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Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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President's Message

Steve R. Roon, SR/WA, R/W-NAC

The past few months have been filled with some great gains and a few shocking losses.

Regretfully two losses I am aware of that I need to take a moment and mention are of a Chapter 7 member and a loved one of a Chapter member. Deena Jo Carlson, wife of Past President and current member of Chapter 7 Scott Carlson, passed away December 28th, 2013 after a courageous six month battle with pancreatic cancer. January 18th, 2014 Jerry Alan Rosenfeld unexpectedly passed away. Jerry was a long time member of IRWA and an avid supporter of Michigan Chapter. I respectfully pass along heartfelt Condolences on behalf of Chapter 7 to the families of both Deena Jo Carlson and Jerry Alan Rosenfeld.

With the loss of loved ones in the forefront of our minds and weighing on our hearts the gains within the chapter lose a little bit of importance. Knowing all the hard work and tremendous effort that went into successfully meeting one of the two goals I laid out this year for this Chapter still needs to be acknowledged. For the first time since Headquarters implemented its current membership growth incentive program Michigan Chapter 7 not only met but exceeded our membership number of 201 members. What a testament to the hard work of the Membership Committee, Marketing Committee and all those that actively participated in the membership drive. Thank you to all the Michigan Chapter 7 members that value the IRWA and the benefits membership provides them. Our second goal is to renew all of our 2013 members moving into 2014, if you have not already renewed your membership please consider doing so soon!

I am excited about what 2014 will have to offer with the many scheduled educational classes, informative and dynamic General Membership meetings that are scheduled for March 6th at Weber's in Ann Arbor and May 15th at an exciting venue yet to be released. Expect a formal announcement as to the location of the May General Membership meeting shortly! Please check out our Chapter Website for more specific information about our scheduled events and education classes at www.irwamichigan.org.

Larysa Figol, SR/WA has been working tirelessly to compile many award applications to be submitted to IRWA Headquarters by February 3rd, 2014 for consideration at the Annual Education Conference to be held in Hartford, Connecticut June 22, 2014 through June 25, 2014. Start making your plans to attend this year's conference; it is an event worth the time and expense. See you there to root for our Chapter and Chapter Members to bring home those awards!

Again, please take some time to get to know your current Executive Board Members and Committee Members and the roles they are volunteering for. Thank them for their service and offer skills or knowledge you possess that may assist us in our new roles, we would love the help! I am proud to serve this Chapter, Please consider serving YOUR chapter in whatever capacity you can, you will not regret it.
Best Regards,

Steve Roon SR/WA, R/W-NAC
Michigan IRWA Chapter 7 President

~In Loving Memory~

Obituary for Mrs. Deena Jo Carlson

Deena Jo Carlson
Lansing, Michigan
Deena passed away December 28, 2013 under the loving care of her family after a courageous six month battle with pancreatic cancer. Deena was born June 8, 1953 in Springfield, Illinois the daughter of Thomas and Jeanene (Case) Johnson. She married Scott Carlson on June 23, 1990 in Lansing and he survives. Besides her loving husband of 23 years, Deena is also survived by her parents, children: Aaron (Holly) Deckard, and Devon (Ty) Bennett and, grandchildren: Nola and Blaise Deckard, and Alanna, Kendal and Addison Bennett, siblings: Debbie Stroemer, Terry (Denny) Willis, Jennifer Reid and Tommy Johnson, mother-in-law, Peggy Carlson, sister-in-law, Vicki (George) Bork and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends. Deena was preceded in death by her grandparents, Russell and Jennie Case, and Ed and Freda Johnson, granddaughter, Tilly Deckard and sister-in-law, Diane Johnson. Deena loved and cherished her family and spending time with them, especially her grandchildren. Deena also loved spending time at the family cabin in Northern Michigan although she never got used to Michigan weather. Her family wants to give special thanks to the nurses in 5West at Sparrow Hospital for the exceptional care she received in her final days. Her family will celebrate her life on Friday, January 3, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Tiffany Funeral Home, Lansing with Reverend Melanie Baker officiating. Interment Delta Center Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday beginning at 12:00 PM until the time of service. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com.

Jerald Alan Rosenfeld, 69, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, died on 18 January 2014.

The funeral was held at IRA KAUFMAN CHAPEL on Tuesday, 21 January 2014 at 1:30 PM .

Rabbi Daniel B. Syme and Cantorial Soloist Rachel Kalmowitz officiated.
Interment at Beth El Memorial Park.

Family members include:
Beloved husband of Judith Greenstone Miller; Cherished father of Alison (Evan) Kramer and Adam Rosenfeld; Loving Papa Jerry of Ariella and Zimry Kramer; Dear brother of Robert Clayton (Beverly) Rosenfeld and Joyce (Leonard) Schiff; Also survived by Judith's children, Andrew (Ashleigh) Miller, Laura Miller (Fiance Max Miller), his former wife and mother of his children, Carol Rosenfeld, many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and a world of friends.

Jerald Alan Rosenfeld was a Real Estate Consultant and owner of the JR Group, LLC. Jerald Alan Rosenfeld was formerly affiliated with The Farbman Group.

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

2013 –2014 EVENTS & COURSES TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

March 6, 2014	General Membership Meeting	Weber's Inn
April 17, 2014	Executive Board Meeting	TBD
April, 2014	Spring Region Forum	TBD
April, 2014	Course 410 Appraisals in Eminent Domain	TBD
April, 2014	Course 417 Valuation of Contaminated Property	TBD
May, 2014	General Membership Meeting**	TBD
May, 2014	Course 504 Computing Replacement Housing Payments OR Course 502 Business Relocation	TBD
June 22-25, 2014	Annual Education Conference	Hartford, Connecticut
August 15 & 16, 2014	Installation of Officers Banquet	Consumers Energy South Haven Conference Center
August, 2014	SR/WA Study Session	TBD

Mark your calendar!

** Past Presidents please join us for a complimentary lunch and recognition at the May General membership meeting .

For Membership Information Contact:

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IRWA Chapter 7 is looking to increase their membership!

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IRWA Chapter 7 - March General Membership Meeting
March 6th, 2014
Weber's Inn
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Agenda

7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00-8:30 am	**Business Meeting** w/ Steve Roon, IRWA Chapter 7 President
8:30 - 9:30 am	**Challenges of Managing Utility Property & Trespass/Encroachment Resolution** w/ Michael Friend, Consumers Energy
9:30 - 10:30 am	**Reviewing Appraisals for Eminent Domain** w/ Michael Oakes, Consumers Energy
10:30 - Noon	**The IRWA & How It Works** Andrew Reed, IRWA Leadership Institute
Noon	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 pm	**The New Trends for Michigan's Multi-Use Trail System** w/ Nancy Krupiarz, Michigan Trails and Greenway Alliance
2:00	Adjourn

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Installation of Officers Banquet

Friday, August 15th- Saturday, August 16th, 2014

Consumers Energy South Haven Conference Center

410 N. Blue Star Hwy.

South Haven, MI 49090

3:00 pm: Opening Ceremonies and appetizers on the beach

6:00 pm: Welcome Reception

7:00 pm: Invocation and Dinner

8:00 pm: Business Meeting and Installation Program

Cost is $60.00 per person ($40 for children) which includes drinks, appetizers, dinner Friday night with breakfast on Saturday morning.

Please register for the event and lodging through Laura Stensland, SR/WA. The registrations must be in by July 25th! Lodging is filling up fast! We only have 8 rooms left with 2 twin beds/private bath. Laura is working to block rooms for overflow at the Sun & Sand motel down the road.

Laura Stensland, SR/WA
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IRWA Chapter 7 News

Changes to the Real Estate License Requirements - provided by Norman Thomas

Senate Bill 641

The Michigan Association of REALTORS® has endorsed legislation in the form of Senate Bill 641, which would amend license law pertaining to real estate continuing education as follows:

1. An individual whose license has lapsed for more than 3 years will no longer be able to relicense by completing 6 hours of continuing education for each year of lapse. Instead, he or she will have to again complete prelicense education. It's unclear whether a broker whose license has lapsed must complete just broker prelicense education, or also salesperson prelicense education.
2. The bill eliminates the requirement that course sponsors report course completions to the Dept. Instead, licensees will self-report only if randomly audited by the Dept. Licensees will be required to retain completion certificates for 4 years.

Senate Bill 641 was introduced on October 23 and passed by the Senate on November 14. It has now been transmitted to the House and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

Nominations for Awards

The following categories have been submitted:

1. Young Professional of the Year - Laura Stensland
2. Chapter of the Year
3. Newsletter of the Year
4. Website of the Year
5. Armstrong/Instructor of the Year - David Burgoyne
6. Employer of the Year (less than 20) - Commonwealth
7. Government Employer of the Year - City of Troy
8. Regional Professional of the Year - Norman Thomas

Thank you Larysa Figol for you dedication and hard work in compiling these submissions.

- Membership Retention Campaign is in full swing. Chapter 7's Membership Committee is working with IRWA HQ to encourage renewals. Chapter 7's goal is 93% as of February 6th, 2014 we are at 84%.

- A.K. (Ken) Smith, Rob Bourgeois, and Kim Tassen attended the MUCC (Michigan Utility Coordination Conference) in Mt. Pleasant, where a few applications were taken, however, the MUCC is looking to partner with IRWA in the future.

- L.R. Cole and Rob Bourgeois attended the MTA (Michigan Township Association) Conference. Their focus was on the Supervisors, Treasurers, and Assessors and why they should verify if their R/W work is being completed by IRWA professionals. Other vendors were approached for membership.
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~ Member Spotlight ~

IRWA Chapter 7, Region 5 at 2014 MTA Conference

Robert Bourgeois and L.R. Cole, SR/WA, R/W-NAC represented the Michigan Chapter 7 IRWA at the Michigan Township Association Expo held January 29th and 30th at the Grand Traverse Resort. We focused on providing personal service to Michigan township leaders as we explained and discussed the scope of services supported by the IRWA and our trained, experienced real estate professionals.

By initiating conversations that centered on Rob and L.R.'s specific professions (roadways and power line corridors) we were able to present township officials with examples of successful projects that were overseen by IRWA professionals. We believe that we were successful in illustrating for expo visitors the value and applications of our education-based knowledge obtained through the IRWA.

The township officials with whom we connected were left with a better understanding of an IRWA member's specific education and association affiliation and how these aspects apply to, as well as benefit, their tax paying constituents. We underscored the ease and importance in providing their electorate with sound information regarding property rights, conveyances and easements, especially as these items relate to community improvement projects. We explained that IRWA professionals provide the gold standard in service and credibility for home, business and property owners.

Our goal was not so much focused on growing Chapter 7 membership as it was on articulating the importance for township officials to ensure that their projects have an IRWA member coordinating the right of way activities. We believe this approach will attract key right of way professionals who are eager to become accepted members of our prestigious group of professionals.

We enjoyed the opportunity to share our personal experiences and pride in our affiliation with the educated professionals of Michigan IRWA Chapter 7!

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Recertification Announcements!

Congratulations to Norman Thomas, SR/WA for recertifying his SR/WA designation.

Congratulations to Anthony Piazza, R/W-AC for recertifying his R/W-AC designation.

Congratulations to Madelyn Johnson's R/W-NAC for recertifying her R/W-NAC designation.

As a professional who knows the value of continuing education, you can be justifiably proud of this important achievement. You are an asset not only to the Association, but to the entire Right of Way professional community. Congratulations!

IRWA Chapter 7 would like to Welcome New Members:

- Mr. Ian Bryant
- Mrs. Rebecca J. Curtis
- Mr. Larry W. Harness, II
- Ms. Cheryl A. Gillman
- Mr. Patrick J. Madden
- Mr. Michael Smith
- Mrs. Amber Lynne Wiswell

IRWA Chapter 7 - Membership Retirement:

Mr. Gary Bowman

You will be missed!

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Thinking About A Designation or Certification? We Can Help!
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Nothing available at the time of print. Please keep checking the Chapter website for upcoming courses.

In the coming months look for us on:

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Address Correction Requested

What:
March General Membership Meeting

When:
March 6, 2014

Where:
Weber's Inn
Ann Arbor, MI

Cost:
Registration
$45 per person

To register, please contact:

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- Phone: 517.740.8936
- Make check payable to: Chapter 7 IRWA
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Company:_____

Total Attendees: ___ X $45 Total Enclosed: $_____