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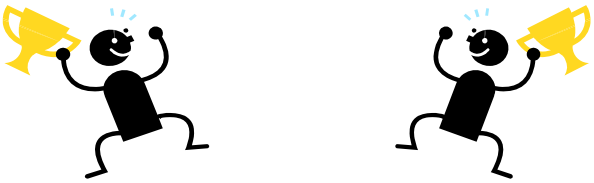
IRWA Michigan Chapter 7



Chapter of the Year!

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IRWA Leadership for 2014-2015

IRWA's leadership for fiscal year 2014-2015 was announced at the 60h Annual International Education Conference held in Hartford, CT this past June.

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WH Pacific, Inc.

Valuation
Bonnie Roerig, MAI
Bonnie Roerig & Associates, LLC

President's Message

Larysa Figol, SR/WA

IRWA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR!

What a great way to mark our 60th year as a Chapter and to kick off this new term of elected officers. We're looking to build on the great success our Chapter has built over the past year at the helm of Steve Roon, SR/WA, R/W-NAC. Thank you Steve for your leadership and hard work.

As a Chapter our mission is to proactively advance the right-of-way profession and to support our membership in their individual efforts by providing them with educational opportunities, tools and resources, and the ability to interact with other professionals. We hope to build on these goals throughout the coming year. To do this we need your help, your enthusiasm, your commitment to engage in our Chapter and become ambassadors for our Association as we market ourselves in Michigan.

Our hard work over the past year was recognized at the International Education Conference in Hartford, CT this past June. Chapter 7 was a finalist in 5 categories and came away with 3 winners: ***Chapter of the Year***, Young Professional of the Year – ***Laura Stensland, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC*** and Employer of the Year with less than 20 professionals – ***Commonwealth Associates, Inc.***

Mary Ann Marr, SR/WA is now the IEC Vice President and ***Jeff Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC*** was elected as IEC Secretary.

Two of our members were recognized for their professional accomplishments. ***Jason Plummer,*** of ROWE Professional Services Company took Best of Show in the 12th Annual IRWA Mapping Competition as well as winning the Pipeline category. ***Bruce Schanz, PS*** of Consumers Energy was the winner in the Utilities category.

We've grown our Chapter membership over the past year and more of you are seeking your professional designations. For those of you who haven't submitted your candidacy for one of the several certifications offered by IRWA or for the SR/WA designation, please contact Kimberly Tassen, SR/WA, R/W-NAC our new Professional Development Chairperson.

As our Association builds and expands, I encourage you to become involved in the new Communities of Practice. Join one or all of the communities on the Member Fuse network. It is one of the invaluable resources IRWA has to offer our members.

I look forward to serving as your Chapter President and look forward to the exciting opportunities coming our way! See you at our Fall Education Seminar in Bay Harbor, September 25th & 26th.

Larysa Figol, SR/WA
IRWA Michigan Chapter 7 President

IRWA Announces 2013-2014 Award Winners

At IRWA's 60th Annual International Education Conference held in Hartford, CT, the 2013-2014 award winners were announced by the International Nominations and Elections Committee. Congratulations to the following winners!

Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year

A tribute to the member who has demonstrated exemplary support to the Association during the past year

Janet Walker SR/WA, R/W-NAC
Chapter 48, Region 10

Lifetime Achievement Award

Bestowed by the International Executive Committee for an individual's extraordinary contributions to the right of way profession and Association during their lifetime

LoAnn Weight, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC
Chapter 44, Region 1

Employer of the Year

For strong employee support and commitment to the Association

Government Employer
Alberta Infrastructure
Chapter 62, Region 10

Company with more than 20 employees
Universal Field Services, Inc.
Chapter 3, Region 7

Company with less than 20 employees
Commonwealth Associates, Inc.
Chapter 7, Region 5

Gene L. Land Award

Chapters with significant membership growth over the calendar year

Highest Numerical Gain
Chapter 31, North/South Carolina
Region 6

Highest Percentage Gain
Chapter 55, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Region 4

Louise L. & Y.T. Lum Award

Awarded by the Right of Way International Education Foundation Trustees for distinguished contributions to right of way education

Carol Brooks, SR/WA
Chapter 11, Region 1

Young Professional of the Year

For innovative ideas, commitment to professional development and active participation at the chapter level

Laura Stensland, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC
Chapter 7, Region 5

W. Howard Armstrong Instructor of the Year

For an instructor's exceptional passion and commitment in sharing their expertise and enhancing educational opportunities for participants

Dan Beardsley, SR/WA
Chapter 49, Region 7

Chapter of the Year

Recognizing success in membership growth, professional development, educational courses offered and achieving chapter goals

Chapter 7, Michigan
Region 5

Newsletter of the Year

Acknowledging outstanding communication of chapter, regional and international news through the chapter newsletter

Chapter 2, San Francisco-Bay Area "Bayviews"
Region 1

Website of the Year

For communicating local chapter news, events and information online

Chapter 2, San Francisco-Bay Area
Region 1

Student Scholarships

Awarded to active students majoring in studies related to the right of way profession and/or public works administration

SARPA (State Association of Real Property Agents)
Sarah Earls

Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation
Christopher Sweeney

Chapter 7 - News in Pictures

~ Young Professional of the Year ~
Laura Stensland, SR/WA
w/ Consumers Energy

~ Employer of the Year ~
Company with less than 20 employees
Commonwealth Associates, Inc.

IRWA Mapping Competition, Utility category winner - Bruce Schanz, PS
w/ Consumers Energy

~ New IEC Member ~
Jeffrey Jones, SR/WA, R/W-URAC, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC

Pictured (l-r): Young Professional of the Year - Laura Stensland, SR/WA; Chapter of the Year - Steve Roon, SR/WA, 2013-14 Chapter President; IRWA Mapping Competition, Utility category winner - Bruce Schanz, PS

Group photo with the Chapter of the Year award.
Way to go Chapter 7!

As a Chapter our mission is to proactively advance the right-of-way profession and to support our membership in their individual efforts by providing them with educational opportunities, tools and resources and the ability to interact with other professionals. To this end, Chapter 7 has used the Strategic Plan set by International as one of the tools for our Chapter's successes and accomplishments:

MEMBERSHIP: As a Chapter we are proud to have achieved our membership growth goal and are well on our way to our 93% retention goal. We achieved this through strong marketing efforts and peer interaction. Our Executive Board and Committee leadership committed to interact with as many members as possible throughout the year to reinforce the benefits and value of IRWA.

The 2013 Installation of Officers took place at a lakeside retreat. Rather than the usual hotel room with catered dinner, our Chapter organized a weekend away for our membership and their families to interact in a more informal setting and to get to know each other in a more relaxed setting. This retreat fostered camaraderie so successfully that we will be holding another such retreat in 2014.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Chapter 7 has a strong history of scheduling numerous IRWA Courses. Several employers have stepped up the effort to educate their employees and our members by holding specific courses necessary to their individual needs. For example, Consumers Energy held courses specifically for their utility professionals as did Commonwealth Associates for their acquisition and relocation agents.

Our General Membership meetings have welcomed speakers that represented all disciplines of the right-of-way profession, including surveyors, engineers, appraisers, acquisition and relocation agents, real estate professionals, environmental specialists, and Title experts to mention just a few. Additionally we have asked speakers to return and speak on projects throughout their duration to keep us informed as to current events in our State. This has been a very successful forum for our members to network while gaining information on markets, issues and trends.

As an added benefit to our licensed members and non-member attendees we have successfully applied for and were granted continuing education credit from the State of Michigan for those who hold Real Estate salespersons & brokers or appraiser licenses or Assessor certifications.

MARKETING: Chapter 7 made a concerted effort to attract new membership in 2013 by extending our hand beyond word of mouth introductions. Our Chapter attended and set up booths with several professional organizations and associations including the Michigan Municipal League (MML), County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM), and the Michigan Townships Association (MTA). We worked with International Headquarters to provide guidance in how best to present ourselves to other agencies and professional organizations. We took advantage of the assistance offered and marketing products provided to put our best face forward. Reaction and feedback was positive and reinforced the continued effort to introduce our organization to professions such as surveyors, attorneys, county road officials and the like.

Members of our Association have actively liaised with other professional organizations, including the Michigan Surveyors Association, the American Society of Appraisers-Detroit Chapter and Michigan Assessors Association.

STRUCTURE: Chapter 7 has been proactive in aligning itself to the directives of headquarters to make us both fiscally responsible and financially sound. We participate in all conference calls initiated by HQ and have instituted a few of our own with Daniel Stekol and Tim Drennan. We embrace the opportunity to work collectively with HQ and had the pleasure of hosting Tim Drennan at our 2013 Fall Education Seminar, one of his very first official Chapter interactions.

We have also asked for a few of our more seasoned members who previously served as Chapter officers to reinvest in our Chapter and take on special projects or to chair a committee. By doing so, they bring a wealth of Association and right-of-way expertise to the new and younger members of our Chapter.

Chapter 7 has begun to embrace and educate itself in the Community of Practice model. Patricia Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA and Norman Thomas, SR/WA have introduced us to the new model and we will be presenting it to our full membership in 2014 as particulars become available and develop.

Additionally, to forge a strong leadership, we encourage and have financially sponsored our younger members to participate in the IRWA Young Professional Conferences.

Chapter 7 is a regular participant of Region 5 forums. To increase member participation and economize on travel expenses our Chapter leases a large van to transport participating members to the forums, while also working on succession planning and strategic planning for the Chapter. The current Region 5 Chair, Jeffrey Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC is a Chapter 7 member. On average Chapter 7 is represented by 7-10 members at Region Forums.

Chapter 7 has strong relationships with members of the other Chapters in Region 5 which makes the Region forum that much more productive, friendly and with a more conducive opportunity to discuss issues facing our Chapters.

Chapter 7 is a financial contributor to the Region, and makes an annual contribution to sponsor a golf hole at the golf outing held in conjunction with the Foundations Golf Tournament at the International Education Conference.

The Chapter Executive Board is very committed to participation at the Region level to ensure that our Chapter is: 1) represented before the Region and that it participates in any decisions or activities that involve the success of our Association and 2) that we form partnerships and a camaraderie with other members and region Chapters.

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Chapter 7 has a strong history of participation and contributions at the International level. We have four (4) Frank C. Balfour winners; Alicia Worthy, SR/WA, Patricia Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, David Maturen, SR/WA, and most recently, Jeffrey Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC, as well as numerous Balfour finalist including Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA in 2010 -12.

Chapter 7 is well represented on the International Executive Committee and International Governing Council. Patricia Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-RAC is the most recent past International President of our Association (and 4th from Chapter 7) and currently Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA is serving as International Treasurer. This year Jeffrey Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC is a declared candidate for the IEC. The Chapter has always supported and contributed to the participation of our membership at the International level.

Chapter 7 is a strong proponent of education. We are a generous contributor to the RWIEF and CRWEF. To further enhance the education goals of our Association, we annually hold an auction at our Fall Education Seminar and all proceeds, usually exceeding $1,000, are directed to the RWIEF. We are proud to have continued this tradition of giving to the RWIEF for over 30 years.

Three of our members are on the Instructor Task Force. We have seven members who are instructors including one master instructor. David Burgoyne, SR/WA very confidently represented our Association and Chapter in Saudi Arabia, teaching IRWA courses there in 2013. Building on that success, David is scheduled to teach additional classes in 2014.

Jeffrey Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC is on the Editorial Advisory Board for the Right of Way Magazine and several of our members have contributed articles and content to the Magazine. Three of our members serve on the Specialty Task Force and one member is on the Experience Task Force.

In 2013 many of our members participated on various International Service Committees with Patricia Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-RAC serving as one of the current Co-Vice Chairs of the Nominations and Elections Committee and Norman Thomas, SR/WA serving the committee as Region 5 Representative. Chapter 7 also has members participating on the International Industry Committees of Electric & Utilities, Local Public Agency, and Transportation. Chapter 7 member Paul Sander, SR/WA is currently serving as Region 5 Representative on the Transportation Committee. We also have members that participate with the Community of Practice groups of Asset Management, Surveying & Engineering, and Valuation. We are looking to take advantage and maximize our participation with the Communities of Practice as they continue to develop. Additionally, we had members appointed to both the International Finance Committee and the International Relations Group.

Andrew Reed, SR/WA is our Chapter's representative to the Leadership Institute Team and participated in their activities this past year.

Chapter 7 has expanded its marketing efforts in the State of Michigan. In so doing, we have relied on the expertise of the Staff at Headquarters and have a strong cooperative relationship with Daniel Stekol and Timothy Drennan. We are proud of the productive relationships we have with all Headquarter staff.

Chapter 7 was admirably represented at the International Education Conference held in Charleston, West Virginia this past year. Over 70 registered members and right-of-way professionals from the State of Michigan participated in the Conference.

CONGRATULATIONS
Chapter 7!

Region 5 News

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GREETINGS FROM IRWA REGION 5

My name is Brad Krabel, SR/WA and I am your current IRWA Region 5 Chair. As Region Chair I am privileged to serve as your representative on the IRWA International Governing Council. Some might be asking what makes up Region 5? **You do!**

Region 5 is made up of IRWA members from Chapter 7 (Michigan), Chapter 10 (Indiana), Chapter 12 (Illinois), Chapter 13 (Ohio), Chapter 17 (Wisconsin), Chapter 21 (West Virginia), Chapter 25 (Kentucky).

Region Forums are held twice a year (Fall & Spring) to give the Chapters a chance to come together and discuss best practices, receive news of activities throughout the IRWA including Industry Committees, Service Committees and to discuss thoughts and opinions on suggested changes within the organization. In general this is where your voice is heard.

Each Chapter has three votes at all Region Forums (Chapter President (1), International Director 1 (1), International Director 2 (1)). In addition to the Chapter leaders there is also a Region Vice-Chair (Greg Mathias, SR/WA (1)) and a Region Secretary/Treasurer (Beth Smith, SR/WA) that are an important part of each Forum. Although only a few can vote, all members of the Region are welcome to attend the Forums. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the association and hear firsthand the exciting events being held in other Chapters. Ok, that is more of an official sounding line….for me…….it's the people. Hard to find better folks than in Region 5. When I have a right of way question or want to know how others are handling a specific problem I take it to the Forum. There I receive best practices from 7 different states, how can you beat that? If you have never been I have a great opportunity for you to see for yourself.

October 10 & 11 Region 5 will be having its Fall Forum in Jeffersontown, KY. Now this is not just any Forum, my friends in Chapter 25 (Kentucky) have really pulled out the stops to make this Forum one to remember. On Friday night all attendees have been cordially invited to attend and compete in the Annual Chapter 25 Chili Cook-off. You might not know it, but they get serious about their chili in the Blue Grass State! It will be a no holds barred contest to see who will take home the trophy this year. On Saturday the Region meeting starts in the morning and our overly gracious hosts have set up a Saturday night outing at Comedy Caravan to finish off the day. Comedy Caravan just happens to be the best comedy club in the City! To get more information and to get registered visit the Region website at: www.irwaregion5.org.

I could continue to go on and on about the Region, but I will leave you with this: Region 5 is known as the "Quality Region", because of the members. All of your hard work on Chapter committees, commitment to education and general pursuit of excellence is what sets this Region apart from others. In that vein, if there is anything I can do to help please let me know. Listed below is my contact information. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need a ride to Kentucky.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all in October!

Brad Krabel, SR/WA
IRWA Region 5 Chair

News from Capital Hill

The Highway Trust Fund "patch" (HR 5021) passed the House on 7/8/14 and word is that Senate Majority Leader Reid will bring the bill to a vote this week. The vote will include two amendments, one to replace the House version with a Senate version using a different financing structure and another to shorten the funding patch in hopes of getting a longer term deal accomplished.

The current bill provides $11 billion to fund the HTF until next May. The bill easily passed the House with bipartisan support and has received the support of the White House as well. The most vocal opposition has been from Senate EPW Chair Barbara Boxer, who supports a longer term deal.

FOXX KEEP BEATING THE FUNDING DRUM: Secretary Foxx called for a massive investment in infrastructure during his Press Club speech yesterday, scolding Congress for moving toward yet another short-term fix for the Highway Trust Fund. "We need a transportation reset, and it's gotta be big," he said. To that end: Foxx said DOT plans to release a 30-year vision for the country's transportation by the end of the year. While DOT is trying to think long-term, Foxx chided lawmakers for dealing with transport in the short-term: "Every time Congress passes another patch, they drive another nail into the idea that America's going to solve our transportation spending problem," he said.

And in Congress: Senate EPW Chair Barbara Boxer, Democrat Tom Carper and Republican Bob Corker took to the floor yesterday to decry the "budget gimmick" of pension smoothing as a Highway Trust Fund pay-for. The Senate could set up a vote on the House-passed patch - along with several amendments or alternatives - at just about any time this week, with short notice once a deal is reached. The trio of senators want to change the House bill to have it run out this year, which they hope will force Congress to act on a long-term bill in the lame duck. Corker, a recent vocal advocate for the gas tax, is pushing to cut the "double loophole" of pension smoothing (which actually loses money in the long run) and trim the bailout by $3 billion. Burgess Everett writes about how the trust fund is only one of the congressional punts:

Read it: http://politi.co/1nPesmw

This letter goes to 11: Foxx and 11 former transportation secretaries wrote Congress on the need to pass a long-term bill. There aren't any policy specifics, but there is loud warning about how the current quagmire is a low point: "Suffice it to say, we've been around the block. We probably helped pave it. So it is with some knowledge and experience that we can write: Never in our nation's history has America's transportation system been on a more unsustainable course."

Read it: http://1.usa.gov/1rkrOwQ

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

2014 –2015 EVENTS & COURSES TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

August 15 & 16, 2014	Installation of Officers Banquet	Consumers Energy South Haven Conference Center
Sept 24, 2014	Executive Board Meeting	Inn at Bay Harbor, Bay Harbor, MI
Sept 25-26, 2014	Fall Education Seminar	Inn at Bay Harbor, Bay Harbor, MI
October 2014	International Right of Way Month	
October 10-11, 2014	Region 5 Fall Forum	Jeffersontown, KY
November 2014	General Membership Meeting	TBD
December 4, 2014	Executive Board Meeting	ITC Novi, MI
February 5, 2054	Executive Board Meeting	Wayne County Airport Authority
March 2015	General Membership Meeting	TBD
April 18, 2015	Region 5 Spring Forum	Grand Rapids, MI
April 2, 9 or 16, 2015	Executive Board Meeting	TBD
May 2015	General Membership Meeting	TBD
June 2015	Installation of Officers	TBD
June 14-17, 2015	International Education Conference	San Diego, CA

Mark your calendars!

For Membership Information Contact:
L.R. Cole, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
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IRWA Chapter 7 is looking to increase their membership!

Interested in earning a HUGE Reward?
Contact: L.R. Cole, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
Email: lcole@kentcountyroads.net

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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: Welcome Reception and appetizers on the beach

6:00 pm: Invocation and Dinner

7:00 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 through Laura Stensland, SR/WA.

Lodging on site is now FULL! Please book your overnight stay at the overflow hotel just down the road- Sun and Sand resort! There is a block of rooms being held under Consumers Energy. Please contact Rita at 269.487.6850 for your reservation.

http://shsunnsand.com/index

Laura Stensland, SR/WA
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IRWA Fall Education Seminar
September 24-26, 2014
The Inn at Bay Harbor, Michigan

PROGRAM

Wednesday September 24, 2014

8:00am – 4:00pm	**USPAP** David Burgoyne, SR/WA
4:30 – 5:30pm	Chapter 7 Executive Board Meeting Larysa Figol, SR/WA, Chapter President
6:00 – 6:30pm	2013 Seminar Check-In & Welcome Reception
6:30 – 8:30pm	Welcome Dinner/Buffet & Auction to Benefit RWEIF

We are looking for anyone wanting to donate items to the Fall Seminar's Silent Auction!
If you or anyone you know are interested in donating, please contact Lynn P. Hall, SR/WA!
All proceeds to benefit the RWIEF

IRWA Fall Education Seminar
September 24-26, 2014
The Inn at Bay Harbor, Michigan

Program continued…

Thursday September 25, 2014

7:30 – 8:30am	Morning Session Sign In & Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 9:00am	**Michigan Chapter 7 Business Meeting & Committee Reports** Larysa Figol, SR/WA IRWA Chapter 7 President
9:00 – 10:00am	Eric Hemenway, Director of Repatriation, Archives and Records Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
10:00 – 11:00pm	Tim Drennan IRWA
11:00 – 12:00pm	Michael Friend Consumers Energy
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00pm	David Burgoyne, SR/WA
2:00 – 4:00pm	**Legal Update** Norm Thomas

Friday September 26, 2014

8:00 – 9:00am	Morning Session Sign In & Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00am	Boris Yakima Monaghan, PC
10:00 – 11:00am	Adam Bearup
11:00 - 12:00pm	Gina Cavaliere, Deputy Director Wayne County Economic Development Growth Engine (EDGE)
12:00pm	Adjourn

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The Region 5 Caucus was held on Sunday, June 22, 2014 in Hartford, Connecticut and led by 2013-14 Region Chair Jeff Jones, SR/WA. Attendees included IRWA members from Michigan Chapter 7, Indiana Chapter 10, Illinois Chapter 12, Ohio Chapter 13, Wisconsin Chapter 17, West Virginia Chapter 21, and Kentucky Chapter 25.

Brad "The Closer" Krabel convincing everyone to vote for Jeff

Jeff Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC - Giving his IEC Candidate Speech

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