

Sourdough News September 2013



CHAPTER MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

The next monthly Chapter meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, September 25 at Turkey Reds in Palmer, AK. The speaker will be Don Dyer, Economic Development Director, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, who will be giving an update on economic development in the Borough.

Meeting starts: 11:45 am Turkey Reds, Palmer, AK

Speaker: 12:00 pm 550 S. Alaska St. in the Downtown Palmer Plaza

Please RSVP by Monday, September 23 to either your call list coordinator or to Donna Williams
(dmwilliams@drydenlarue.com; 646-5167)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Who was it that said the only thing certain is change?? Chapter 49 has gone through some big changes this week. Let me share with you how your Executive Board has responded to them:

Jeff Marx, our Chapter Vice President and Newsletter Chairman has resigned, packed up his belongings and headed to Chicago for the next chapter in his life adventure. Our best wishes for the future go with you Jeff!

Steve Schmitt resigned his position as Chapter Secretary, so that he could be appointed as our Vice President for the remainder of the current term.

Newly accepted member Paula Brault answered our invitation to be the Chapter Secretary for the remainder of the current term.

Bylaw revisions have been drafted to correct the dates of our Nominations and Elections, to coordinate with the new fiscal year dates that we approved in May 2013. We will be asking the membership to vote on this proposed revision next week at our meeting.

Deanna Kilburn has accepted the Education Committee Co-Chair position that we have been looking for. Thanks Deanna for stepping up!

Whew—you gotta love these volunteer positions!

Hope to see many of you on Wednesday next week. For sure we are looking forward to visiting with our Valley friends!

**September 25th
luncheon at
Turkey Reds
in Palmer.**



NEWSLETTER

Committee Chairman

needed: *We need someone who can take the reins as our Newsletter Committee Chairman and keep this great tool working for our Chapter. Please contact me if you are interested in this position.*

DATES & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Board Meeting 11:30 am Dryden & LaRue 3305 Arctic Blvd.	18	19 IRWA Course 205 Bargaining Negotiations MOA 4700 Elmore Rd.	20 IRWA Course 205 Bargaining Negotiations MOA 4700 Elmore Rd.	21
22	23	24	25 Monthly lunch 11:45 am Turkey Reds Palmer, AK	26	27	28
29	30					

OCTOBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
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
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

OTHER EVENTS:

September 19—20, 2013

IRWA Course 205
Bargaining Negotiations

November 2013

IRWA Course 901
Engineering Plan Development

December 13, 2013

Chapter 49 Christmas Party
Egan Center

UPCOMING MONTHLY LUNCHEON DATES:

October 16
November 20

UPCOMING COURSES

IRWA Course 901: Engineering Plan Development & Application

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

Facilitator: N/A 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

August and September new members:

Ron Brandeberry with State of Alaska, DOT&PF,
Ruth St. Armour with the Alaska Department of Commerce
Claire Mueller with Dowl HKM
Paula Brault with HDR Alaska

Welcome aboard each of you. We look forward to meeting you and getting you involved in our Chapter!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Cody Neuendorf, a Land Management Officer at Homer Electric, was recognized for receiving his Right of Way Agent Certification at the August luncheon (picture below) and Glenda Smith with Matanuska-Susitna Borough has submitted her SR/WA Candidacy Completion documents to IRWA headquarters. Congratulations Cody and Glenda!

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

Dave Williams, SR/WA

Negotiation and Acquisition (R/W-NAC) Recertification

Michelle Colby, SR/WA, R/W-RAC,
R/W-NAC



Cody Neuendorf, RWA and Judy Hartley
Photo by Judy Hartley



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www.irwaregion7.org

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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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