



# SOURDOUGH NEWS

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## ★ CHAPTER 49 ANNUAL PICNIC AND GOLF TOURNEY ★ by Bob Ylvisaker, SR/WA

Dig out your golf clubs, shanghai a partner (or two or three), and mark your calendars! Friday, July 16, 2004 is the date of this year's Chapter 49 picnic and 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bruce Stafford Memorial Golf Tournament at Russian Jack Springs Golf Course and Chalet. As always, Chapter 49 provides the steaks, chicken, hot dogs, beer and soft drinks for the barbeque picnic, and members bring side dishes, salads & deserts. Thanks to Manny Lopez and Enstar, the big gas barby has been reserved and promises to cook up great vittles this year as it has in the past. The weather seems to have cooperated oh so many times and I have no fear that this year will prove sunny. Everybody should really make plans to attend. All Chapter 49 members, spouses, kids and invited guests are encouraged to come.

For those of you who are new to our organization, the golf tournament was named after former Chapter 49 member Bruce Stafford, SR/WA, who was killed in a plane crash on May 8, 1995. Bruce was very active in Chapter 49 for many years and was known in the ROW community as a true professional, and by many as a close friend as well. The tournament, as in past years, will be a best-ball scramble format consisting of four-somes and maybe a three-some or two depending on how many sign up (and show up). The picnic and golf tournament flyers (with sign-up instructions) will be sent out to Chapter 49 members a couple weeks in advance. See you there!

### ALASKA DIRECTORY ON-LINE

Hopefully by now you have gone to the [www.irwa49.org](http://www.irwa49.org) website to download the new 2004 membership directory. If you haven't, you should do it today. The membership directory is available 24/7/365 and will be continually updated. Download the file and keep it on your desktop for quick access. Print it when needed. Download as frequently as you like, it will be updated often and the issue date will be at the top of the file after you download it.

Currently included are entries for Chapter 49 and Chapter 71. There are also agency cross-references for the members of each chapter showing a list of members by the agency they work for. An SR/WA list for each Chapter will be added soon, as well as the current officers for Chapter 71.

If you have any changes to your data shown, email them to [directorychanges@irwa49.org](mailto:directorychanges@irwa49.org). If you have suggestions for improvement please let us know at [directory@irwa49.org](mailto:directory@irwa49.org).

We hope you enjoy the new addition to the website.

## **A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...**

**by Tim Trawver, SR/WA**

I want to thank everyone for his or her vote of confidence in electing me President of Chapter 49 for 2004. I will certainly do my best to further the professional development, education, and other goals of the Association. 2003 was a landmark year for Chapter 49. The officers and committee members deserve our thanks.

The Christmas Party and Installation banquet was a tremendous success due to an excellent dinner, lively and succinct program, and wonderful stress relief provided by Kathy Stubbs, SR/WA and her team of massage professionals. Be sure to attend the party in 2004!

All entertainment aside, you as right of way professionals, appraisers, surveyors, engineers, and attorneys must know that this is a crucial time for Right of Way. The demand for experience and professionalism in the right of way disciplines grows every day and has never been more crucial than it is today. In a time of increased funding for public projects, increased demand for power, transportation, and communications, and an ever-increasing population, it is our responsibility to stage ourselves for the next *twenty – years*.

The need for, and importance of, our Association grows with this. Let's be clear about one thing, neither education nor professionalism can be delivered in any volume without a strong, capable organizational structure behind it. It has long been proven that an individual acting alone cannot accomplish what one can with an organized and motivated group. Our organization is our best chance for making it, as a group and as individuals. All of the Chapter officers and Committees have been working hard for you to expand the educational and professional goals for the membership. They are succeeding and we all owe them a debt of gratitude for the many hours of hard work and time they donate.

Education Co-chairs Vicki Gerken and SanDee Dooley have made great strides in eliminating the need to mail-out education flyers, saving the chapter hundreds of dollars on our courses. We will also experiment with holding a course presentation at the Municipality Permit Training center. They have graciously allowed our non-profit organization to hold the May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> (220) Understanding Cultural Diversity course at that location. In the future other classes may be scheduled there, as there is no cost to our chapter in that location. Watch your e-mail and the chapter website, [www.irwa49.org](http://www.irwa49.org), for the flyers for upcoming courses.

Susan Truskett, SR/WA and Chuck Coats, SR/WA continue to maintain all of our Chapter membership and Historical files at CEA. Alan Trawver, SR/WA has created the first Chapter 49 on-line directory available at [www.irwa49.org](http://www.irwa49.org) as a .pdf file. This is the excellent, useful reference that you have all come to expect from our Alaska chapters, now available on your desktop. Many thanks to ALL of them for keeping our chapter organized, as they say an organized group is truly a strong one.

Our SR/WA Program continues to progress with 17 SR/WA candidates. I know that you all can and will take the final steps to earn the designation. If you do not hold the SR/WA Designation, I urge you to take the time and effort to apply to be a candidate and start working toward that goal. Professional development chair Chris Neal, SR/WA is more than willing to assist you in this endeavor.

Coming July 16th is the Annual Membership Picnic and Bruce Stafford memorial golf tournament hosted by Bob Ylvisaker, SR/WA. Watch for notices on it and plan to attend this unique event!

I challenge every member to attend at least one educational class this year and to sign up at least one new member so that we continue to grow, evolve, and develop professionally. Tell your associates about the IRWA. Bring guests to the meetings when possible. If you have a suggestion for a guest speaker, please let one of the officers know. Let's all do what we can to keep our Association strong.

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let the spirit of education ring

**IRWA's 50th Annual  
International  
Education  
Conference  
June 21-24, 2004**

Join right of way professionals from all over the world in historic Philadelphia for IRWA's 50th Annual International Education Conference!

This year's program features inspiring motivational speakers, educational workshops on a wide variety of right of way issues, an exhibit area featuring innovative solutions to right of way challenges and a wealth of networking opportunities complimented with fun activities for the whole family.

For example, the keynote speaker at Monday's Opening Ceremonies is the one and only Dr. Lowell Catlett. Catlett is a celebrated economist, professor and futurist known for delivering thought-provoking and highly entertaining presentations to corporate and association audiences nationwide.

The featured speaker at Wednesday's Member & Guest Breakfast is none other than Mike Schlappi, a four-time Olympic medal winner and two-time world champion. Schlappi survived an accidental gunshot that left him paralyzed in body, but not in mind or spirit. Schlappi is the only wheelchair athlete in the United States to compete in the past four Olympic games.

The educational workshops offered in Philadelphia range from asset management, project management, relocation, utilities, appraising, surveying, and transportation. Also, share and exchange ideas with other right of way professionals on stress release and succession planning.

From the International President's Welcome Reception on Sunday evening to the Monday night event featuring the music of John Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge to the Annual Installation Banquet and Dance on Thursday night, the 2004 Annual Conference will give you an opportunity to network and socialize with right of way professionals from around the world. While in Philadelphia, visit with exhibitors and agencies about products, services and projects that impact your profession.

Experience four full days of exciting education and professional development opportunities!

Dates

June 21-24, 2004

Location

Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

Member Registration

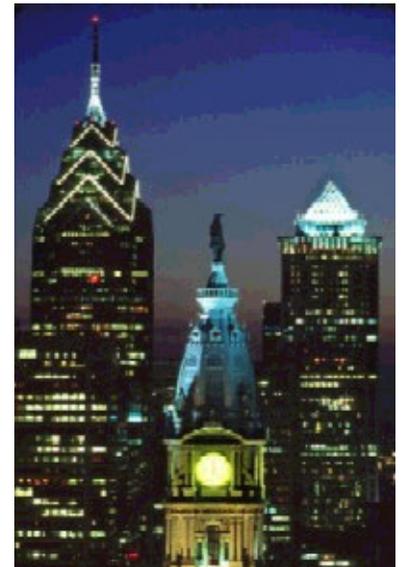
**Regular** \$495 (Before June 1)

**Late** \$545 (Onsite or After June 1)

Nonmember Registration

**Regular** \$545 (Before June 1)

**Late** \$645 (Onsite or After June 1)



In honor of IRWA's 50th Annual International Education Conference, this year's Monday night event offers *a taste of Philly* featuring the music of the 1950s. Rock-and-roll in the hometown of Dick Clark's American Bandstand in your finest 50s garb!

For additional details about companion and youth registration, visit [irwaonline.org](http://irwaonline.org).

## Education & Professional Development Opportunities!

Offered in conjunction with  
**IRWA's 50th Annual International Education Conference**



**Course 140:** Principles of Wireless Site Development

**Instructor:** Ted Williams

**Date:** June 19-20, 2004    **Time:** 8am - 5pm Daily

**Tuition: Members:** \$237.00    **Non-Members:** \$315.00

**Course Description:** Teaches the history of Wireless systems, the regulations by the federal government, types of technology on radio frequency engineering utilized by the industry, steps in identifying feasible candidate sites for placement of wireless facilities, exploring issues that prevent a site from being a feasible candidate or considerations that make a site better than other locations in the area. Course provides an overview of the process of managing the construction of a wireless site from initial site walk through punching out the completed site.

**Course 406B:** 7-Hour National USPAP Course

**Instructor:** David Burgoyne, SR/WA

**Date:** June 19, 2004    **Time:** 8am - 5pm    **Tuition: Members:** \$175.00    **Non-Members:** \$200.00

**Course Description:** The 7-Hour National USPAP satisfies title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA) requirements for standards and ethics for appraiser certification and licensure, and has met the requirement for Standards and Ethics for State Certification and licensure. Focuses on the changes to the 2003 edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) and addresses common misunderstandings about USPAP. It also fulfills the 7-hour Appraisal Qualifications Board (AQB) of the Appraisal Foundation.

**Course 506:** Advanced Relocation Assistance II-Business

**Instructor:** Lisa Harrison, SR/WA R/W-RAC

**Date:** June 18-19, 2004    **Time:** 8am - 5pm Daily    **Tuition: Members:** \$243.00    **Non-Members:** \$323.00

**Course Description:** A pre-assessment of the students' knowledge, followed with case study analysis of complex business relocation issues that require a thorough understanding of the relocation process and the Uniform Act. A detailed analysis of each case study is provided so students understand the lead agency's theory behind its interpretation of the situation. Facts are applied in order to simulate a relocation that is consistent with the intent of the Uniform Act.

**H006 Seminar:** Successful Right of Way Settlements through Mediation

**Instructor:** Joe Pestinger, SR/WA

**Date:** June 18, 2004    **Time:** 8am - 5pm    **Tuition: Members:** \$ 245.00    **Non-Members:** \$325.00

**Course Description:** You learn the techniques and acquire settlement skills to become effective participants in mediations conducted by an independent third party mediator. Students will evaluate mediation as a dispute resolution tool, will be able to design a mediation plan and implement the mediation process, recognize the benchmarks of effective mediations, complete the mediation process and finalize a written settlement agreement.

**2004 SR/WA Study & Review Session Instructor:** Ron Jourdan, SR/WA *(Must be a SR/WA Candidate to register)*

**Date:** June 18 - 19, 2004    **Time:** 8am - 5pm Daily    **Tuition: Members:** \$ 280.00

### Course Registration

Register online at: [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org) Check/Money Order (US Funds Only - Payable: IRWA)

For more information and to register directly, please contact:

**Tatyanna M. Wilkinson**

Meetings & Events Coordinator

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For detailed course information, please contact:

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## \*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\*

June 17, 2004	Luncheon w/ Speaker Stewart Osgood with Dowl Engineers Topic: "The Bragaw Road Extension"
June 21-24, 2004	IRWA 50th Annual International Education Conference in Philadelphia, PA
July 16, 2004	Annual member Picnic and Golf Tournament @ Russian Jack Springs Park
August 19, 2004	Luncheon w/ Speaker Bob Kean with Kean and Associates Topic: "Boundary Location, the Art of Revealing the Intent of Another Surveyor", Part 1 of 2
September 16, 2004	Luncheon w/ Speaker Tom Knox, Municipal Surveyor Topic: "Boundary Location, the Art of Revealing the Intent of Another Surveyor", Part 2 of 2
October 21, 2004	Luncheon w/ Speaker - TBA
October 21, 2004	IRWA 603 Understanding Enviro Contamination in Real Estate      Instructor: Mike Travis

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*The mission of the International Right of Way Association is to unite the efforts of its members toward individual development, improved service to employers and to the public and improvement in the body of knowledge related to the professional tasks of its members. To achieve these goals, the Association provides a Code of Ethics and Rules of Professional Conduct, a forum for the exchange and advancement of ideas, education courses and seminars, and a program of professional development.*

**RECOGNIZE** the responsibility of our profession to the people and business of our country, and believe that we should encourage and foster high ethical standards in our profession

The following CODE OF ETHICS is for our constant guidance and inspiration predicated upon the basic principals of truth, justice and fair play.

1. To show faith in the worthiness of our profession by industry, honesty and courtesy, in order to merit a reputation for high quality of service and fair dealing.
  2. To add to the knowledge of our profession by constant study and to share the lessons of our experience with our fellow members.
  3. To build an ever increasing confidence and good will with the public and our employers by poise, self-restraint and constructive cooperation.
  4. To ascertain and weigh all of the facts relative to real properties in making an appraisal thereof, using the best and most approved methods of determining the just and fair market value.
  5. To conduct ourselves in the most ethical and competent manner when testifying as an expert witness in court as to the market value of the real properties, thus meriting confidence in our knowledge and integrity.
  6. To accept our full share of responsibility in constructive public service to community, state and nation.
  7. To strive to attain and to express a sincerity of character that shall enrich our human contacts, ever aiming toward that ideal — "The Practice of the Golden Rule."
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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Susan Truskett, SR/WA, Chair

### FIRST QUARTER 2004

Chapter 49 is pleased to welcome the following new members:

#### **MARCUS MUELLER**

Land Management Agent  
Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Sponsor: Susan Truskett, SR/WA

#### **DAVID ALLEN**

Right-of-Way Assistant  
Trawver Land Services  
Sponsor: Alan Trawver, SR/WA

#### **JAYME LOPEZ**

Intern II  
State of Alaska DOT&PF  
Sponsor: Manuel Lopez

#### **MARTIN HANSEN**

Realty Specialist  
National Park Service  
Sponsor: Susan Truskett, SR/WA

#### **VERONICA HIRIAMS**

Realty Officer  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Sponsor: Dave Morbach

For membership information please contact:

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### \*\*\*\*New Ethics Course, Online and On Your Terms!\*\*\*\*

You asked for it, we listened and now it's here! IRWA is pleased to announce the availability of it's newest online course, Course 103 - Ethics and the Right of Way Profession\*. For more information on this and other IRWA courses, send your request to education@irwaonline.org or contact Education Coordinator Angie Bustillo at (310) 538-0233, ext. 138. The cost for this new online course is \$250 for members and \$325 for nonmembers (U.S. Funds).

\*Note: Successful completion of Course 103 or Course 104 is a requirement for registration and recertification of the SR/WA Designation and IRWA Certification Programs. Recertification is mandatory every five years.

### Got Something You Need To To Say?

Contact your newsletter editor with news articles, suggestions, or topics that you would like to see in upcoming issues! What's going on? Who is getting a promotion? What's important in the world of Right of Way? What issues need to be known about or discussed?

**Note: Chapter 49 Newsletter submissions need to be submitted by the 15th of the month following the end of the quarter.**

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## **Professional Development Update 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2004**

By Professional Development Committee Chair, Christine Neal, SR/WA

Thank you, President Tim Trawver, SR/WA for asking me to serve another term as Professional Development Committee Chair. From my perspective, this is the best committee to serve on, since I get to acknowledge our chapter members' hard work, effort, commitment, and dedication to their profession.

### **What is an SR/WA and why should you pursue this designation?**

The SR/WA is the professional designation granted by the International Right of Way Association to members who have achieved professional status through experience, education, and examination. It shows others that the person who has earned the designation is dedicated to the professional, ethical and experienced practice of his or her chosen field of work. It demonstrates that while the recipient of the SR/WA designation may be specialized in one aspect of the profession, he or she is knowledgeable in all components. It is the only designation of professional attainment in the right of way and related fields.

### **How does the SR/WA designation benefit members?**

The SR/WA designation demonstrates professional stature. It provides the potential for financial reward, makes for a wider scope of employment opportunities and may promote rapid advancement. Also, it gives the recipient a good measure of personal satisfaction of completion and attainment of a professional goal.

### **How does the SR/WA designation benefit employers?**

The SR/WA designation helps identify the employee with proven knowledge, dedication and initiative. It aids in maintaining high morale by giving the employee a sense of direction and continued growth. It creates a training ladder and prepares employees for transfer and promotion through multi-disciplined training and examination. It enhances the professional status of the department or company for which you work and assures continuous and timely updating of professional skills through recertification.

Please plan on pursuing your professional SR/WA designation or certification in one of four disciplines. Make a commitment to yourself and to your employer. You can start today, just ask me how.

Contact me at 343-8366 or email me at [NealCM@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:NealCM@ci.anchorage.ak.us) for more information.

## **YOU TOO CAN BECOME AN SR/WA!**

**GET YOUR CANDIDACY APPLICATION IN NOW!**

### **Registration Process**

1. Request a Candidacy Application form from your Chapter Professional Development Committee (PDC) Chair, Christine Neal SR/WA or International Headquarters.
2. Complete the application and submit it along with a \$20.00 application fee to your Chapter Professional Development Committee (PDC) Chair, Christine Neal SR/WA.
3. Upon approval, you will receive a confirmation letter with a Candidacy Registration number from International Headquarters.

No annual fee will be added to the member's annual membership dues while a Candidate. No time limit will be established for the completion of candidacy. A candidate who does not complete his or her SR/WA requirements within five (5) years will be required to resubmit a supplemental candidacy application for an additional five (5) years. The application processing fee of \$20.00 will be charged for supplemental application.

### **Six Steps to the SR/WA Designation**

1. Be a member in good standing with the International Right Of Way Association;
  2. Experience: Have a minimum of five (5) years of qualifying right-of-way experience;
  3. Education: Hold a Bachelors degree or submit proof of eight (8) years of qualifying experience. The experience option can run concurrent with the five (5) years of experience required above.
  4. Core Courses Required:
    - a. Option #1: Successfully complete the following courses: C-200 (2 days), C-400 (2 days), C-800 (2 days), and C-900 (2 days);  
or,  
Option #2: Successfully complete the following courses: C-100 (4 days) and any two (2) of the following courses: C-200 (2 days), C-400 (2 days), C-800 (2 days), and C-900 (2 days). If a candidate elects this option, he or she must complete, as a part of their twelve (12) days of elective courses, a minimum of two (2) days of course work in any of the following disciplines: Asset (Property) Management, Environmental, or Relocation Assistance.
    - b. Successfully complete C-103 (1 day) or C-104 (1 day)
    - c. Successfully complete a total of four (4) days of any 200 level courses (other than C-200).
    - d. Total of twelve (12) days of other courses, six (6) days of which must be IRWA courses. Non-IRWA courses (maximum of six (6) days) can be from approved comparable courses;
  5. Examination:
    - a. Option #1: Passage of one (1) comprehensive exam;  
or,
    - b. Option #2: Passage of four (4) of seven (7) discipline exams. Discipline exams consist of: Appraisal, Asset (Property) Management, Engineering, Environmental, Law, Negotiation/Acquisition, and Relocation Assistance;
  6. Complete all experience and course work required and submit your SR/WA application form along with a \$160.00 filing and processing fee (payable to IRWA) to your Chapter PDC Chair, Christine Neal SR/WA for review.
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**CHAPTER 49**  
**2004 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**OFFICERS**

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## ***INEC Presents 2004-2005 IEC Slate***

The International Nominations and Election Committee has announced candidates for IRWA's 2004-2005 International Executive Committee. The committee recommendations were made at the INEC's April meeting in San Antonio, Texas. INEC Chair Juan Zaragosa shares with us the slate of recommended candidates for international office:

International President-elect	Dan W. Beardsley, SR/WA
International Vice President	W. Howard Armstrong, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
International Treasurer/Secretary	James H. Finnegan, SR/WA
International Executive Committee Member	Jim L. Struble, SR/WA
International Executive Committee Member	Faith A. Roland, SR/WA

Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, will automatically ascend into the office of International President at the conclusion of the IRWA Educational Conference in Philadelphia by virtue of serving on the IEC as IRWA's 2003-2004 President-elect.

The slate of officers will be formally presented before the IRWA's board of directors at the Board of Directors meeting on June 24 in Philadelphia.

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## **Listen, Learn & Meet At 2005 US Federal Agency Update**

2004-2005 Liaison Committee Chair Howard Armstrong, SR/WA reports that the US Federal Agency Update is scheduled for January 27, 2005 at the Hilton Washington Embassy Row Hotel in Washington, DC.

This one-day meeting is a unique opportunity to listen, learn and meet the leaders of federal agencies who regulate the lands your projects impact.

Registration includes a full-day of presentations from federal agency leaders, continental breakfast, lunch and a post-meeting reception. Registrants also receive handouts and other resource materials provided by the IRWA Liaison Committee and participating agencies. Registrations for IRWA members who register before January 1, 2005 is \$85 while registrations received on or after January 1 will be \$100. Nonmembers will be charged \$120 if they register prior to January 1, 2005 and \$135 if they register after the first of the year.

The Hilton Washington Embassy Row Hotel has set aside a special block of rooms for IRWA members. The room rate at the hotel for IRWA meeting participants is \$139 for a single room or \$159 for a double. The cutoff date for obtaining the special IRWA rate is December 27, 2004. Meeting space at the hotel is limited so participants are urged to register early.

**\*\*\*New On-Line Training Offered by FHWA!\*\*\*****Real Estate Acquisition Under the Uniform Act: An Overview****FHWA Course Number: 141045C**

Length: 6 Hours

CEU: 0.6 Units

FEE: \$ 150 Per Participant

**Description:**

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Uniform Act), is the basis for Federally-funded real estate acquisition programs. The goal of this web-based course is to help participants recognize what they need to know when acquiring real estate for a Federally-funded project.

**Objective:**

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Provide a basic overview of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Uniform Act).
- Discuss the three key elements of the Uniform Act: Valuation/Appraisal, Acquisition and Relocation.
- Explain how to develop an estimate of just compensation through the use of the appraisal process or appraisal waiver procedure(s).
- Define the process through which real estate is acquired.
- Identify relocation benefits and services required by the Uniform Act.
- List places to obtain relevant resource documents/materials.

**Target Audience:**

Federal, state and local government employees and consultants who acquire real estate; who serve as program/project managers; who serve as grant administrators or grant recipients. This includes Acquisition and Relocation Agents, Appraisers, Realty Specialists, Attorneys, Engineers, Planners, etc.

**Registration:**

Participant must register online at [www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/registerdl.asp](http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/registerdl.asp). Participant information, billing address, and credit card information must be provided when registering online. Participants will have a userid and password sent to them via email after authorization in order to login to the course from the distance learning page on the CITE website at [www.citeconsortium.org](http://www.citeconsortium.org).

**Computer Requirements:**

You will need a fairly recent version of a browser (such as Internet Explorer 4 or 5 or Netscape 4 with Javascript enabled), the latest versions of Macromedia Shockwave and Flash (download), and a connection to the Internet (at least 56K modem). An older computer such as a Pentium 100 would work but it would just be slower than a Pentium III.

Recommended System Specifications: - 600 MHz Intel Pentium III processor or equivalent with a minimum of 128 MB RAM – Windows 98 Second Edition, ME, NT 4.0 with Service Pack 6a, 2000 with Service Pack 4, or XP - Audio capability (Windows Media Player or equivalent) with speakers - Microsoft Internet Explorer v6, Netscape v7, Mozilla v1.1 or higher with JavaApplet and ActiveX enabled - Flash 5 or higher plug-in installed - Color Video Display (800x600) with thousands of colors (16-bit) - DSL or higher speed Internet connection strongly recommended (Audio/animations may be slow at dial-up modem speeds).

NHI Training Program Manager: Mila Plosky (703) 235-0527 Email: [mila.plosky@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:mila.plosky@fhwa.dot.gov)

Technical Information: Mamie Smith (202) 366-2529 Email: [mamie.smith@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:mamie.smith@fhwa.dot.gov)

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## ***INEC Names Award Winners & Balfour Finalists***

IRWA's International Nominations and Elections Committee chaired by Juan Zaragosa, SR/WA has announced the winners of IRWA's Newsletter of the Year and Employer of the Year awards. Zaragosa has also released the names of the six finalists for the coveted Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award.

### **Newsletter of the Year**

- Congratulations to *Badger Write Away*, produced by Chapter 17 of Region 5 winning the Newsletter of the Year award for chapters with 100 members or more.
- Congratulations to *The Zephyr* produced by Chapter 46 of Region 1 winning the Newsletter of the Year Award for chapters with less than 100 members.

### **Employer of the Year**

- Congratulations to Universal Field Services, Inc. in Region 3, Chapter 41 winning the Employer of the Year Award as an employer with 20 or more employees.
- Congratulations to County of Alameda Public Works Agency - Real Estate Division of Region 1, Chapter 2 winning the Employer of the Year Award as an employer with less than 20 employees.

Zaragosa notes that all award winners, with the exception of the Balfour Award, will be formally acknowledged at this year's awards luncheon on Tuesday, June 22 in conjunction with IRWA's 50th Annual International Education Conference in Philadelphia.

Last, but certainly not least, Zaragoza unveiled the names of the six finalists for the prestigious Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award. The Balfour Award is the highest honor bestowed upon IRWA members. This year's distinguished finalists are ...

- Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, Region 3, Chapter 41
- Francis N. Mengel, Jr. SR/WA, Region 4, Chapter 18
- Cheryl McKenzie Lee, SR/WA, Region 6, Chapter 22
- Michael Pattison, SR/WA, Region 1, Chapter 27
- Fredrick J. Walasavage, Region 7, Chapter 3
- Marlene "Mickey" Zeichick, SR/WA Region 1, Chapter 11

The winner of the Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year award will be announced Thursday, June 24 at this year's Annual Installation Banquet & Dance in Philadelphia.