http://www.irwamichigan.org)
3. Company logo on all meeting brochures and a bio, sponsor supplied, announced at the start of each meeting; showcasing your company and services provided

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2. Company logo, a link to your website, and unlimited job postings on [www.irwamichigan.org](http://www.irwamichigan.org)

**Silver Sponsor - \$250**

1. Company logo on our Chapter banner that is displayed at all events.
2. Company logo and five (5) job postings on [www.irwamichigan.org](http://www.irwamichigan.org)

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please fill out the attached form and make check payable to: IRWA Chapter 7. We look forward to partnering with you and continuing the success of the Chapter!

We thank you for your support!

Rob Bourgeois  
Vice-President, IRWA Chapter 7  
586.634.4229



Thank you for your interest in becoming a sponsor Chapter 7 for the 2017/18 year. Please, select your level of participation below, email a high-resolution company logo to [rbourge1@gmail.com](mailto:rbourge1@gmail.com), make your check payable to IRWA Chapter 7, and send this form with payment to:

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- PLATINUM** - \$1,000 – Large logo on banner, logo w/link and unlimited job postings on irwamichigan.org, and logo on brochure w/bio at meetings
- GOLD** - \$500 – Company logo on banner, logo w/link & unlimited jobs posting on irwamichigan.org
- SILVER** - \$250 – Company logo on banner, logo and 5 job postings on irwamichigan.org

Contact Info:

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## **2017 Fall Educational Seminar Registration Information**

**What:** Fall Educational Seminar “Essentially Easements”

**When:** September 27-29<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire MI

**Reserve your room here:** <http://reserve.shantycreek.com/?g=434209>

*Special Room Rates (ending August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017):*

Guest Rooms: \$123.00

Studio Parlor Rooms: \$143.00

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**Conference Registration Cost** if BEFORE August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - \$150.00

*If registered between August 26<sup>th</sup> – September 11<sup>th</sup> - \$175.00*

### **Fall Educational Seminar Lineup “Everything Easements”**

- Devin Sullivan and Mischa Boardman’s presentation “Michigan’s Thumb Loop Transmission Line” - explaining what may be one of the most successful eminent domain projects in recent history.
- Transmission Line - explaining what may be one of the most successful eminent domain projects in recent history.
- Andrew Chamberlain, ASA, on “Easement Valuation”
- Chris Beland, P.S., of PEA on “Survey and Easements”
- The highly anticipated presentation by Michael Odette on “The Detroit Salt Mines”

**Plus MUCH MORE! We look forward to seeing you!**

# EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

## COURSE #102 – ELEVATING YOUR ETHICAL AWARENESS

September 27, 2017 – Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, Michigan

There's still time to register for IRWA's newest ethics course being instructed by Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA, Director of Real Estate for Consumers Energy and IRWA's Immediate Past International President. This course is being held in conjunction with Michigan Chapter 7's Fall Education Seminar at Shanty Creek Resort and may be used to fulfill the ethics recertification requirement and also for fulfilling the ethics requirement for our certifications and designations.

This course is intended to help resolve ethics and compliance issues by providing the information, tools and resources necessary to make good decisions. Participants will leave this course with an overview of IRWA's Code of conduct, Rules and Standards. These are what guide us and provide an understanding of how to apply this knowledge in serving our clients and members in the utmost ethical manner while always striving to fulfill our purpose of "improving the quality of people's lives through infrastructure development."

<b>Registration On or Before 8/31/17</b>	<b>Registration After 9/1/17</b>
Member \$265.00	Member \$290.00
Non-Member \$330.00	Non-Member \$355.00

You can register on-line at [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org) or at [www.irwamichigan.org](http://www.irwamichigan.org). The full brochure is available on the Michigan website.

For further information, please contact Pat Petitto, SR/WA at (248) 342-6640 or [petittopa@aol.com](mailto:petittopa@aol.com)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHIGAN CHAPTER 7'S NEWEST SR/WA'S

**Robert J. Bourgeois, SR/WA and Michael S. Bristor, SR/WA**

The Senior Right of Way Professional (SR/WA), is the most prestigious professional designation granted to those right of way professionals who have achieved professional status through experience, education, and examination. Robert and Michael are both employees of Consumers Energy Company.

