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Hello IRWA Chapter 7 Members:

Can you believe it's the year 2022? As I sit here, composing this letter, the hit song *In the Year 2025* pops into my head. This song was released in 1968 by Dennis Zager and Richard Evans, 54-years ago. It's amazing how time flies...another song just popped in my head.

I'm wondering what's in store for 2022, and beyond. What do you have planned? A vacation, an educational goal, or retirement? Did you make a New Year's resolution?

Chapter 7 set and accomplished goals in 2021. We held general membership meetings in-person and virtually. We added Committee Chairs and have had excellent representation from all. We increased our educational offerings; we increased member participation in courses and events, and we added new members. Thank you to all the members who attended our Chapter events!

I'd like to thank Henry Horton, Vice President Elect, Jay Spencer, Vice President and Kent Edwards, Treasurer for their devotion to Chapter 7. They have spent countless hours improving the Chapter's ability to provide successful virtual experiences. They researched materials needed and purchased equipment: an Owl Pro 360° camera, mic & speaker and they've been the IT guys!

Rebecca Curtis, Secretary and Jumana Judeh, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer have been very supportive in their roles and responsibilities. They've been dependable, energetic, and always willing to help with various tasks and committees.

I also want to thank the Committee Chairs for their commitment. They have proven to be valuable assets to the Chapter bringing fresh ideas and perspectives.

And finally, I'd like to thank our Sponsors for their continuous support and generosity. Your support allows the Chapter to meet at fabulous venues (Bay Harbor, Mackinac Island & Soaring Eagle), provide fun activities and supplement events to keep registration fees at a minimum.

What's next for Chapter 7 in 2022? Hopefully, you've seen the schedule of events that Jumana sent via email earlier this week. If not, I've attached the schedule at the end of this letter. Jay Spencer is revitalizing and finalizing the event schedule for 2022 – 2023. Registration forms will be coming soon. The Education Committee is working on a 3-year plan for IRWA courses. Chapter 7 will be hosting the Region 5 Fall Forum in Detroit, October 7-8, 2022. I'd like to invite you to attend the Region Forum, especially if you're thinking about joining the Board. We'll continue with our quarterly general membership meetings and add few special events. And elections for new Board members are coming in the spring. Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin' into the future, another song. Oh vey!

Help is needed to plan, organize, and deliver quality events and programs. We'd like to have an IT person to 'run' our meetings. We'd like to have a person to update our website and PayPal. We'd like to have a person to energize events. Could you be that person?

What's next for you as an IRWA member of Chapter 7? If you're working on an IRWA designation, please let us know. We'd like to plan courses to fit your needs. If you're interested in joining a committee or the Board, please let us know. Many hands make light work. If you've got a great idea for an event, a venue, a speaker, or topic, please let us know. We're willing support your requests and build a better program.

There are so many opportunities for personal and professional growth. If you've thought about exploring the world of IRWA, join a committee or a Board. There's so much to see, learn and do. I guarantee you'll visit new places, make new friends, and build personal and professional confidence.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next Chapter 7 event. Until then, be safe and be well.

Sincerely,

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Chapter 7 Events

- February 8, 2022 Virtual Course #410 – Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain
Instructor: Andrew M. Reed, SR/WA – This course has been approved for Michigan Appraisal Continuing Education and Rob will also be submitting for Real Estate Continuing Education
- February 18, 2022 Virtual Course #406B – 7-Hour National USPAP Course – Instructor: David E. Burgoyne, ASA, SR/WA, R/W-AC – This course has been approved for Michigan Appraisal Continuing Education and Rob will also be submitting for Real Estate Continuing Education
- February...TBD... Family Fun Day at the Fun Bunker, Durand, MI – Planning in Process.
We are targeting a Saturday, 11-1m to 2-pm event.
We will celebrate sponsors, members, and family.
Stay tuned for more information!
- March 17, 2022 General Membership Meeting; Embassy Suites, Grand Rapids, MI
Infrastructure & Environment & Title Fraud.
- May 9-12, 2022 SR/WA Study Course, Louisville, KY-register online w/ IRWA HQ.
- May 13-14, 2022 Region 5 Spring Forum, Louisville, KY-register online w/ IRWA HQ
- June 5-8, 2022 IRWA International Education Conference, Cleveland, OH
- June 22, 2022 General Membership meeting w/ LUGNUT BASEBALL GAME, Lansing, MI
Elections will take place at this event.
- September 14, 2022 IRWA Course #TBD, Soaring Eagle, Mt. Pleasant – live course.
- September 15-16,2022 Chapter 7 Fall Education Conference, Soring Eagle, Mt. Pleasant, MI
- October 7-8, 2022 Region 5 Fall Forum, Detroit, MI. Chapter 7 is host!
- November 10, 2022 Chapter 7 Membership meeting, Weber’s Inn, Ann Arbor, MI.

This schedule of events is subject to change.

Registration forms will be sent to Chapter members via email and then added to the website.

Chapter 7 website: [IRWA Chapter 7 | Proudly Serving Michigan’s Leading Right of Way Professionals \(irwamichigan.org\)](https://www.irwamichigan.org)

There are many courses on IRWA HQ’s website: [International Right of Way Association | IRWA \(irwaonline.org\)](https://www.irwaonline.org)