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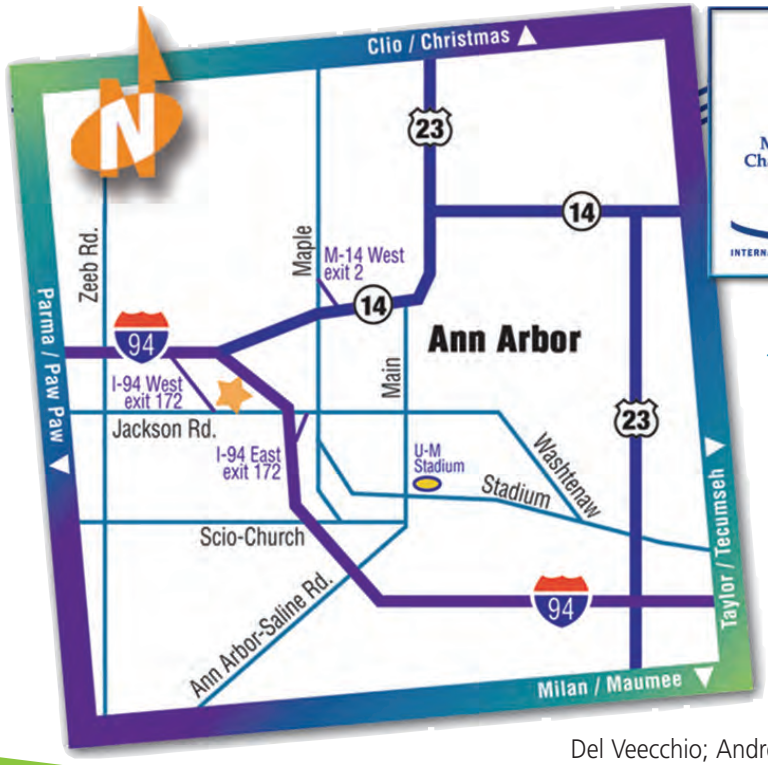

Annual Dinner Meeting & Installation of Officers

Friday, June 11. 2010 • 6:30PM

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6:30pm – **Registration & Welcome Reception**

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Prime Rib: 12oz. house specialty and served with au jus
Chicken Piccata: Sautéed chicken breast with mushrooms, lemon, artichokes, and white wine
Asiago Encrusted Talapia: Housemade breadcrumbs with asiago & romano cheeses grilled to a golden brown and topped with casino butter
– all dinners include vegetables, tossed salad and assorted pastries

8:00pm – **Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers** – Administraition of oath led by Mary Anne Marr , SR/WA to incoming President Laura Southwell, SR/WA, R/W-RAC and your 2010-2011 Executive Board.

Registration Fee is $45. /per person. If you have additional questions about this meeting or menu, please contact Laura Southwell, SR/WA: 734 327 6694 / phone • SOUTHWELLL@wcroads.org / email

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Registration Information / Reservation Form

- Make checks payable to: Chapter 7 IRWA
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Notes from Committee

Hello Chapter 7 Members,

Cha - Cha - Changes & the Annual Installation Banquet

This year the Chapter made some revisions to the by-laws and one of those revisions was the change in the administrative year. The change necessitates moving the Installation Banquet from potentially snowy, nasty January to a pleasant (hopefully) June date.

This year the International Right of Way Association, Michigan Chapter 7 Installation of Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, June 11, 2010 beginning with registration and a Welcome Reception at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor, MI. All the information for the Installation Banquet is on page 1.

Coming Up: Fall Education Seminar & IRWA Course 103

Put the IRWA Chapter 7 Fall Education Seminar dates on your calendar. This year the Fall Education Seminar will be held at the Inn at Bay Harbor in Bay Harbor, MI. The seminar will begin on Wednesday evening September 29th with a Welcome Reception and Silent Auction. The seminar will continue with educational speakers and hospitality on Thursday, September 30th and Friday, October 1st concluding at 12 noon.

Also on Wednesday September 29th in conjunction with the seminar we will be holding IRWA Course 103 "Ethics and the Right of Way" for 8 a.m. to 5:00 pm. Our instructor for the course will be past IRWA International President Faith Roland, SR/WA. The brochure for the course is attached.

A Reminder to All Members

Please check your contact information on the IRWA website: www.irwaonline.org

It is VERY information your information is correct and current. If your place of employment has changed, you moved your home or office, or even if you have decided your cell phone is the best way to reach you: please update your contact information!

And that means on the roster, too:
contact Tim Davis, 517 768 7153 / phone • trdavis@cai-engr.com / e-mail

Paul Sander is just waiting to hear from YOU!

What Would YOU Like to Hear About?

These meetings are for you: are there any potential speakers or hot topics you would like to recommend for future meetings? Contact: Paul Sander, paulesander@gmail.com

He's waiting to hear from you.

Thank you for your time and we hope to see you at the Installation of Officers, June 11th and the Annual Fall Education Seminar September 29th through October 1st.

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

1 Final Note

Thank you Chapter 7.

I have grown, I have developed and I sure have aged. We have been very busy tending to the International agenda as well as the Region and local Chapter. The most important item I have learned: listen. Listen to the Executive Board, listen to the Committee Chairs and listen to the Members. There is an enormous amount of information out there.

The real estate market has been quite turbulent over the last eighteen months. However, our membership continues to help each other out. We are the Michigan Chapter, yet more than a chapter – we are a team. We work as a team. As I stated at our last meeting "We are problem solvers. We find solutions."

Our meeting at ITC was fantastic. Co-sponsored with ASA, more than 80 attendees walked out with information on real property, fixtures and business value, a new perspective on energy transmission, a great lunch, great networking, and 5 continuing education credits. That is a full day.

June 11, 2010 at Weber's Inn we will install the new Executive Board. This is a very important event that everyone should attend. Our incoming President Laura Southwell, SR/WA, R/W-RAC is ready to go. You will be seeing and hearing a lot about IRWA. What is better is that the communities and organizations around us are going to be seeing and hearing even more about us. Get ready, hang on to your hat and let's go!

Norm

It's like a garage sale without the garage!

… a yard sale without the yard!

Annual Education Benefit Auction

It's time to start cleaning-up and clearing-out your home and office of all those gently loved items for the ever-popular and always-entertaining Annual Education Benefit Auction!

Look around. You *must* have some used, but still-usable items. And you *probably* have a couple of brand-new – still with the price-tags – things that just weren't quite right, but were just too much trouble to return. So, grab all that stuff you no longer need (but just *know* someone else could use) and put it up for auction for a great cause!

We are in need of still-usable, unique and/or antique items for our Annual Benefit Auction to continue supporting Right of Way education. Start the hunt now and we'll give you all the details in the next issue!

Mark your calendars. Update your PDAs.

2010 Fall Seminar Alert!

Located near Petosky in the northern area of the Lower Peninsula, this grand area is surrounded by beauty and history alike. Standing on the shore of Lake Michigan, the Inn at Bay Harbor is a fresh, inspired destination, conceived in the spirit of the great turn-of-the-century lakeside hotels that defined the golden age of vacationing. With the natural environment and quaint nearby shops, the Inn at Bay Harbor resort was recognized by *Travel + Leisure* magazine as one of The World's Best Hotels.

The Inn at Bay Harbor enchants guests with spectacular Lake Michigan views, and offers 45 breathtaking holes of championship golf, including Bay Harbor Golf Club, a full service spa and salon, an award-winning restaurant and shopping in the Village of Bay Harbor.

You don't want to miss the 2010 Fall Education Seminar! Watch your mailbox for the next issue of The Great Lakes State•ment to get all the details and Reservation forms.

General Membership Meeting • May 2010
ITC Headquarters • Novi, MI

We did it! We gained access to the ITC campus in Novi.

During our business meeting, Kim Tassen was presented with her SR/WA Certificate from Pat Petitto (near right.) Then, Mike Lohmeier (top right) and Jason LeRoy (bottom right) gave a great presentation on all the facets of real estate valuation.

After lunch, came the ITC tour and presentation: ITCTransmission, is the first independently-owned and operated electricity transmission company in the United States. ITCTransmission is in the business of transmitting high voltage electricity from generating facilities in southeastern Michigan, other Midwestern states and Ontario to distribution substations, serving a population of approximately 4.9 million people in an area comprised of 13 southeastern Michigan counties, including the Detroit metropolitan area. Their assets consist of approximately 2,700 circuit miles of transmission lines, approximately 17,000 transmission towers and poles and 155 stations and substations. ITCTransmission operates, maintains and invests in the transmission infrastructure in order to improve efficiency in the flow of electricity, enhance system reliability and lower overall delivered energy costs.

Green Power Express – Once built the Green Power Express transmission project will traverse portions of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana and will ultimately include approximately 3,000 miles of extra high-voltage (765 kV) transmission. Project cost is estimated at between $10 and $12 billion.

Joe Bennett, Director of Facilities and Security – Presented the construction aspects of the Novi facility involving time lines and the environmental as well as security items embedded within the site and project.

Darrel Yohnk, Director, Real Time Operations – Provided a brief description of the grid and toured three groups to the viewing room. It was *Patriot Games* at its finest and a teenager's video game to the "nth" degree.

Joe Dudak, Vice President, Major Contracts and Special Projects – Gave a terrific presentation on the historic, present and future transmission needs and how ITC is accommodating these requirements.

Christine Mason Soneral, Vice President and General Counsel of Utility Operations – Provided insight on the acquisition of required easements to accommodate the increasing demand for energy and the transmission of this energy. Discussion pertained to the acquisition and sometimes litigation involved in the easements.

We are very fortunate to have ITC assist our Chapter in this membership meeting. We thank Barbara Mention for assisting in the coordination of this event and the entire ITC Group for being great Hosts.

Spring Meeting • Napa, CA
The Appraisal Foundation (TAF)

The highlight of the Spring Meeting of The Appraisal Foundation (TAF) was the selection of the first members of the Appraisal Practices Board (APB): Gary Taylor, Chair; Jay Fishman, VC; and members Guy Griscom, Mark Linne, Alok Mahajan, Alan Hummel, and Jim Vernor. Rick Baumgardner, our friend from the Kentucky Chapter and Former Region 5 Chair was named as the Chair of the Appraiser Qualifications Board.

L to R: Randall Kopfer, IRWA Valuation Committee Chair and NAIFA Rep to TAF, Randy Williams, IRWA VP & Treasurer and Dave Maturen, IRWA Rep to TAF.

Course #103
Ethics and the Right of Way Profession

September 29, 2010 • **1 day:** 8 AM - 5 PM DAILY • **CEU Credits:** 8.00

Tuition: $265 member / $330 non-member – Late registration fee of $25 after: 8/27/2010
Course Tuition includes Participant's Manual.

Course Description: This course combines lecture and practical learning exercises as a means of exchanging ideas and solutions to ethical conflicts.

This course outlines the concept of ethics and acquaints the IRWA Member with the Rules of Professional Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures.

Successful completion of this Course, or Course 104, "Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional," is a requirement for initial completion and recertification of the SR/WA Designation and Certification Program and is mandatory every five years for recertification purposes.

Topics: At the conclusion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Express, in their own words, the basic concepts contained in the IRWA Code of Ethics (Code) and the Rules of Professional Conduct (Rules)
- Understand why the Code and Rules are important to them as professionals
- Know where to find and how to broadly apply the Code and Rules
- Have a general working knowledge of the disciplinary regulations that administer the Code and Rules
- Recognize inappropriate professional behavior and identify situations that may produce complaints about ethics
- Provide practical suggestions for resolving conflicts of ethics when they occur

Facilitator: Faith A. Roland, SR/WA – CEO, Roland Resources, Inc.: Faith Roland is a celebrated leader in the Public Land Acquisition Industry, driving large scale infrastructure projects for the public good. Ms. Roland has managed and completed over $200 Million in voluntary land transactions, acquiring and/or preserving over 110,000 acres of public land in the State of Washington alone. These projects have resulted in the development of over 200 miles of trails and 1000's of acres of open space preserved in the Northwest. In addition, Faith is also an expert on Rural Airport acquisition and relocations projects as well as Conservation and Mitigation programs. Ms. Roland has been involved in the Right of Way profession since 1994, and served as the 2008-09 International President of the International Right of Way Association, the gold standard for Right of Way Professionals with more than 10,000 members around the globe. She has twice received Professional of the Year acknowledgement from her home IRWA chapter.

Class Location & Accommodations: The Inn at Bay Harbor
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From the Casper WY *Star-Tribune*

California decision affects wind energy

CASPER, WY – The California Public Utilities Commission recently adopted a measure that may have a negative effect on Wyoming's wind energy market.

In March, the commission issued an order limiting the volume of tradable renewable energy credits that public utilities there can buy to meet California's renewable portfolio standard.

On the face of it, it may sound like a good thing for Wyoming wind developers. But officials here say the order views Wyoming wind as a renewable credit rather than deliverable renewable power.

"They created another round of chaos in the marketplace as it relates to these proposed (wind energy and electrical transmission) projects," said Steve Ellenbecker, executive director of the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority.

The order is on hold, for now. California's major public utilities are opposed to the measure, as are wind developers outside the Golden State. The move has had a chilling effect on at least one major electrical transmission proposal aimed at sending Wyoming wind energy to the desert Southwest.

"Wyoming wind should be very attractive to the California market. But clearly there are some regulatory and political issues in California that cloud the opportunities for Wyoming's renewables," said John Dunn, manager of TransCanada's Zephyr Power Transmission Line Project.

The proposed Zephyr transmission line would tap into about 3,000 megawatts of wind energy in the Medicine Bow area and connect to Idaho, then span south through eastern Nevada to south of Las Vegas.

TransCanada also proposes to construct the Chinook Power Transmission Line — a 3,000-megawatt-capacity line from south-central Montana to southern Nevada.

Dunn said TransCanada recently secured agreements with "credit-worthy" wind developers to meet the 3,000-megawatt capacity for the $3 billion Zephyr line.

"Permitting costs are on order of $80 million. So this is a major investment decision. We're looking for greater certainty in making a decision" to move forward, Dunn said.

Dunn suspects California's budget crisis places a lot of pressure on state leaders there to create as many jobs as possible. Developing renewable energy in the state is viewed as one way to do that.

There are seven proposals to construct new high-voltage transmission lines from Wyoming to large urban areas of the desert Southwest, with the California market being the major target. Ellenbecker said California's tradable renewable energy credit order jeopardizes not only the Zephyr project, but it likely injects some amount of uncertainty into all projects backed by independent developers.

The Energy Gateway South and Energy Gateway West projects, for example, likely are not affected because those are backed by large public utilities with stronger financial wherewithal.

Ellenbecker said he's attended several state-level agency meetings in California regarding renewable energy, and the desire to develop in-state resources is strong — and not just in California.

"States are falling all over themselves to promote in-state renewable development. You ought to see the unions, material suppliers and contractors cry out for California to build the resources there for the benefit of their economy and jobs," Ellebecker said.

While he believes states should develop their own renewable sources of energy, Ellenbecker said it's also vital to integrate the entire Western grid with renewable energy, fossil fuels and all energy sources.

"It's to the customers' advantage to develop (energy) at the lowest cost, and to integrate the grid," said Ellenbecker.

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Book Review

Valerie Lafferty, SR/WA

Randal O'Toole, author of *Gridlock: Why We're Stuck in Traffic and What To Do About It,* (published 2009 by the Cato Institute*,) starts from the premise that government transportation philosophy favors less cars and more rail. The author believes the current costly planning philosophy will fail because rail will be underutilized, therefore will lead to more congestion, less mobility, and a continuing dampening of our overall economy without benefit to environment or energy savings. He supports his argument with several examples of why cars, with their increased mobility, account for much of America's wealth, better housing options, most affordable goods as well as provide the freedom/liberty we all enjoy. Mr. O'Toole believes the light rail concept is trying to replicate the synergies of European mixed-used towns versus the reality of our own American experience. Other than pay-to-use as an alternative to the more public scope of rail, the author offers somewhat vague references to using the latest technologies and dealing with negative effects in a cost-efficient manner as being viable options. Gridlock is one point of view and important to the continuing discussion of transportation and land-use planning.

*Cato Institute, according to Wikipedia, is "a pro-free market, libertarian think tank headquartered in Washington, D.C."

Editor's Note: Last month's issue of *The Great Lakes State•ment* inadvertently contained a promotional blurb of the book *Gridlock* by Randall O'Toole, a member of the Cato Institute; a so-called "think tank" that promotes free market ideas and is headquartered in Washington D.C.

Chapter 7 in no way endorses nor condemns this book. Rather, it was my intention to include a review of the book by Valerie Lafferty, SR/WA. Ms. Lafferty is a past President of Michigan IRWA Chapter 7 and also a member of the Cato Institute. Ms. Lafferty's review is included here and is intended only to promote continued discussion regarding the priorities of transportation and land-use planning.

Michael A. Oakes, Editor

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The next issue of *The Great Lakes State•ment* will have all the details and registration forms, but put it on your calendar now, and start making your plans today for the Fall Education Seminar – at the Inn at Bay Harbor.

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