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November Education Seminar

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Reservation required by November 5th, 2007

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8:00 – 8:30 AM	Morning registration and breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Michigan Chapter 7 Business Meeting and Committee Reports
9:00 – 9:50 AM	**Dorothy Boone, City of Lansing** Planning & Development outlook in a declining population and the Michigan Economy
10:00 – 12:00 NOON **PANEL DISCUSSION**	**Tom Wilson, DTE Energy** Utility easements and working within, across and adjacent to railroad corridors. Right of way rights, title issues and working together
10 minute break at 11AM	**Jeannie M. King, Zoning & Permitting Agent, Consumer Energy Company** Railroad agreements and requirements for application.
	Barbara Mention, Legal and Real Estate Department ITC Holdings Right of way rights, Fee simple and easement acquisitions
	Cynthia Stump, Community Relations ITC Holdings vegetation management in easement utility corridors, issues regarding railroad crossings, easement right protection and general information on the history and goals of ITC.
NOON – 1 PM	Buffet Lunch served
1:00 – 3:00 PM	**Michael Lohmeier, ASA,CMAE3, CRP, MAI, RES, SRA Virchow Krause & Company** Due Diligence of Becoming Engaged, Engagement Management protocols and policies

Adjournment and Completion Certificate presented to qualified individuals.
The November meeting has been approved for 5 hours Con Ed. Credits

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Also of interest are any easement-based occupations or recent conversions form lease to easement, or lease to fee simple positions within a right of way. The appraisal assignment involves valuation of a lease.

Any data you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Furthermore we will be happy to share non-confidential data we compile.

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October 11, 2007

Last week, Chapter 7 held its Fall Education Seminar at the Inn at Bay Harbor. Once again, this event presented an array of subject matter. It was also an opportunity for members to network with others and discuss a variety of issues. A tremendous amount of preparation went into the event. Program Chair Norm Thomas did a great job in arranging speakers and topics. Alicia Worthley was constantly behind the scenes ensuring the programs flowed as they should and monitoring attendance for continuing education credit. The success of the Fall Seminar and the General Membership Meetings depends on member participation.

As with many organizations, there were a corps of regulars who helped make the Fall Seminar a worthwhile and satisfying event. But, we are constantly looking for new ideas and people to present them. If you are approached by the Program Chair or another Board member about speaking or participating at the Fall Seminar or Monthly Meeting, please consider it seriously. Better yet, volunteer to present a discussion. Perhaps, you are aware of a topic which would be of interest to a particular discipline, or a current issue. At the very least, feel free to suggest topics which are germane to the right of way profession. Finally, if you haven't attended a Membership Meeting or the Fall Seminar in a while (or ever) plan on doing so soon. I guarantee you will be pleasantly surprised and glad you did!

Michael A. Oakes, Newsletter Chair

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Every man owes some of his time to the upbuilding of the profession to which he belongs.

–Theodore Roosevelt

president's chapter message
Richard W. Roth

I hope everyone is enjoying *summer* in October. This is the first time in my life I have had the air conditioning on in a house where I was living in October. *Who'da thunk it.* Of course, by the time you receive this newsletter, it could be snowing!

Norm Thomas, SR/WA and Alicia Worthley, SR/WA, put together another great program for the Fall Education Seminar at the Inn at Bay Harbor. The presenters were all good and we had another successful Silent Auction. I had the privilege of presenting, in person, our chapters annual donation to Mr. Joe Neighbors, Treasurer of the Right of Way International Education Foundation. As expected, attendance was down from prior years with the cut-backs at MDOT, but it was still a successful program.

Also, as part of the business meeting held at the beginning of the Fall Seminar, Jeff Jones, SR/WA, chair of the nominations committee, presented the following slate of officers:

President-Elect and International Director (2year.):
Norman Thomas, SR/WA

Vice President: Laura Southwell, R/W-RAC

Treasurer: Kimberly Tassen

Secretary: Paul Sander, SR/WA

Ass't. Secretary Treasurer: Steve Roon

Professional Development Chair 2011: David Maturen, SR/WA

The nominations remain open until the vote at the November 8th General Membership Meeting in East Lansing MI. Of course our current President-Elect Andy Reed automatically becomes President in January.

The *Ethics* class on October 3rd, before the seminar, was well attended by 24 dedicated right of way professionals and the instructor, Joe Neighbors, did a great job with a difficult subject.

The Fall Region Forum was held on October 5th & 6th in Louisville, KY. Andy Reed, Jeff Jones, SR/WA, Dave Maturen, SR/WA, and Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA all attended the program.

The final General Membership Meeting of the year is being held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, MI on November 8th. Please make your reservations early and support your Chapter.

Also the final Executive Board Meeting of the year will be held on December 6th at the Washtenaw County Road Commission offices on Zeeb Road in Ann Arbor. This is the all important budget meeting so all officers and committee chairs should plan on attending.

It's time to enjoy a great fall day in Michigan, so I'll end by saying I look forward to seeing everyone in November at the last General Membership Meeting for 2007.

Congratulations!

significant professional achievements

Way to go, Ron!

Ron Sneller has achieved his R/W-NAC certification.

Laura, your plaque and pin are on the way!

International Professional Development Committee has approved ***Laura K. Southwell*** for registration as a Senior Member of the International Right Of Way Association.

Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA,
Chapter 7 PDC Chair
Real Estate Manager, Consumers Energy

SARPA Scholarship

At the 2007 Michigan Chapter Seven Fall Education Seminar, Joe Neighbors, Treasurer of the Right of Way International Education Foundation touched on the SARPA Scholarship. This year the scholarship amount is $5,000 and can be given to one person or split among several.

The form to apply is available on the IRWA website at http://www.irwaonline.org/EWEB/upload/Forms/M407.doc

The application should be sent to Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA, Chapter Professional Development Chair by January 11, 2008. The Chapter Professional Development Committee will make the recommendation to the Chapter President for approval.

submitted by: Jeffrey L. Jones, SR/WA / jjones@rcoc.org

October 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2007
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Fall Education Seminar

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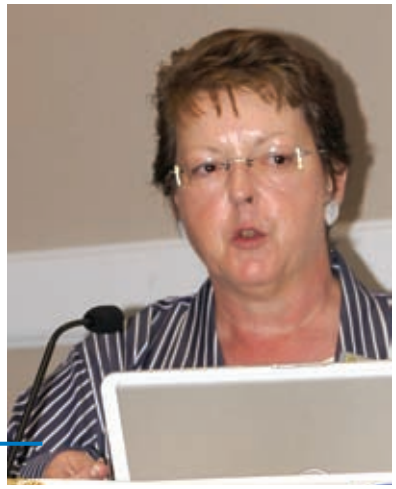
At right, Joe Neighbors receives a $1000. check for the RWIEF from Chapter 7 President, Dick Roth



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al The official welcome from Chapter President, Dick Roth

bl Alicia Worthley in Bay Harbor

cl Linn Smith, MDOT Aeronautics

Right: The whole Thomas Family - Robin, Luke and Norm - enjoying Northern Michigan at the 2007 Fall Seminar

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Above: Some Chapter 7 members enjoy the lovely weather and socialize on the porch at the Perry Hotel in Petosky just prior to Dinner at Stafford's

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dl Dave Maturen: *MI Appraisal Law*

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Course Facilitator, Joe Neighbors III, Esquire, SR/WA, leads *IRWA Class 103: Ethics and the Right of Way Profession* held on Wednesday just before the Fall Seminar

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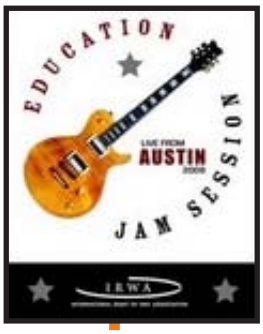

Did you know that IRWA members can get up to 24 hours of SR/WA Designation and Certification Program recertification credit for attendance at the Annual International Education Conference?

The 54th Annual Education Conference will be held in Austin, TX, June 22-25, 2008

IRWA Members may obtain up to 24 hours of recertification credit if registered for the full conference. Daily registrants will receive 8 hours per day of registration. Start planning *NOW* for next summer's conference!

Hey, Norm, enjoy the scenery, the sun and the 80 degrees while you're taking a break.

Luke Thomas, above in the green shirt, double-checks the Auction proceed tabulations - with his helpers

At left: The semi-official Chapter 7 auctioneer and some priceless art. (Did anyone remember to call *Antiques Roadshow*?)

Louisville, KY
Region 5 Fall Forum

View from the Galt House in Louisville

Region 5 Officers: Sec't. Mary Anne Marr, Chair Donna Hunter and Vice-Chair Jerry Lund

Chapter 7 attendees with "old" region banner: Dave Maturen, Mary Anne Marr, Jeff Jones and Andy Reed

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