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Chapter 7 Fall Education Seminar-Region Fall Forum
Mission Point Resort-Mackinac Island

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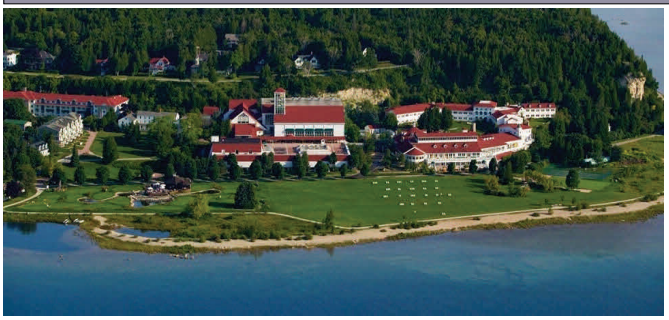

September 28-30,2011
6633 Main Street
Mackinac Island, MI
800-833-7711

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION
Michigan Chapter 7
Mission Point, Mackinac Island
Tentative Fall Seminar Program

Wednesday, September 28

6:00 pm	Registration
6:30 pm	Welcome Reception
8:00 pm	Hospitality Suite / Silent Auction

Thursday, September 29

7:30 am	Registration / Sign in / Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Introductions/General Membership meeting – President Kim Tassen
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Fred Walasavage- Overview of Project Development and National Environmental Process
10 am – 11 am	Chris Lamus – GIS
11 am – 12 Noon	Matt Delong, MDOT - Real Estate Administrator- Updates on Right of Way from AASHTO and MDOT
12 Noon - 1 pm	Lunch
1 pm - 2 pm	Lynn Lynwood – Landscape Architect, Manager, Michigan Department of Transportation- Context Sensitive Solutions and Right of Way
2 pm – 4 pm	Michigan Law Update – Thomas McCarthy and Boris Yakima
4 pm – 5 pm	Tom Jay and Paul Sander- The Art of Estimating Projects
6:30 pm	Dinner – Wood's Reastaurant (Business Casual)

Friday, September 30

7:30 am	Registration / Sign in / Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 9 am	Introductions – IRWA Chapter 7 – President Kim Tassen, Randy Wil-
liams IRWA -	President –Daniel Stekol - Business Development Chair
9:00 am – 10 am	Glenn Spence - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Real Estate Division, Detroit District
10:00 am -12 Noon	Gary Wozniak/Jerry Rosenfeld - Green Right of Way– Promoting Sound Environmental Policies

Adjournment

Accommodation Details

A block of rooms has been set-aside for Seminar attendee's at the following rates per night:

Carriage/Garden Rooms:
$119.00 Single/Double;
$139.00 Triple; $159 Quadruple

Lake View Rooms:
$139.00 Single/Double
Forest Family Suite: $179.00
*all plus taxes

Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-833-7711.

One night's room charge will be made when confirming the reservation. Mention the group code "IRWA" when making your reservations. Reservations are available and must be made by August 27, 2011. Be sure to check the Shepler's Ferry schedule for departure times. The ferry tickets will be available at the ticket counter.

The Thursday night dinner is scheduled to be held at the Wood's Restaurant. This will be business casual, no coat and tie required.

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President's Chapter Message
Kimberly Tassen,
SR/WA, R/W-NAC

July 1st marks the beginning of the new term of office for the chapter, region and international officers. We are looking forward to a productive and educational year. The next edition of our newsletter will focus on our incoming chapter officers. This edition of the newsletter will focus on the International Right of Way Association's 57th Annual International Education Conference that was held this year in Atlanta, Georgia, or *Hotlanta*, as the locals refer to it. The conference was filled with education, networking, great food, opportunities, celebrations and surprises. There were numerous educational sessions presented by seasoned subject matter experts, cutting edge technology trade show, casino night education fund raiser, and captivating, inspirational guest speakers. The conference had approximately 1,100 registrants, with a record number of members and guests attending from Michigan Chapter 7. The members who were fortunate enough to attend thank their employers and families for being supportive in whatever ways it took to get them there to enjoy the benefits of this wonderful opportunity. It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to attend the annual conference and to be able to benefit personally and professionally as a result. If you are reading this and have never taken the opportunity to attend an IRWA annual education conference, I encourage you to seriously consider it and take the steps now to ensure that you are able to attend next year, in Seattle, Washington. I would also encourage you to become a candidate for the SR/WA designation or one of several certifications offered through the IRWA, the world's leader in the right of way profession.

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Welcome New IRWA Members

1. Sarah Traxler
2. Phillip Case
3. Debriah Wilson
4. Matthew Bissett
5. Kate Frances Fetkenhier
6. Michael Friend
7. Robert Bourgeois
8. Jill Jedele
9. Jeffrey Autenrieth
10. Aaron Fisk
11. Michael Mueller
12. Jeffrey Williams
13. Christopher Lamus
14. Zachariah Meyer
15. Jane Newman
16. Teresa Stassines
17. Laura Sanford
18. Eric Vilhauer
19. Carl Bradley

Nineteen new members joined the Michigan Chapter 7 International Right of Way Association the first half of 2011. When given the opportunity, please introduce yourself and share the many benefits of membership.

For new member registrations:

Visit **www.irwaonline.org**
or contact Margaret Steketee
firstrow@grar.com

President's Message Continued..

Some of the conference highlights included Jeannine Myers, SR/WA of Commonwealth Associates, who received her SR/WA designation; Pat Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, of Greenstar & Associates, who is now International Secretary; Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA, of Consumers Energy, was re-elected as Region 5 Chair, Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award Finalist and International Executive Committee nominee; Consumers Energy, who received the company with more than 20 employees Employer of the Year award; Jeff Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC, of the Road Commission for Oakland County, was re-elected as Region 5 Vice Chair, and Jason Plummer, through Henry Horton, of Rowe Professional Service Company, who received the Best in Show Award and the winner of the Utility Category in the 9th Annual Right of Way Mapping Competition. We are very fortunate to have a strong chapter with members and officers who are passionate about what they do and are willing to volunteer their time toward the growth of their profession. There will be two new award categories offered at next year's education conference: Website of the Year and Facilitator of the Year. I am confident that our chapter will have no problems applying for these categories as well as the many other award categories. Our chapter strives for excellence, and it shows. Give yourselves a round of applause, because you deserve it, Chapter 7!

-Kim

Education Benefit Auction

Going...going...gone!

Don't forget! Dig out those treasures!

New items, sporting goods, homemade goods, slightly used items, pictures, electronics, novelty items, tickets, jewelry, etc…

Silent auction to be held at the Fall Education Seminar, Mission Point, Mackinac Island

For questions, contact Lynn Hall
lhall@aone-elexco.com

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Annual Education Conference, Atlanta Highlights

Left: Installation of International and Regional Officers

Above: Kim Tassen and Pat Petitto

Chapter 7 Dinner: Back Row: Ron Densmore, Henry Horton with son, Henry Horton, Jr., Laura Stensland, Beth Skowronski, Tim Davis, Allan Vasaris, Jerry Rosenfeld, John Petitto, Scott Cheetham, Jeff Jones, Jeannine Meyers, Nancy and Dave Maturen Front Row: Mary Anne Marr, Norm Thomas, Kim Tassen, Laura Southwell, Pat Petitto and Nancy Jones.

Left: International Banquet Dinner From Left: Dave and Nancy Maturen, Beth Skowronski, Mary Anne Marr, John and Pat Petitto, Jeff and Nancy Jones, Laura Southwell, Kim Tassen, Henry and Heidi Horton.

Chapter 7 hard at work at the Region Caucus from Left: Tim Davis, Norm Thomas, Laura Southwell and Kim Tassen.

Jeff and Nancy Jones, Mary Anne Marr and Ron Densmore.

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Annual Education Conference, Atlanta Highlights

International Employer of the Year Award

The Employer of the Year Award recognizes associate companies which actively support their employees as IRWA members. Each company demonstrates strong employee support and commitment at chapter, regional and international levels of the Association in terms of participation, financing, time allowance, facilities, service, etc.

Congratulations Consumers Energy for winning the Employer of the Year Award for companies with over 20 employees! Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA, Region 5 Chair and Director of Real Estate, Consumers Energy accepted the award at the Annual IRWA International Education Conference.

International Mapping Award

The 9th IRWA Annual Surveying and Engineering Mapping Competition had a total of 14 submittals in the five categories (Highway, Pipeline, Telecommunications, Utility, and Other). Judging was completed by the committee members, the majority of which are surveyors from across the US and Canada. Once the individual category winners were determined, a "Best of Show" was chosen.

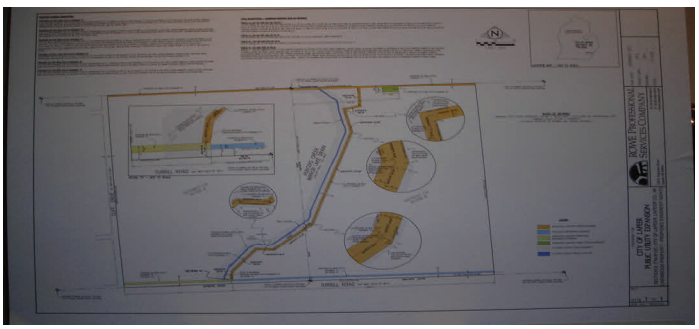
In 2011 only one entry was from Michigan (Chapter 7) which was the winner in the **"Utility"** category and also for the **"Best of Show Competition"**. The winning entry was prepared by **Jason Plummer** of ROWE Professional Services Company's Lapeer office. Jason's submission was a very detailed map representing all new easements proposed across a single owner's property for a water and sanitary sewer project for the City of Lapeer. The judges were impressed with the detail and the clarity by the use of color and hatching.

The winners of the competition were announced at the Annual IRWA Education Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, but the plaques for both prizes were presented to Jason at the Chapter 7 Annual Banquet at the Motor City Casino in Detroit on June 24. Jason's wife, Ann, was also in attendance along with the award winning map.

These awards recognize the outstanding work that Jason completes every day for his clients and his company – I know that this award is well deserved since I have the privilege of working with him every day.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry B. Horton, PS
Lapeer Office Survey Manager
ROWE PSC



Project of the Year Competition

A Significant Media Opportunity for Your Right of Way Project

Last October, the 2010 Project of the Year Winner received massive media attention. More than 147 million online media exposures were reported by PR Newswire, the most trusted name in the public news media. So enter the competition and get the kudos you deserve!

Deadline August 1st!!

What does the winner receive?

The winning project will be awarded with incredible media exposure, including:

- Cover photo and feature article in Right of Way Magazine November/December 2011 issue
- Promotional announcement on the IRWA website
- Electronic news release distributed throughout North America (100 million potential online exposures)
- Customized press release for use with local media
- Acknowledgement at the 2012 Annual Conference in Seattle

Plus... three FREE registrations for IRWA's 2012 Annual Conference in Seattle!

Find submission guidelines and details regarding the competition at:

www.irwaonline.org

Three Ways to Submit:

Email to:	magazine@irwaonline.org
Fax to:	(310) 538-1471
Mail to:	Right of Way Magazine Project of the Year Competition 19210 S. Vermont Ave. Building A, Suite 100 Gardena, CA 90248

Here's what last year's winner says about the competition...

"Earning IRWA's Project of the Year award has been such an honor. Not only have we received massive amounts of positive media recognition, the team has been inspired by the acknowledgment of their efforts. Follow-up articles have been written and we're still getting inquires about our best practices. In other words, others are also reaping the benefits. It's like a gift that keeps on giving."

C. Wayne Larsen, SR/WA, R/W-AC, R/W-URAC
Right of Way Manager
Parsons Brinkerhoff

International Right of Way Association

Michigan Chapter 7

2011 Fall Education Seminar

September 28 - 30, 2011

Mission Point
Mackinac Island, Michigan

Registration Fee per person: $250.00 - Education Session Registration
$135.00 - Spouses and Guests

Please make checks payable to: **IRWA Chapter 7**

Mail registration to: Jeff Jones, SR/WA
Road Commission for Oakland County
2420 Pontiac Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48328

Name		IRWA Membership No.
Company/Agency		
Address		
City	State	Zip code
Phone / Work	E-mail Address	
Appraiser name as it appears on license		License No. and Type
Real Estate Broker name as it appears on license		License No. and Type
Real Estate Sales name as it appears on license		License No. and Type
Spouse / Guest		
Spouse / Guest		
Education Registration	@ $250.00	$
Guest Registration	@ $135.00	$
TOTAL		$

Registrations and checks MUST be received by September 19,2011

Questions? Contact: Jeff Jones, jjones@rcoc.org, 248-858-4783

IRWA MICHIGAN CHAPTER 7

INVITES YOU TO

2011 Region 5 Fall Forum

September 30 – October 1, 2011

Mission Point Resort - Mackinac Island, Michigan

Michigan Chapter Seven extends an invitation to you to attend the **2011 Region 5 Fall Forum**. This year's Fall Forum will be held at **Mission Point Resort**, One Lakeshore Drive, Mackinac Island, Michigan 49757 Telephone 1-800-833-7711

A block of rooms has been set-aside for Forum attendee's at the following rates per night:
Carriage/Garden Rooms: $119.00 single/double; $139.00 Triple; $159 Quadruple
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Reservations must be made by **August 27, 2011**.

Be sure to check the Shepler's Ferry schedule for departure times. Check in at the ticket office to receive tickets.

The Forum will begin Friday evening, September 30, 2011 with a welcome reception, hosted by Chapter 7, to greet all of the attendees. The meeting will begin Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. The continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday and the ferry tickets are included in the Forum cost.

Registration Form – 2011 Region 5 Fall Forum – Mackinac Island, Michigan

Name_____ Chapter _____

Guest(s)_____

E-mail_____ Phone_____

Cost for the Region Forum is $100.00 per person (includes continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the Grand Hotel and carriage ride on Saturday and the round trip ferry service)

Please return form no later than **September 9, 2011** made payable to: **IRWA Chapter 7** Send form and payment to:

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RCOC
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Waterford, MI 48328

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e-mail: jjones@rcoc.org

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION
MICHIGAN CHAPTER 7
2011-2012 EVENTS SCHEDULE

August 11, 2011	Executive Board Meeting Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; Livonia
September 28, 2011	Executive Board Meeting Mackinac Island
Sept. 29 - 30, 2011	Fall Education Seminar Mackinac Island
Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2011	Fall Region Forum Mackinac Island
October, 2011	International Right of Way Month
November, 3, 2011	General Membership Meeting Zehnder's; Frankenmuth
December 8, 2011	Executive Board Meeting Washtenaw County Road Commission, Ann Arbor
February 16, 2012	Executive Board Meeting JR Group, LLC, Detroit
March 8, 2012	General Membership Meeting Weber's Inn; Ann Arbor
April 12, 2012	Executive Board Meeting Commonwealth; Jackson
April 27-29, 2012	Spring Region Forum Indianapolis, Indiana
May 17, 2012	General Membership Meeting DTE Energy, Detroit
June 10 - 13, 2012	Annual Education Conference Seattle, Washington
June ___, 2012	Installation of Officers TBD

Note: All Executive Board Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.
All General Membership meetings start at 8:00 a.m. with registration.

Education & Development

Register Today for Upcoming Courses!

Contact for Course 900: Jim Aiello, P.E., jjaiello@cai-engr.com
Contact for Course 606: Jeff Jones, jjones@rcoc.org

Course 900: July 13-14
Principles of Real
Estate Engineering
Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor
Facilitator: Paul Sander SR/WA

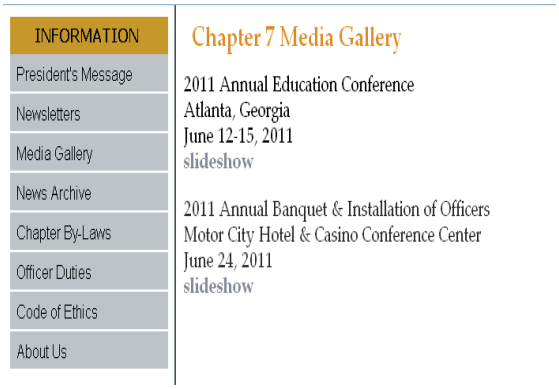
Course 606: September 28
The Environmental Process
Mission Point
Mackinac Island, MI
Facilitator: Fred Walasavage

Two Chapter 7 Members Receive SR/WA Designation

At the IRWA Annual Education Conference, Ken Davis, SR/WA , out-going International President presented Jeannine Meyers, SR/WA with her plaque and pin. Congratulations Jeannine Meyers, SR/WA!

At the Chapter 7 Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers, Dave Maturen, SR/WA presented Michael Oakes, SR/WA with his plaque and pin. Congratulations Michael Oakes, SR/WA!

Website-Media Gallery



Another great enhancement has been launched for the Chapter 7 website. Jim Aiello, website chair added a media gallery. Currently, slideshows can be viewed from the 2011 Annual Education Conference and the 2011 Annual Banquet & Installation of Officers.

Keep checking back for more slideshow additions!

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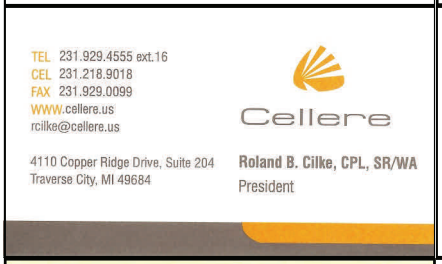

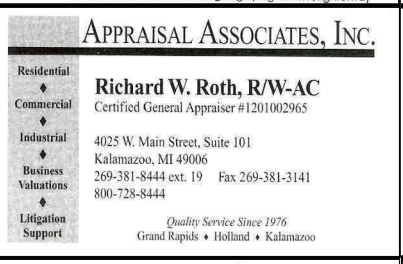

Advertising

If you are interested in advertising in the Great Lakes State•ment and/or the Membership Roster, please contact Tim Davis SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC, for rate information.

Current Rates:

$75.00	GLS business card	$150.00 Roster half page
$75.00	Roster business card	$225.00 Roster full page

Advertisers will need to provide their own ad or business card.

Tim Davis
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The Great Lakes State•ment is a publication for the members of MI Chapter 7 International Right of Way Association (IRWA). Stories and articles of interest are encouraged. Please forward your submissions to:

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Submissions for the August newsletter due by: **August 1st, 2011**

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Address Correction Requested

Fall Education Seminar-Region Fall Forum Mission Point, Mackinac

What:
Fall Education Seminar &
Fall Region Forum

When:
September 28-30
October 1-2

Where:
Mission Point Resort
Mackinac Island

Cost:
Fall Education Seminar
$250 per person
$135 Spouse/Guest

Region Forum
$100 per person