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November Meeting
November 8th, 2012 Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth

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Agenda

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Registration Fee: $40.00

8:00 **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

9:00 **Chapter Business Meeting - Paul Sander, SR/WA**

9:30 **"The Letter and Spirit of the Law" Native American Protection and Repatriation Act**
Eric Hemmenway, Director Archives, Repatriation and Records for the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) is a Federal law that gives tribes the opportunity to claim ancestral human remains and certain items from museums and federal agencies. It also speaks to the duties of those who find remains or are working in areas where remains and cultural artifacts may be located. LTBB Odawa has been active in repatriation work since the tribe's reaffirmation in 1994.

11:00 **MDOT: Current and Future Approaches to Strategic Planning and Partnering for Effective Transportation Project Development. An Update and Discussion - Selena Rae Friend, PE**
This is an opportunity for consultants, local public agencies, and other key stakeholders to meet a leading MDOT engineer and have discussion and dialogue about MDOT's current focus, goals and direction.

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **Bay City - Uptown At River's Edge Development - Jeff Mayes, Consumers Energy**
This recently announced development project is located at the former Industrial Brownhoist property just south of Veterans Memorial Bridge and brings together over a decade's worth of work in developing the riverside property. The property recently was sold to SSP Associates. As part of the development, Consumers Energy will relocate an electric line crossing the Saginaw River and construct a new underground river crossing. The development is expected to bring more than 500 jobs to Bay City and will be home to Dow Corning, McLaren Bay Region and Chemical Bank.

2:00 **Flood Zones & Letter of Map Amendments -Karol Grove - Alpine Surveying**
Karol will discuss FEMA Elevation certificates, the mysteries surrounding the Zone A's in Michigan, and the role surveyors play in the Federal Flood Insurance Program. She will explain the differences between LOMA's and ELOMA's, the application and review process, and talk about some common mistakes made by surveyors when filling out the necessary forms. Karol will also touch upon the surveyor's responsibility to educate their clients, realtors, insurance agents, and municipal employees regarding flood plain issues.

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President's Chapter Message

Paul E. Sander, SR/WA

President's Message

We just finished a whirlwind of meetings including the Fall Seminar at Shanty Creek and the Region 5 Fall Forum in Charlestown, West Virginia (site of the 2013 IRWA Educational Conference). Traveling between both, the Executive Coach passengers included the International President Pat Pettito, SR/WA, the International Secretary-Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA, the Region Chair-Jeff Jones (the driver), SR/WA, our Chapter President-me and Chapter President Elect-Steve Roon, SR/WA. Lots of right of way and IRWA business was discussed during the lengthy ride from Bellaire, Michigan to Charleston, West Virginia and back home again.

Fall Seminar was successful and provided eight hours of continuing education credit for attendees including two hours of law for licensed appraisers and brokers/sales representatives. Thanks to Steve, Larysa Figol, SR/WA, Andy Boettcher, and Jeff for putting on the programs, and of course thanks to our sponsors who help keep our expenses down.

As a chapter, we provide a great service to our members with all the continuing credit from our general membership meetings and fall seminar. The IRWA classes we present through the year helps us achieve certification or credentials to show our education and experience in the right of way profession. It is not an easy task to continue to provide this service to our members. If we want to continue to receive accreditation for our meetings we need to provide quality speakers and topics. I am asking each committee chair to provide Larysa Figol SR/WA with a topic they would like to hear about and a speaker they have seen or would like to invite as a presenter. Larysa will make the call to the speaker and Andy Boettcher will send it in for accreditation. Larysa and Andy are volunteers are the rest of the Board and Committee members. They have a great responsibility in our service to the general membership. Please help us out!

Have a great month and hope to see you in Frankenmuth on November 8, 2012!

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2012–2013 EVENTS SCHEDULE

September 26, 2012	Executive Board Meeting	Shanty Creek, Bellaire, MI
Sept. 26 - 28, 2012	Fall Education Seminar	Shanty Creek, Bellaire, MI
Sept. 28-30, 2012	Fall Region Forum	Charleston, West Virginia
October	International Right of Way Month	Worldwide
November 8, 2012	General Membership Meeting	Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth
December 6, 2012	Executive Board Meeting	WCRC, Ann Arbor
February 7, 2013	Executive Board Meeting	JR Group, LLC, Detroit
March 7, 2013	General Membership Meeting	Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor
April 25, 2013	Executive Board Meeting	Commonwealth, Jackson
April 19-20th, 2013	Spring Region Forum	Wisconsin
May 9, 2013	General Membership Meeting	TBD
June 2013	Installation of Officers Banquet	TBD

Under Construction - LakeWinds Energy Park - Ludington

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Did you know that industry news from around the world can be viewed by either topic or discipline on the IRWA website? Stories are updated daily and are pulled from more than 40,000 sources. Look under the News & Events section of the IRWA website.

Stacie M. Lahr, SR/WA
Congratulations to Chapter 7's newest SR/WA. Stacie was presented with her pin and plaque by International President, Patricia A. Petitto. Posing with Pat and Stacie are Chapter President, Paul Sander, SR/WA and Region 5 Chair, Jeff Jones, SR/WA.

Pat Petitto from Michigan Chapter 7 Graces the Cover of the Right of Way magazine.
Many of our Chapter members have had the opportunity to meet and work with Pat over the years, but for those of you who don't know Pat, take a look at your most recent magazine to discover Pat's plans and goals for the IRWA. In the article Pat talks about her family, her job and her desire to serve the Association. Did you know that Pat's first job with IRWA was to serve as our chapter Newsletter Editor?

Pat took the opportunity to personally autograph copies of the magazine at the Chapter 7 Fall Education Seminar and the Region 5 Fall Forum. In the process, she helped raise $500 for the Right of Way Education Foundation.

November Meeting ~ Registration Form

What:
November Meeting

When:
November 8th, 2012

Where:
Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth

Cost:
Registration
$40 per person

To register, please contact Chapter 7 Vice President, Larysa Figol:

- Mail: City of Troy, 500 West Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48084
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- Phone: 248-524-3380
- Make check payable to: Chapter 7 IRWA
- Fast / Easy Online Registration Available - http://www.irwamichigan.org/

Name:_____

Guest/Spouse Name:_____

Company:_____

Total Attendees: ___ X $40 Total Enclosed: $_____

IRWA Announces Sunrise Powerlink as Winner of Infrastructure Project of the Year

Los Angeles, October 2, 2012 - The International Right of Way Association (IRWA) recently held its annual Project of the Year Competition, designed to shed light on the vital role that right of way professionals play in overseeing the nation's infrastructure projects.

IRWA's 2012 Project of the Year was awarded to Sunrise Powerlink, a San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) project that was put into commercial operation in June. The 500,000-volt transmission line links San Diego to the Imperial Valley, one of the most renewable-rich regions in California.

The nearly $1.9 billion project culminates a five-year environmental review and permitting process, as well as a rigorous 18 month construction schedule that included 117 miles of overhead and underground electric transmission lines. Nearly five million work hours were required to complete project – the equivalent of 2,260 people working 40 hours per week for a year. Because nearly 75 percent of the overhead construction required helicopters for environmental reasons, it took 30,000 flight hours to complete the aerial construction on the towers.

"With the energy shortfalls caused by the area's nuclear facility being offline and the high power demands this summer, the scheduled completion of the Sunrise Powerlink could not have come at a more critical time," said Michael R. Niggli, SDG&E's president and chief operating officer. "While there were significant challenges during construction, SDG&E employees stayed focused and kept the project on schedule. In addition to improving reliability in the region, the Sunrise Powerlink now also provides an important pathway for the clean, renewable energy in the desert region to customers in San Diego."

To construct the Sunrise Powerlink, acquisition of 106 miles of right of way on both private and public lands was required. SDG&E's team of land agents negotiated with 79 different private property owners and nine agencies, resulting in timely acquisitions. SDG&E crews undertook significant efforts to construct the transmission line while complying with extensive environmental mitigation requirements.

Acknowledging the project winner, IRWA International President Patricia Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-NAC noted that, "These right of way professionals have invaluable skills that are essential to successful project delivery. From securing environmental clearances to negotiating property rights, their early involvement in these complex infrastructure projects can ensure substantial cost savings while making it possible to achieve an aggressive schedule," said Pat.

According to IRWA Executive Vice President Mark Rieck, "For the most part, the right of way profession is virtually unknown to the general public. Yet, the conveniences we all take for granted are made possible by these highly-skilled professionals. The highways we drive on, the utilities in our homes and the cell towers that we rely on to communicate all exist because of the expertise they bring to these quality-of-life projects."

The industry's foremost resource, Right of Way Magazine, will feature the Sunrise Powerlink in its November/December issue, along with the Top 10 Projects of the Year, which include:

1) Sunrise Powerlink, San Diego Gas & Electric Company
2) CT*fastrak*, Connecticut Department of Transportation
3) Mountain View Corridor, Utah Department of Transportation
4) City of Virginia Beach's BRAC Response Program, City of Virginia Beach, VA
5) University Light Link Rail, Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority
6) Relocation for South Africa Transmission Line, Eskom Group Capital Land Development
7) Honolulu Rail Transit, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation and Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.
8) CapX2020 High-Voltage Transmission Project, 11 Upper Midwest Utilities
9) Tyrone Land Management Project, Xcel Energy, Wisconsin
10) DFW Connector Project, Texas Department of Transportation and Atkins, Inc.

Consider Entering Your Project For Next Year

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2013 IRWA Dues - By now members have received their 2013 dues notices. Included in your dues is an optional $15.00 contribution to the Right of Way International Education Foundation. The foundation uses all contributions to support the development of IRWA's education programs. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to continue to offer the high quality courses, seminars and online education programs we have. If you would like to make an individual contribution, please visit the RWIEF website. A link to the RWIEF website can be found under the Partners section of the IRWA website at www.irwaonline.org

A Message from RWIEF President, Carol A. Croft, SR/WA

"The future of the right of way profession lies in the ability to develop and obtain quality education. Our society dictates a constant need for an increased level of education. The mission of the Right of Way International Education Foundation is to continue to work diligently and creatively to obtain and maintain the funds needed to support initiatives that expand the level of education for right of way professionals."

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Recent Events - Chapter 7 Fall Education Seminar

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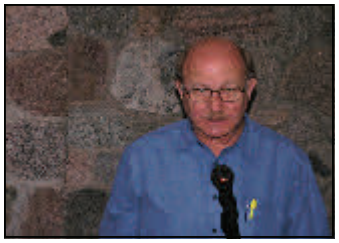
David C. Maturen

IRWA members attending the Fall Education Seminar at Shanty Creek received continuing education credits for real estate sales, appraisal and broker licensing.

Education Update
Upcoming Courses

The Valuation of Partial Acquisitions (Course 421)

December 10-13, 2012 8am-5pm daily

Tuition $755 members / $935 non-members

Weber's Inn Ann Arbor, MI
3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI
Hotel Rates - Single/Double: $89.00 + 9.79% Tax

Instructor - David C. Maturen, SR/WA

Who Should Take This Course? Appraisers, Attorneys, Acquisition Agents or anyone involved in evaluating or acquiring easements or other partial interests.

Topics

- Review of the basic principles and the valuation process
- Utilization of both the Federal ("Before & After") Rule and the State (Summation) Method in the valuation of partial acquisitions
- Applications of various methods to analyze and quantify the impacts of partial acquisitions on remainder properties.
- Analysis of both temporary and permanent easements and valuation techniques.
- How to become a better expert witness.

Registration:

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