

Sourdough News

October 2013



CHAPTER MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

The next monthly Chapter meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, October 16th at the Coast International Inn. The speaker yet to be determined.

Board Meeting: 10:30 am Coast International Inn, Anchorage, AK
Meeting Starts: 11:45 am 3450 Aviation Avenue
Speaker: 12:00 pm Please RSVP by Monday, October 14th to either your call list coordinator or to Donna Williams (dmwilliams@drydenlarue.com; 646-5167)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Chapter 49 Members,

It was a spectacular summer and now the fall colors are so vibrant, they just make you smile. Alaska truly is a beautiful State!

I would like to send a special invitation to our 4 newest members: Ron Brandeberry, Ruth St. Amour, Claire Mueller and Paula Brault to our luncheon on October 16th so that I can present each of you with your International Right of Way Association lapel pins and personally welcome you to the Chapter!

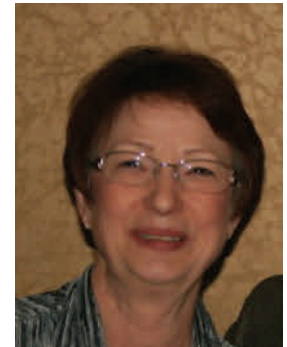
It is with great pride (and a little prejudice) that I announce to you that our 2012 Chapter 49 Professional of the year, Mr. Dave Williams, has successfully passed his Uniform Relocation Act Certification exam and with that he becomes the first IRWA member in Alaska to receive this prestigious certification! Formal presentation of his pin and certificate will follow, but I couldn't wait to share this accomplishment with you. Congratulations Dave!

I was remiss last month at our Valley luncheon to call for a vote on the Bylaws update that I sent out, so I will be calling for a membership vote on October 16th, 2013.

Steve Schmitt and I will be traveling to Boise, ID next week for the IRWA Region 7 Fall Forum. Most of the agenda is regarding the changes that are being made to the certification programs. We will have more to report next month.

Please note the date for our Holiday Party is December 13, 2013 at the Egan Center. We plan to have musical entertainment during Happy Hour and dinner, followed by our Chapter award presentations and then a rousing round of Chinese Gift Exchanges to top off the night. We hope many of you will join us for a fun filled night of networking and relaxing. Our group DOES know how to have a good time (right Bob???).

Hope to see you all next week at the Coast International for lunch!



THANK YOU SO MUCH
CLAIRE MUELLER for being a
brand new member to our
Chapter and stepping up to be
our replacement Newsletter
Chairman.

Way to get involved!

DATES & EVENTS

OCTOBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Board meeting 10:30 am Monthly lunch 11:45 am Coast Int. Inn	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

NOVEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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OTHER EVENTS:

November 2013

IRWA Course 901
Engineering Plan Development

December 13, 2013

Chapter 49 Christmas Party
Egan Center

UPCOMING MONTHLY LUNCHEON DATES:

November 20, 2013

No December Luncheon - Join us for the Christmas party!!

January 16, 2014

UPCOMING COURSES

IRWA Course 901: Engineering Plan Development & Application

Date: November 15, 2013 Location: MOA Public Works, Permit & Development Center (4700 Elmore Rd.)

Facilitator: John F. Bennett, PLS, SR/WA Coordinator: Steve Schmitt (907-343-8366; schmittsg@muni.org)

Course Description: The purpose of this course is to enable participants to improve their plan reading skills in order to perform their jobs more easily, effectively and efficiently. The course is designed to enable participants to improve their skills in using engineering plans and drawings. Topics include how to read topographic and property information on plans; the interrelationship of plan, profile, and cross section sheets; how to determine the horizontal and vertical alignment of a centerline; how to use aerial photogrammetry; plane coordinates; utility line crossings of highways; contour line characteristics; how to calculate earthwork; and interpreting right of way plans.

OUR APOLOGIES!

A special apology to Ruth St. Amour with the Alaska Department of Commerce for incorrectly spelling your name in the last issue of our newsletter.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Congratulations to Dave Williams, SR/WA, R/W-RAC. He successfully passed the URAC exam. This is the very first in Alaska!!!

Glenda Smith's SR/WA Candidacy Completion paperwork has been approved and awaiting pin and plaque from IRWA Headquarters.

Below is a list of all our members who have been approved as candidates for professional designations and certifications.

SR/WA Candidates

Mychael Alfaro
Nancy Cameron
Andrew Fraiser
Martin Hansen
Rick Kauzlarich
Douglas Mroch
Fran Murphy
Tim Mullikin
Diane Sam
Jeri Ann Strand

Uniform Act Certification (R/W-URAC) Candidates

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

The New IRWA Chapter 49
Education Schedule has
arrived!

Take a look on page 5 and
start planning!



Patrick Kelly, SR/WA receiving his pin and certificate from Judy Hartley. (Photo by Norm Bailey)



Chapter 49:
www.irwa49.org

Region 7:
www.irwaregion7.org

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

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IRWA Chapter 49 Education Schedule



Up Coming Classes*

2014	
Jan- 801	United States Land Titles
Mar-100	Principles of Land Acquisition
April-504	Computing Replacement Housing Payments
Sept-900	Principles of Real Estate Engineering
Nov- 606	The Environmental Process
2015	
501	Residential Relocation Assistance
502	Business Relocation
215	Right of Way Agent's Development Program
410	Reviewing Appraisals In Eminent Domain
417	The Valuation of Environmentally Contaminated Real Estate
2016	
505	Advanced Residential Relocation Assistance
506	Advanced Business Relocation Assistance
209	Negotiating Effectively with a Diverse Clientele
604	Environmental Due Diligence and Liability
431	Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions
*	Subject to change

Courses Available Online for your Convenience

100	Principles of Land Acquisition
103	Ethics and the Right of Way Profession
104	Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional
105	The Uniform Act Executive Summary
200	Principles of Real Estate Negotiation
203	Alternative Dispute Resolution
205	Bargaining Negotiations
213	Conflict Management
303	Managing The Consultant Process
304	When Public Agencies Collide
400	Principles of Real Estate Appraisal
402	Introduction to the Income Capitalization Approach
403	Easement Valuation
600	Environmental Awareness
606	The Environmental Process
700	Introduction to Property/Asset Management
800	Principles of Real Estate Law
801	United States Land Titles
802	Legal Aspects of Easements
900	Principles of Real Estate Engineering

Save the date
for our annual IRWA Holiday Party

Friday December 13, 2013

6:00PM-10:00pm

At the Eagan Center

\$30.00 per person

Want to earn FREE enrollment to a local IRWA Course?

Are you interested in being eligible for free enrollment to an IRWA course offered by your local chapter??? Course Coordinators can do just that! We offer 5-6 classes per year and we need coordinators for each class. If you are interested, you can follow these instructions to become a certified IRWA Course Coordinator. We will look on-line for eligible members to coordinate our upcoming classes.

READY??? Log on to:

www.irwaonline.org

Choose the "EDUCATION" tab from the top of the home page.

In the "Class Scheduling Resources" box on the right side of the screen, choose the "Chapter Leadership Resources" option,

At the top of the page, click on "Course Coordinator Training" to begin the video training session. It should take you about 45 minutes to complete the training.

PLEASE NOTE: We would like for all current Chapter 49 course coordinators to take this revised training course to be certain you have the most current information regarding course coordination.

IRWA to Launch 50 New Educational Products over 5 Years

IRWA's five-year plan includes developing 50 new educational products at a cost of up to \$1.2 million. This important initiative will benefit all right of way professionals. That's where the Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF) comes into play. *The RWIEF exists to fund and promote right of way educational initiatives.*

Visit the new website at www.RWIEF.org to see why your donations are so essential to the growth and advancement of the industry:

- [Why your donations matter](#)
- [Story behind funding education](#)
- [How to donate online](#)

IRWA Members are Invited to Attend...

The Right of Way Consultants Council is holding their fall meeting, and all IRWA members are invited to attend. The meeting will be held October 18-19, 2013 in Las Vegas, and registration is complimentary.

Topics will cover some of the industry's most pressing issues, including right of way licensing, standardizing positions in the industry, an update on wage/hour cases and more. Review the [Agenda](#). For more information and to register, email info@rowcouncil.org.

Learn How to Gain Community "Buy in" for Your Project

New Course Coming in November!

Social Ecology: Listening to Community is about creating positive community engagement in right of way acquisition project management. Getting buy-in from the local community is vital to the success of any right of way project. Learn to approach community engagement from a unique perspective - by actively listening to and engaging with the actual people that will be impacted by the project. Discover human patterns that organically exist in the community and develop solutions to mitigate impact.

A field experience will show participants how to apply active engagement skills by visiting local restaurants, libraries, schools and other places where "life happens." Contact education@irwaonline.org for details!