

# Sourdough News September 2012



## SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING IN VALLEY

The next monthly Chapter meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, September 26 in the Mat-Su Valley. Don Dyer, Economic Development Director for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, will be our speaker and will talk about the Government Peak Rec Area.

The meeting location will be Hacienda Mexican Restaurant at 1781 East Palmer-Wasilla Highway, next to Fred Meyer and across the street from Target, just northeast of the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy./Parks Hwy. intersection.

Meeting starts: 11:45 am Hacienda Mexican Restaurant  
1781 East Palmer-Wasilla Highway  
Speaker: 12:00 pm  
Board meeting: 1:00 pm Please RSVP by noon on Mon., September 24 to either your call list coordinator or to Donna Williams (dmwilliams@drydenlaure.com; 646-5167)



## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS COMING SOON!

Be on the watch for your Nominations and Elections Committee's call out for Awards and Recognitions. It's that time of the year again to start thinking about submittals for IRWA Chapter 49's annual awards. The three categories include Project of the Year, Professional of the Year, and Employer of the Year. Please take a moment to reflect back and consider submitting for that project that was so awesome that you have to brag, or that person that did an astounding job, or just give a shout out for your company that supports you in your professional endeavors. Like the Committee said last year, "It only takes a few minutes of your time to acknowledge and memorialize your appreciation that can have a very lasting and resounding effect on the recipient." The winner of each category will be presented with an award at the annual Christmas party to be held on December 14, 2012.

Coming in November is the very important task of voting for 2013 Board of Directors. Another year is fast approaching and this year's Board is seeking candidates who wish to serve on the Board or Committees. Please volunteer to be involved with your Chapter - you can make a difference! Please contact Sandra Dooley at 562-2000 to announce your candidacy.

### 2011 AWARDS

#### **Project of the Year**

TERRA-SW  
(Dryden & LaRue, Inc.)

#### **Professional of the Year**

Donna Williams  
SR/WA, R/W-RAC

#### **Employer of the Year**

Municipality of Anchorage  
PM&E/ROW Section

# DATES & EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26 Monthly lunch 11:45 pm Board meeting 1:00 pm Hacienda Rest. Wasilla	27	28	29

### OTHER EVENTS:

October 24, 2012  
**Joint luncheon with  
 AK Chapter of  
 Appraisal Institute**  
 Coast International Inn

November 28, 2012  
**Chapter Monthly Meeting**  
 BP Energy Center

December 13-14, 2012  
**IRWA Course 800**  
 Principles of Real Estate Law

December 14, 2012  
**Chapter 49 Christmas Party**  
 Location TBD

January 2013  
**Chapter 49 Seminar**  
 Access Law & Issues Affecting  
 Public & Private Lands in Alaska

## OCTOBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Region 7 Fall Forum Bozeman, MT	5 Region 7 Fall Forum Bozeman, MT	6 Region 7 Fall Forum Bozeman, MT
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Joint luncheon with Appraisal Institute Coast International Inn	25 IRWA Course 603 Understanding Environmental Contamination in Real Estate BP Energy Center	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## UPCOMING COURSES IN FALL/WINTER 2012/2013

### **IRWA Course 603: Understanding Environmental Contamination in Real Estate**

Date: October 25, 2012. Tuition: \$265 member/\$330 non-member (before Sept. 27)  
Location: BP Energy Center. \$290 member/\$355 non-member (after Sept. 27)  
Facilitator: Michael Travis Employers who register 2+ employees receive 10% discount

If you are interested in or have any questions about this course, please contact Kathryn Schreckenghost at 907-646-5169 or [kschreckenghost@drydenlarue.com](mailto:kschreckenghost@drydenlarue.com).

**Course Description:** This course is geared toward right of way professionals who may face the issue of contaminated properties, focusing on causes, effects, and remedies of environmental contamination. This course emphasizes the importance of knowing the behavior of contaminants in the environment, environmental liabilities and auditing processes, underground storage tank removal and contamination assessment, cleanup, and closures. Participants will learn how to evaluate potential problems that occur as a result of acquiring contaminated properties, and to evaluate, manage and minimize risks and liabilities.

**NOTE: THIS COURSE IS IN DANGER OF BEING CANCELED DUE TO LOW REGISTRATION. EARLY REGISTRATION FEES STILL AVAILABLE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26TH.**

### **IRWA Course 800: Principles of Real Estate Law**

Date: December 13-14, 2012.  
Location: BP Energy Center.  
Facilitator: Dan Beardsley

If you are interested in or have any questions about this course, please contact Louise Hooyer at 907-269-0713 or [louise\\_hooyer@dot.state.ak.us](mailto:louise_hooyer@dot.state.ak.us).

**Course Description:** This course is designed to build on the basics of real estate law provided by Course 100 "Principles of Land Acquisition" and to assist right of way agents, property managers, and others collaborating with property owners and attorneys. This introductory level course provides novice employees dealing with real estate issues with basic right of way information and experienced employees with a broader perspective on legal issues and applicable law.

## AUGUST MEETING RECAP

Del LaRue from Dryden & LaRue, Inc. was our speaker at the August luncheon, where he gave a presentation on electric power systems and their ROW requirements.

Del started out by going over the major components of electric power systems and explained each component's role as the power moves from generating facility to substation to transmission line to distribution line to transformer to customer.

The next topic was an overview of different types of structures and an explanation of how the structure type, need for guys, danger trees, and the National Electric Safety Code all contribute to required ROW widths.

Del finished with a discussion on the feasibility of installing transmission utilities underground. Despite the obvious visual benefits, underground installation is typically not feasible due to higher installa-

tion costs, limited insulation lives, and difficulties associated with finding faults and making repairs.



Photo by Judy Hartley

## SR/WA AND CERTIFICATION CANDIDATES

To the right is a picture of Steve Schmitt, MBA, PLS, SR/WA, obtaining his SR/WA certificate at the August luncheon. Congratulations, Steve!

Here's a list of all our members who have been approved as candidates for professional designations and certifications:

### SR/WA candidates

Mychael Alfaro  
Denise Ashman  
Aaron Brown  
Matt Burkholder  
Nancy Cameron  
Andrew Fraiser  
Claudia Furlong, R/W-NAC  
Martin Hansen  
Rick Kauzlarich

Patrick Kelly  
Jeff Marx  
Douglas Mroch  
Johann Mueller  
Tim Mullikin  
Diane Sam  
Glenda Smith  
Jeri Ann Strand  
Fran Wilson

### SR/WA Recertification candidates

Chuck Coutts, SR/WA  
Kathy Trawver, SR/WA

### Uniform Relocation Act Certification candidates

Dave Williams, SR/WA, R/W-RAC  
Donna Williams, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

### Relocation Assistance Recertification candidate

Sandra Dooley, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

### Right of Way Agent Certification candidate

Cody Nuendorf

Congratulations to these dedicated members for their perseverance!



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Region 7:  
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International:  
[www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org)

### About the IRWA

Since its inception as a not-for-profit association in 1934, IRWA has united the efforts of its members toward professional development, strong ethics, and improved service to employers and the public, along with advancements within the right of way profession. IRWA is the unsurpassed source of right of way educational programs and professional services worldwide.

### Our Members

Dedicated exclusively to the right of way profession, IRWA has nearly 10,000 members throughout the U.S. and Canada. Our members are multi-disciplined professionals employed by private industry and government agencies as Acquisition Agents, Appraisers, Environment Professionals, Engineers, Lawyers, Property Managers, Relocation Assistance Agents, Surveyors, and Title Experts.

### Professional Development Focus

Billions of dollars are spent annually in the acquisition, management, and transfer of rights of way. With the technical skills required for proficiency in this complex activity, IRWA's specialized education and training programs, leading to professional certifications and the IRWA's designation, the SR/WA, provide an essential foundation for right of way professionals across the U.S. and Canada. Visit our website at [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org) to review the descriptions of the more than 50 courses currently available and our credentialing program.

## 2012 CHAPTER 49 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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