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IRWA Chapter 7
November General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center
One Covered Bridge Lane
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Attention SR/WA Candidates

There are currently 16 SR/WA Candidates whose candidacy will expire in 2015. Members whose candidacy will be expiring should have received an email informing them of this. Candidates, please take a few minutes to log into the IRWA website to view your course history, you may be surprised to see just how close you are to completing your SR/WA requirements. Upon doing so, please contact Kimberly Tassen, SR/WA. R/W-NAC, your current PDC, with a list of the classes that you need to complete your requirements. Kimberly will align with Patricia Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, who will facilitate the scheduling of those courses. Please contact Kimberly Tassen if you have any questions!

Don't Delay! Act Today! Don't let your hard work towards your SR/WA go unrecognized!

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President's Message

Larysa Figol, SR/WA

WELCOME MICHIGAN CHAPTER 7 AFFILIATE - ARABIAN GULF CHAPTER 7A

We are proud to announce the creation of an affiliate to our Chapter with members from the **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, The United Arab Emirates and The Sultanate of Oman**. We welcome the opportunity to engage with our affiliate as they establish themselves as an independent Chapter over the next few years.

As we celebrate 60 years as a Chapter and on the heels of being recognized as IRWA's Chapter of the Year, the International Executive approached us to mentor and guide this new aspiring Chapter. **David Burgoyne, SR/WA**, a Chapter 7 member and IRWA Master Instructor, has had the privilege to travel to the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia twice and teach several IRWA courses there. With his encouragement, and the guidance of International Staff, our Chapter Executive Board was approached to accept the existing working group as an affiliate to our chapter, which we did at our Executive Board meeting this past July. In just a few months, Chapter 7A has swelled to 43 members and is growing!

I am pleased to introduce Chapter 7A's leadership. President **Umar Abdullatif**, Vice-President **Salim Alalyani** and Treasurer/Secretary **Majed Qahtani**. As we move forward in the growth of our Chapter and the global influence of our Association, we welcome our new partners.

Once again a round of applause to **Laura Stensland, SR/WA** for organizing the Installation of Officers banquet and for putting together a great program for our Annual Fall Seminar a couple weeks ago.

Our Chapter recognized two of our members at the Fall Seminar with our Professional of the Year Award. Thank you **Steve Roon, SR/WA** and **Laura Stensland, SR/WA** for your hard work, professionalism and dedication to our Chapter. Congratulations and well deserved!

Come and congratulate Laura and Steve at our next General Membership meeting on Tuesday November 4th in Frankenmuth. *Mark your calendars!*

Larysa Figol, SR/WA
IRWA Michigan Chapter 7 President

Chapter 7 - News in Pictures

David Burgoyne, SR/WA with some of our Affiliate members from Chapter 7A.

Tim Drennan provided information about the workings of IRWA .

Eric Hemenway, Director of Repatriation, Archive and Records with the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians

David Burgoyne, SR/WA presenting the USPAP class put on Wednesday.

Fall Seminar 2014

Our Foundations Say.....
Thank You For Being A Friend!

IRWA is fortunate to have two Foundations working to generate funding for educational products. With one core mission, both the Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF) and the Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation (CRWEF) raise funds to expand and enhance education materials and professional development tools for right of way practitioners worldwide. Besides the important work of raising funds, these events are just plain FUN!

Support for Right of Way Education at IRWA's Hartford Education Conference Was Fantastic!

This year's Monday night event was a terrific science experiment! Held at the Connecticut Science Center, the event featured the Center's five floors of interactive science exhibits, along with excellent eats, drinks and music. The event closed out with the ever-entertaining live auction including aggressive bidding for the infamous President's doll. Thanks to dedicated sponsors, this wildly successful event raised proceeds of approximately $46,000.

Hosting their 18th annual golf tournament, the RWIEF and CRWEF sent 132 golfers out onto the beautiful (but tricky) Tower Ridge Country Club. The course, nestled into the Talcott Mountain Range, invited creative shot making and offered gorgeous long-distance views. This year's outing raised approximately $31,000.

So What Do You Get Out Of This?

For starters, a much bigger bang for your education buck. IRWA is the unsurpassed source of right of way education programs and professional development tools worldwide. But IRWA cannot provide the level of programming currently enjoyed without subsidies. Since the 2005 Education Summit, RWIEF and CRWEF have funded approximately $1,290,000 in new course development, updates to existing courses, leadership training and the new *Principles of Right of Way* text. This financial support makes a tremendous difference in the number, variety and quality of IRWA's educational products, benefiting all product users. Even if you haven't yet taken an education course, you have benefited as a networking member of IRWA. Profits from course sales go directly to IRWA's general operating budget providing for member services, annual conferences, production of *Right of Way Magazine* and the IRWA website, as well as organizational support for chapters, regions and committees.

Contributions Connect Us All

Giving back to one's profession instills a sense of pride, makes a positive difference in our industry and illuminates the path for younger people entering the industry. Contributing to our common good connects us to others and makes us better people and better professionals. The Foundations' hats are off and we want *you* to stand up and take a bow! Thank You For Being A Friend!

The Foundations wish to express their gratitude to all who donated money, time, food, labor, energy and enthusiasm to this year's fund raising activities. Special thanks go to the golf tournament and Monday night event sponsors. Such successful results would not be possible without them.

I am Paul Sander SR/WA, PMP and a past president of Chapter 7. I am your representative to the Transportation Committee. My background includes civil engineering and an adjunct civil engineering professor in a local university. I am currently a Right of Way Project Manager/ROW estimator on the DRIC/ NITC Bridge project. My past experience included appraisal, acquisition, relocation, permits and property management for the State of Michigan (38 Years). The Transportation Committee will be providing advice and assistance to IRWA members on issues such as the right of way acquisition and property management issues related to transportation.

In Civil Engineering classes, Transportation Engineering studies transportation modes utilized to move military, goods and people. Some of these modes include roads, trains, shipping, air, pipelines and electric distribution. The Transportation Committee will concentrate our activities to those modes requiring a vehicle (such as planes, trains and automobiles) in the transportation of services. This includes roads, rail, air and marine. Pipeline and other utility right of way issues will be the focus of the separate Pipeline and Utility Committees.

We will be reviewing the topics put to us by the various Community of Practice (COPS) for the emphasis of the Transportation informational path. I also am on the Research and Special Studies subcommittee within the Transportation Committee. Please feel free to send any of your Special Studies or unique methods you are using in transportation or any transportation issues to me at paulesander@gmail.com.

Mark Rieck, IRWA Executive Vice President

I am your chief staff officer, charged with managing the business of the IRWA. I personally staff the Board of Directors, International Governing Council, Finance Committee, International Nominating and Elections Committee and the International Relations Working Group. My primary responsibility is to make sure our association's strategic plan, annual goals, budget and industry committee, community of practice and staff activities all align in the best interest of the IRWA.

I am most proud of the fact that we held our own through the Great Recession and continue to grow our membership, both in Canada and the United States and now in fourteen additional countries. Our newest chapter is IRWA Mexico, where we hope to maximize interest in private investment in the oil & gas industry. And during the recession we brought twenty-one courses online that have provided a strong return on investment now being reinvested in new and revised classroom courses for our members, in partnership with our two charitable foundations.

Mark Rieck is an innovation leader in association management, with over twenty-five years of experience leading volunteer organizations.

Mark earned a bachelor of science degree in Sociology from Illinois State University, holds a certificate in Not For-Profit Management from the Graduate School f Business at Columbia University and the Executive Leadership Program at the Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley. He and his family reside in Valencia, CA.

IRWA INTERNATIONAL NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

IRWA REGION 5

September 10, 2014

The international nominations and elections committee has continued their work pertaining to re-writing applications for futher clarification regarding the awards, in addtion to formatting these applications for unlimited text and printing. All applications have been submitted and will be posted October 1, 2014. We have confirmed the Sarpa Award as a fixed amount of $2,000.

It is extremely important for each chapter president, and their nominations and elections committee chair, to start now regarding the application process. Each chapter deserves representation through these awards at a region and international level. The intention of the international committee is to streamline the application process, in making the application itself, more direct and user friendly. To avoid the overuse of email reminders, 2 email blasts will be submitted to chapter presidents, vice presidents and nominations chair, as well as INEC members. The second and final notification will be two weeks prior to the deadline of February 2, 2015.

The INEC has had their first conference call meeting, and has selected sub-committees for application selection and grading.

The second portion of the INEC involves leadership. This is headed by Pat Petitto, as Chair, involving leadership development strategy with sub-committees for Position Guides, SUCCESSion Planning, Leadership Institute and Mentor Program. Pat will be working with her sub-committee, involved in in the postion guides, in reevaluation and planning the positions at the region and chapter levels. Succession Planning will be working within the international website and identifying core competencies. The Leadership Institute has been an on-going process since 2012, and is under the chair of Pat Petitto with an upcoming orientation and training opportunity pertaining to this subject. The Mentor Program is chaired by Pat Petitto and is working to simplify forms and the program itself. The program has numerous mentors, yet lacking proteges at this time. It is highly recommeded that you approach your chapter membership candidates and introduce them to this program for assistance in obtaining their designations. The Leadership Institute will be on the IRWA University with a certificate program. This training will be marketed at the chapter level.

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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

October 2014	International Right of Way Month	
October 10-11, 2014	Region 5 Fall Forum	Jeffersontown, KY
November 4, 2014	General Membership Meeting	Frankenmuth, Michigan
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:
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IRWA Chapter 7 is looking to increase their membership!

Interested in earning a HUGE Reward?
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, November 4th
7am- 2pm

The Bavarian Inn & Lodge
One Covered Bridge Lane
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

AGENDA

7-8 am:	Breakfast and Registration
7:30- 8am:	Business Meeting, Chapter 7 President, Larysa Figol, SR/WA
8-9 am:	"Navigating the Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) Process" Trevor McMann, Senior Project Manager, Metro Consulting Associates
9-10 am:	"G.I.S. Not Just Maps", Damon Garrett, Operations Manager & James Render, GIS Analyst, Metro Consulting Associates
10-12pm:	"A Legal History of Takings and the Possible Impact of the Supreme Court's Decision in *Koontz v. St. John River Water Management District*", Colin Maguire, Attorney, Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Gotting, PC
12-1pm:	LUNCH
1-2pm:	"Minimizing Conflict" Sam Grear, State of Michigan

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IRWA Chapter 7 would like to Welcome New Members:

- Mr. Bruce A. Derenzy
  w/ Percheron Field Services
- Mr. Tim M. Fennema
  w/ Kent County Road Commission
- Ms. Amelia A. Papi
  w/ A.P. Land Services
- Mr. John P. Robiadek
  w/ Black Diamond Natural Resources LLC
- Mr. Corey D. Beggs
  w/ Earth & Water Environmental LLC
- Mr. Timothy Couillard
  w/ American Appraisal Associates
- Ms. Rebecca Takacs
  w/ ITC Holdings Corp.

Please join us in a belated welcome to:

Iain Bryant w/ ASK Services

Iain is a business developer at ASK Services. His father founded the company 24 years ago and Iain desires to carry on the tradition of quality and client focus in providing title searching for many years to come. Iain has been married to his wife Christy for 7 years and they have 3 daughters: Brielle 3, Evangeline 2 and Avonlea 0. When he is not meeting with clients he can be found at their farmhouse (built in 1831) in Salem Township doing a long list of Honey dos .

Even as a new member, Iain has already become actively involved and is a member of the newly created title committee.

Education & Development

Register Today for Upcoming Courses!
Contact: Jim Aiello jim.aiello@cai-engr.com
Phone: 517.796.5741

For Membership Information Contact:
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Thinking About A Designation or Certification? We Can Help!
Contact:
Kimberly A. Tassen, SR/WA, RW-NAC
Email: tassenk@dteenergy.com

Look for a SR/WA study session to be held in early 2015! If you are ready to commit and take the exam, please contact Patricia Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-RAC today!

In the coming months look for us on:

Advertising Rates

Interested in advertising in
The Great Lakes State•ment
or the Membership Roster?
please contact:
Jim Aiello, SR/WA
***Advertisers must provide their own business card.**

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• Roster Full Page	$225.00

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The Great Lakes Statement 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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Address Correction Requested

What:
November General Membership Meeting

When:
November 4, 2014

Where:
Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center
Frankenmuth, MI

Cost:
Registration
$45 per person

To register, please contact:

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- Phone: 248.946.3517
- Make check payable to: Chapter 7 IRWA
- Fast / Easy Online Registration Available - http://www.irwamichigan.org/

Name:_____

Guest/Spouse Name:_____

Company:_____

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