

Sourdough News

November 2012



CHAPTER MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

The next monthly Chapter meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, November 28 at the BP Energy Center. Our speaker will be Chris Anderson, a past Chapter 49 President who is currently the Deputy Director—Commercial Finance for the Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority.

Meeting starts: 11:45 am BP Energy Center
Speaker: 12:00 pm 900 E. Benson Blvd., Anchorage, AK
Board meeting: 1:00 pm (907) 743-4270

Please RSVP by noon on Monday, November 26 to either your call list coordinator or to Donna Williams (dmwilliams@drydenlaure.com; 646-5167)

2013 VENUE CHANGES

Please note that in 2013 we will be holding our monthly lunches and classes at different locations. We will be returning to Coast International Inn for our monthly lunches. Classes will be held at the MOA Public Works, Permit & Development Center (4700 Elmore Road).

The upcoming Course 800 on December 13 and 14 is still being held at the BP Energy Center.

HOLIDAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 14!

The Chapter 49 Annual Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 14 at Coast International Inn. The social hour will start at 6:00 pm, with a buffet dinner (beef roast with seafood and chicken entrees) to follow at 7:00 pm. After dinner, awards for Professional of the Year, Employer of the Year, Project of the Year, and Special Service will be presented and 2013 Executive Board Officers will be installed. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Fish-n-Chips. Please RSVP to Sandra Dooley at sdooley@dowlhkm.com — we hope to see you there!

ACCESS LAW SEMINAR SET FOR FEB. 8

On Friday, February 8, Chapter 49 will be hosting a seminar on Access Law and Issues Affecting Public and Private Lands in Alaska. The seminar will be held at the Sheraton in downtown Anchorage. Scheduled speakers include John Bennett, SR/WA of Alaska DOTPF; land consultant Rick Elliot, SR/WA; and Dan Beardsley, SR/WA of Dryden & LaRue, Inc. More information on the seminar will be sent out shortly.



DATES & EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Monthly lunch 11:45 am Board meeting 1:00 pm BP Energy Center	29	30	

DECEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11	12	13 IRWA Course 800 BP Energy Center	14 IRWA Course 800 BP Energy Center	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Holiday Party Coast Int. Inn 6:00 pm	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

OTHER EVENTS:

January 18, 2013

IRWA Course 804

Skills of Expert Testimony

February 8, 2013

Chapter 49 Seminar

Access Law & Issues Affecting
Public & Private Lands in Alaska

February 20, 2013

IRWA Course 402

Income Approach

February 21, 2013

IRWA Course 403

Easement Valuation

February 22, 2013

IRWA Course 431

Problems in the Valuation of
Partial Acquisitions

March 19—20, 2013

IRWA Course 501

Residential Relocation
Assistance

March 21—22, 2013

IRWA Course 502

Business Relocation Assistance

April 26, 2013

IRWA Course 902

Property Descriptions

September 19—20, 2013

IRWA Course 205

Bargaining Negotiations

October 24, 2013

IRWA Course 213

Conflict Management

October 25, 2013

IRWA Course 105

The Uniform Act Executive
Summary

November 15, 2013

IRWA Course 901

Engineering Plan Development
& Application

JAY SULLIVAN REMEMBERED

The Alaska right of way community has lost a legend. Paxton Jay Sullivan passed away on November 2nd at home after a short illness. Jay lived a long, colorful and eventful life. An incredible athlete, he was California's school boy athlete of the year, competed in the decathlon at the world class level and played one year of professional football with the San Francisco 49ers. A decorated war hero from the Korean War, he also served as an advisor in French Indochina (now Vietnam). He was an avid outdoorsman and for many years held a commercial guiding license.

Jay first came to Alaska as a landman for Standard Oil of California following the discovery of oil in 1957 on the Kenai Peninsula at the Swanson River Oilfield, where he and Atlantic Richfield's Armand Spielman were instrumental in acquiring the leases for this first major commercial oil & gas play in Alaska. He often strapped on his snowshoes and pack to set out for days in what was then remote undeveloped country. By the late 1960's he founded Land Field Services, Inc. One of LFSI's early projects was to salvage Alaska Title Guarantee's title plant following the 1967 flood in Fairbanks. He laughingly referred to hanging out the laundry, paper clipping wet documents to let them dry out. Under his leadership LFSI became the go-to firm for large Alaskan projects. At the beginning of the TransAlaska Pipeline Project, LFSI did much of the preliminary route reconnaissance in the Brooks Range and points south, laying out a route that best utilized the physical and ownership attributes of the land. This was followed by several years of acquiring the rights of way and construction monitoring on Alaska's most famous project. The firm also acquired rights of way for the transmission lines for the hydro-electric projects that became known as the Four Dam Pool. For the Solomon Gulch Hydroelectric Project, LFSI provided project management for the FERC licensing and construction project coordination. In the 1980's LFSI was also the first private company authorized to provide contractual right of way services on a federal aid highway project, Dimond Boulevard Phase II in Anchorage. At the same time LFSI managed right of way acquisition and permitting for several other major electrical transmission lines in the state.

Jay was a renowned authority on Alaska mining law and over the years contributed his expertise in seminars on land title, land title research methods, wetlands, navigable waters, mining law and access law, and was qualified as an expert witness in State and Federal courts in Alaska on such matters. He was one of the founders of Chapter 49, serving as President several times, and he remained active assisting with numerous chapter functions. On the International level he served as Region 7's chair and vice chair.

His booming voice, ready wit, engaging personality and mentoring will be missed. His beloved wife Nancy predeceased him. He is survived by his daughters Kathleen, Sarah, Shannon and Karen, and their families. God bless and God speed P.J.



UPCOMING COURSE IN JANUARY 2013

IRWA Course 804: Skills of Expert Testimony

Date: January 18, 2013.

Location: MOA Public Works, Permit & Development Center (4700 Elmore Road).

Facilitator: Matthew R. Hansen.

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.

Course Description: This course is facilitated by an attorney and/or an experienced appraiser. The situations faced by the expert witness are analyzed through extensive use of simulations based on actual cases, creating a unique learning situation. Topics include what to consider when hiring a witness and when accepting an assignment, how to handle discovery and exchange of information, what you need to know about a jury, ways to handle qualifications, techniques of direct testimony, the “do’s” and “don’ts” of displays, and techniques of effective cross-examination.

OCTOBER MEETING RECAP

Sean Bolender of Aerometric, Inc. was the speaker at our October luncheon, where he gave a presentation on the recent lidar/imagery mapping project for the Mat-Su Borough.

Sean gave an overview of the steps involved in the process—data acquisition/planning, photography acquisition, lidar acquisition, hydro-enforcement, building extraction, contour generation, and quality control.

The project resulted in the development of two products—aerial imagery and lidar/topographic mapping. The core areas (Palmer and Wasilla) were mapped at a 1:12,000 scale with 0.5 foot orthophoto. The non-core project areas were mapped at a 1:24,000 scale with 1 foot orthophoto. A separate set of data on existing buildings was also developed.

The project is 98% complete and the majority of the products are now available. The project is expected to be completely finished by the end of November.



SR/WA AND CERTIFICATION CANDIDATES

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

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Right of Way Agent

Certification candidate

Cody Neuendorf

Congratulations to these dedicated members for their perseverance!



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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 to review the descriptions of the more than 50 courses currently available and our credentialing program.

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