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CHAPTER 74

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About our Chapter

Bluebonnet Chapter No. 74, is the Austin, TX, chapter of the International Right of Way Association. Our Chapter was founded in 1985 by professionals in the right of way field to unite members for education, to improve service to employers and the public, and to advance our members within the profession. We are part of Region 2 of the International Association. Our current membership includes professionals involved in a wide array of projects requiring real estate and right of way services.

Board of Directors Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the City of Austin. All are welcome. If you are interested in attending, please contact a Chapter 74 Officer.

Tuesday, May 13th at 11:30 a.m.

Place: Joe's Crab Shack — Austin Town Lake
600 East Riverside Drive, Austin, TX 78704

Speaker: Sean Beal, Managing Engineer for the CTRMA

Topic: CTRMA – An Overview of Projects Currently Under Development

Cost: \$15/person



Special points of interest:

- 2014 Education Courses
- Free Chapter Membership Winners
- Nominees for Treasurer **CAST YOUR VOTE by 05/13**
- Career Hotline

President's Message

Hello All,

Here we are down to the wire on my tenure as President of Chapter 74. Things are also already shaping up to be exciting for Don's term which kicks off in July. We have three (yes three!!) excellent candidates for Treasurer. They are Lori Bible, Alex Gale and Sheila Mills. All three have served on the Chapter Board and are enthusiastic leaders! I have very much enjoyed working with and getting to know all three over the past few years. The Chapter will only benefit from their increased participation! Their bios and "campaign speeches" have been sent out in an e-mail blast and are available in the May newsletter. They will also be present at the luncheon next week as well. We will also take nominations from the floor for Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President. It will be a tough decision, but no wrong decision. They are all three awesome! It is fabulous to see the depth of talent and the desire to make our Chapter the BEST EVER! Good luck to everybody!



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Mark your calendars for June 10, 2014. That will be a double special day. That will be the day we will install the 2014-2015 slate of officers. That is also the date of our annual Joint Luncheon with the Appraisal Institute. This year we are going to have a panel discussion on the "Challenges of Reviewing Appraisals". There have been submissions for Continuing Education hours through the alphabet soups of TREC, TALCB, AI and State Bar of Texas. State Bar being somewhat less alphabet soup-ish. The cost will be \$30.00, and includes lunch and 2.0 hours of potentially multiple CE credits.



Also right around the corner is the International Education Conference in Hartford, CT June 21-25, 2014. Followed closely by the Region 2 Education Update in that little slice of Heaven known as College Station. WHOOP! This year's theme is "Igniting the Future with Education". Both will have great education, as well as networking opportunities, so plan to make or the other or double down and go to both. Sorry, no bulk discounts on registrations fees. That would be great, though, wouldn't it?

So what great words of wisdom can I leave with you today? "There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full", Henry Kissinger

Happy May!!

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Chapter 74 - President

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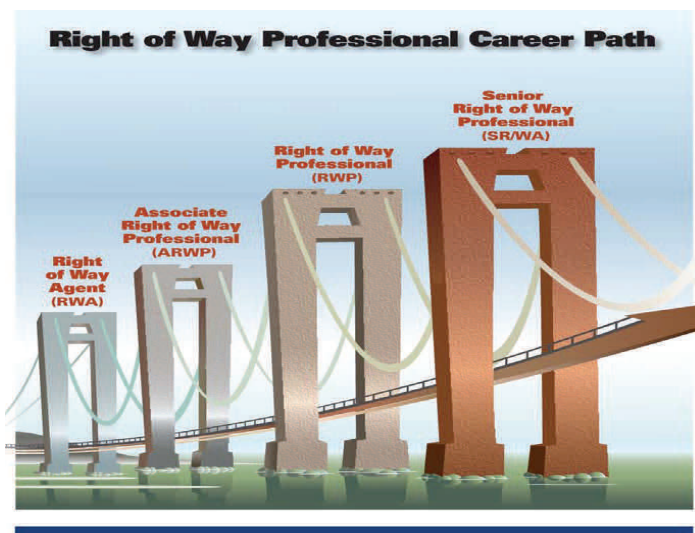
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Committee Updates

Monthly Luncheons are typically held on the second Tuesday of each month. Please check the website each month as locations may change.



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April Luncheon



Thank You Shannon S. Mattingly,
Chapter 74 enjoyed your presentation!





2014 Courses being Offered in Austin, Texas

COURSE	TITLE	DATE	CLASS COORDINATOR
100	Principles of Land Acquisition	03/25-03/28	Luanne Dunn
506	Advanced Business Relocation Assistance	05/08-05/09	Luanne Dunn
701	Property/Asset Management: Leasing	07/16-07/17	Sam Nassour
410	Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain	07/18	Sam Nassour
803	Eminent Domain Law Basics for ROW Professionals	09/18-09-19	Skye Stuart
703	Real Property/Asset Management	10/17	Sam Nassour
207	Practical Negotiations for US Federal Funded Land Acquisitions	11/13-11/14	Luanne Dunn

If you need additional information on courses, [click here](#) or contact:

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Education News

Upcoming Seminars / Conferences:

ANNUAL JOINT LUNCHEON-IRWA & APPRAISAL INSTITUTE

SAVE THE DATE

WHEN:
Tuesday, June 10 at 11:00 AM

HOST:
IRWA Chapter 74

WHERE:
City of Austin Learning Center
2800 Spirit of Texas Dr Austin, TX 78719

Joint Luncheon with the Appraisal Institute (**June 10**) Austin, TX

Location: City of Austin Learning and Research Center

Address: 2800 Spirit of Texas Drive, Austin, TX 78719

Cost: \$30.00/per person

Registration & Lunch begins at 11:00 a.m.

Program 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Credit: MCE, ACE, AI, Legal



EDUCATION CONFERENCE

HARTFORD 2014

JUNE 22-25

[Click here](#) for more conference information

Education News

Upcoming Seminars / Conferences:



2014 IRWA Region 2 Refresher
(July 30 - August 1) College Station, TX
[Click here](#) to Register for this Seminar

The Seminar is moving to the Memorial Student Center – Packet pick up and registration will be in room 2405 on the second floor. Self parking in the Rudder Tower parking garage.

Courses being offered July 30th

Course 104—Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional
Course 902 - Property Descriptions



Eminent Domain Seminar (September 5) San Marcos, TX
Location: San Marcos Activity Center
Address: 501 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos, TX 78666
Cost: \$125.00/per person

If you would like to be a seminar sponsor, contact [Elizabeth Norris](#)

Membership News

Chapter 74 received three free memberships for our membership growth in 2013.

The first winner selected for free membership was [Muriel Friday](#).

The remaining two memberships have been awarded to:

[Andrew Suissa, Titan Real Estate](#)
&
[Charles Davis](#)

Congratulations Muriel, Andrew and Charles - Welcome to Chapter 74!!

Chapter 74 will continue with the membership drive this year. The company with the most members who join during this year will receive a free year of advertising in our newsletter as well as on the website, which is a value of \$300.00.

Company leading the drive is:



Visit www.irwa74austin.org to submit your application electronically and become a member of Chapter 74!

Past Presidents >>>

2012 Teri J. Morgan, SR/WA	2003 Elizabeth Norris	1994 Mary Jane Amezquita
2011 Dennis Sedlachek, SR/WA	2002 Elisa Garcia	1993 Larry O'Neal, SR/WA
2010 Lory R. Johnson, MAI, SR/WA	2001 Randall Kopfer, IFA, SR/WA	1992 Sandra Bishop
2009 Ron Olderog, MAI, SR/WA	2000 Laurie Park, SR/WA	1991 John Baylor
2008 John Reed, SR/WA	1999 George Schlemeyer, SR/WA	1990 Cheryl Bennett
2007 Connie Real, PMP, SR/WA	1998 Lauraine Rizer, SR/WA	1989 Rayburn Corbitt, MAI
2006 Tinker Cotton, SR/WA	1997 Randy Williams, MAI, SR/WA	1988 Josie Wiltzius, SR/WA
2005 Steve Bohuslav, SR/WA	1996 Margie Hamby, SR/WA	1987 Greg Althoff, SR/WA
2004 Steve Beck, MAI, SR/WA	1995 Dean Harris, SR/WA	1986 Richard Steubing
		1985 Charles Clinger, SR/WA

NOMINATIONS

Chapter 74 has received **THREE** nominations for the **Treasurer** position
(2014/2015 Fiscal Year)

ALEX GALE
SHEILA MILLS
LORI BIBLE

All votes must be submitted to the Nomination Committee
(Ron Olderog, Teri Morgan and Dennis Sedlachek)
before the Chapter Luncheon on Tuesday, May 13th.

To Vote Electronically, click the Name of the Nominee Above & **VOTE NOW!**

If you do not cast your vote electronically, you will have an opportunity to vote in person at the luncheon. According to procedure, there is also the opportunity to nominate a member to the Treasurer position from the floor at the luncheon as well as an opportunity for a nomination from the floor for the Secretary and Vice President positions.

All online votes and in person votes will be tallied together to determine the winning nominee and a new Treasurer will be announced at the luncheon. If there are no floor nominations for the two other possible positions, then the positions will be filled by acclamation.



TREASURER NOMINEES



ALEX GALE

Greetings All,

I would like to thank Connie Real for the nomination for the Treasurer position with Chapter 74.

A quick background of myself: I grew up in an Air Force family and moved from state to state as a child, but I claim to be from Ohio and an avid fan of The Ohio State University Buckeyes in all sports. My wife, Laura, and my 2.5 year old daughter, Stella, live in Buda. I graduated from Wright State University (named after the Wright Brothers) with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management.

I have worked in Right of Way for over 8 years and was a previous member of IRWA Chapter 36 in Dallas-Fort Worth before relocating to Austin and becoming a member of Chapter 74 in 2009. I have been an active member of the IRWA and most recently served as the co-chair of the Programs Committee since January 2013 to present, for Chapter 74. I have earned my R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC Certifications and the SR/WA designation with the IRWA. I currently serve as a project manager with HDR Engineering, Inc. and have worked as a relocation and acquisition agent on multiple projects.

I would be honored to be a part of the leadership group of our local Chapter 74, which is considered one of the best Chapters of the IRWA. In addition to being able to provide my skills to the officers and members of our chapter, I feel that this would assist me in my professional career while being an integral part of our great professional organization.



SHEILA MILLS

I am a graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a major in Finance and Real Estate. I began my career with TxDOT in 1987 in the San Angelo Area Office, then accepted a position as a Right of Way Agent with the San Angelo District Right of Way section where I worked for 15 years. From that point, I had the privilege to serve as the Right of Way Administrator for the Waco District for 5 years; North Region Right of Way Manager for 3 years and now as the Right of Way Project Delivery Director for the Right of Way Division.

I am a member of the International Right of Way Association and Chapter 74. I received my SR/WA designation in 1999.

Although I served with John Reed on the Chapter 74 Local Public Agency committee, I am interested in becoming more involved in our Chapter and would like the opportunity to serve in the treasurer position. I believe by serving in this position, I can help to strengthen the partnerships that have already been developed between IRWA and TxDOT and other agencies.

I would appreciate and welcome your vote for the position of treasurer.

TREASURER NOMINEES



LORI BIBLE

As you may know, I have been nominated for the position of Treasurer of our IRWA Bluebonnet Chapter 74. I am excited for the opportunity this nomination offers and the trust and esteem that it shows my colleagues have for me. I would like to take a moment to tell you about myself and what I hope to achieve if you choose me as your next Chapter Treasurer. I have been a member of the IRWA since 1989 and had the honor to serve as Co-chair of our Professional Development Committee for three years (2010-2012). I am a Senior Associate with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. (LAN) and lead LAN's Right-of-Way Team. I have been an active volunteer in several community and civic organizations by supporting victims of violent crimes and those serving our country in distant places. The time is right for me to shift my volunteer focus to our professional organization. I would like to bring that energy and passion for my work to the Treasurer position.

Over the past several years, our Chapter has experienced impressive growth. This growth brings with it new opportunities, as well as new challenges and responsibilities. It is time to formalize some of the methods by which we manage the resources that we, as members, entrust to our Chapter. I want to bring openness and inclusiveness to the position of Treasurer. These traits will allow us to capitalize on our resources and develop a network that promotes professional opportunity and growth for all of us. To that end, I will pursue several strategies. Primarily, I will propose that a budget be developed and maintained. A well-managed and accurate budget will allow the chapter to focus its energies on those issues that really matter to our members. Furthermore, I will propose that this budget be presented to members at every meeting. It will summarize the receipts and expenditures of the Chapter so that members can see how their dues are spent. In this way, members can truly appreciate the work that the IRWA does for them. By providing members with the tools to make informed decisions, they will become true stakeholders in the association.

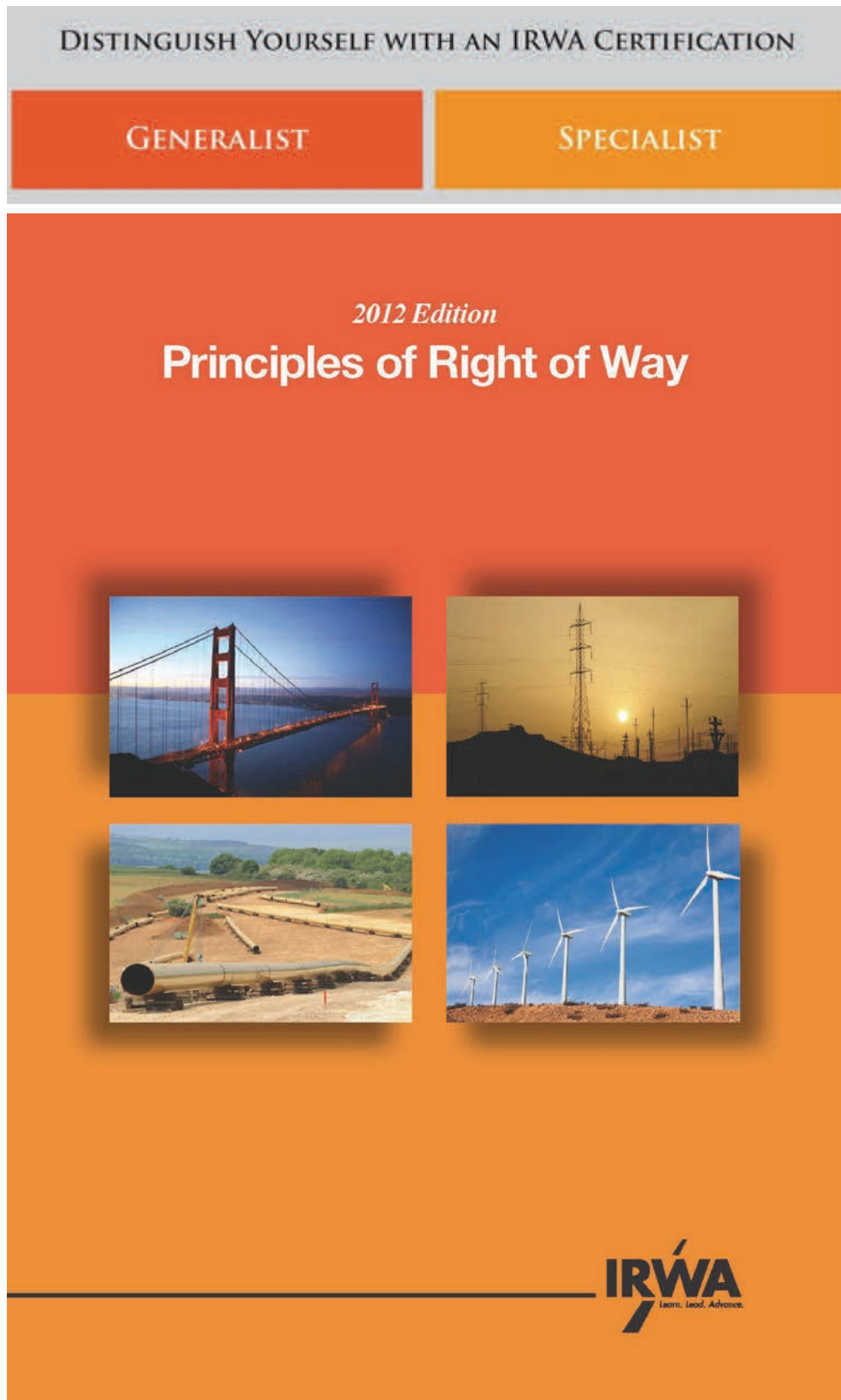
I welcome the chance to show the members of Chapter 74 my passion for the ROW industry and my belief that we can grow to meet the changing needs of our members.

Please vote for me for IRWA Bluebonnet Chapter 74 Treasurer.



Professional Development News

If you have any Professional Development questions, please contact [Cheryl Speaker](#)



Young Professional News

A vibrant poster for an IRWA Young Professionals event. The background is a collage of Mexican-themed images: a sombrero, a taco, a beer, and a circular inset showing the interior of La Bodega Baja Taco Bar. The text 'IRWA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS' is in the top left. 'Fiesta!' is written in large, colorful, stylized letters. 'Social' is at the bottom in a large, yellow, bubbly font. On the right, it says 'This Message is Brought to You by aria' with the aria logo. Below that is the 'LA BODEGA BAJA TACO BAR' logo. The date '22 May 2014' is prominently displayed. Event details include 'Open 5:30 P.M.', 'Venue La Bodega Baja Taco Bar 84 East Ave Austin, TX 78701', 'COST FREE', and 'RSVP MarkM@Aria-CMG.com'. A vertical copyright notice '© 2014 WWW.EJAJUNT-MARKETING.COM' is on the far right.

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The YP's of Chapter 74 are back at it again!!

Our next event will be held at La Bodega on Thursday, May 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

IRWA Social events provide great opportunities to get connected with other IRWA members and expand your business network.

If you're new to the IRWA, or interested in joining then this is an excellent way to learn more about our organization from some of our rising stars.

Don't forget to R.S.V.P. and remember all members are INVITED!!!

If you would like additional information on Young Professional events, contact:

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TxDOT (ROW Division) has various job openings, [click here](#) to view job details.

Contact Land Staff, LLC has various job openings.
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Paul Hornsby & Company has an immediate opening for a real property appraiser with a minimum of three (3) years of experience. Practice areas include eminent domain, ad valorem tax, and general commercial litigation valuation. Please email inquiries in confidence to Paul Hornsby & Company at phornsby@paulhornsbyandco.com.

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