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IRWA Chapter 7 March General Membership Meeting Thursday, March 17, 2016

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President/President Elect Message

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Happy New Year! It has been challenging time for our Chapter and we appreciate your patience and support. Our current Executive Board is comprised of **Laura Stensland, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-AMC** as your President; **Michael Kurschat, M.S.F., ASA, MAI**, Vice President and Program Chair; **Robert Bourgeois**, Treasurer; **Trina Richardson**, Secretary; **Deb Poeder**, Assistant Secretary; and myself as President-Elect.

It has been a bit of a struggle, as we each have taken on new, and in some cases, unexpected responsibilities this year. I am so very appreciative of my fellow Board members as they have stepped up and provided much needed support during Laura's absence, and further, they have done so without near as much guidance as they should have received in their new roles.

I would also like to give a special thanks to former Board Members **Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA**; **Pat Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-RAC**; and **Norm Thomas, SR/WA**, for sharing their experience with us and providing much needed support.

Along the same lines, consider this a "call to arms" to our Membership for **YOUR** assistance with regard Chapter initiatives:

First is the election of new Board Members, for which we are asking for input, suggestions, recommendations, and/or volunteers for future Board member appointments. As you know, this is an on-going effort, therefore, if you, or someone you know would be interested in serving on the Executive Board, speak up now!!

Second is new memberships which is an ongoing goal and we count on all of you to promote the benefits of IRWA Chapter 7 Membership.

Third is assistance with finding speakers for our General Membership meetings and Fall Seminar. We want to provide the Members with meaningful, appropriate and interesting content and in order to achieve this, your input is both critical and appreciated.

The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2016 at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor and we hope to see you there! I also want to make you aware of an initiative by the Board to consolidate the various Chapter 7 Committees in an effort to streamline our activities. We currently have twenty seven (27) different committees, some of which will be combined where it makes sense to do so. We will also divide them into categorical classifications, as either "Industry" or "Service" related committees. More to come on this item!

In closing, you will note that this is our first Newsletter, albeit brief, that we are rolling out in electronic format. In this busy, technological day and age, it was time to convert and I hope you all appreciate this change. The Board thanks you for your support and we look forward to a great 2016!

Sincerely,

Wendy Sutton
Chapter 7 President-Elect



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2015 EVENTS & COURSES TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

February 24-25, 2016	Course 801 - Unites States Land Titles	Okemos, MI
March 16, 2016	Course 406B - 7 Hr. USPAP Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice	Weber’s Inn, Ann Arbor, MI
March 17, 2016	General Membership Meeting	Weber’s Inn, Ann Arbor, MI
April 22-23, 2016	Region 5 Spring Forum	Roanoke, West Virginia
May 12, 2016	General Membership Meeting Installation of Officers	Radisson Hotel, Lansing, MI
May, 2016	Course 503 - Mobile Home Relocation	TBD
May, 2016	Course 504 - Computing Replacement Housing Payments	TBD
June 12-15, 2016	International Education Conference	Nashville, TN
August, 2016	Course 417—The Valuation of Environmentally Contaminated Real Estate	Weber’s Inn Ann Arbor, MI
August, 2016	Course 603 - Understanding Environmental Contamination in Real Estate	TBD
September, 2016	Course 604 - Environmental Due Diligence & Liability	TBD
November, 2016	Course 803 - Eminent Domain Law Basics for Right of Way Professionals	TBD
December, 2016	Course 802—Legal Aspects of Easements	TBD

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Mark your calendars!

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EDUCATION NEWS

February 24 & 25, 2016 - Course #801 – **United States Land Titles** – This course addresses the overall principles and applications which generally govern land title activities

Location: Okemos Conference Center, 2187 University Park Drive, Okemo, Michigan

Instructor: Raymond O. Howd, State of Michigan Assistant Attorney General

March 16, 2016 - Course #406B - **7 Hr. USPAP Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal**

Practice – This course provides an in-depth focus on common misunderstandings of the USPAP and changes to the edition of the USPAP for 2016-17 & is being offered in conjunction with IRWA Michigan Chapter 7

General Membership meeting scheduled for March 17, 2016

Location: Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Instructor: David E. Burgoyne, SR/WA

May 2016 - Course #503 – **Mobile Home Relocation** – This course emphasizes the critical elements involved in relocating mobile homes and important considerations involved when categorizing mobile homes as real and/or personal property

Tentative Location: Lansing area

May 2016 - Course #504 – **Computing Replacement Housing Payments** – This course provides an emphasis on calculation of rental assistance payments, price differential payments, mortgage interest differential payments and incidental expenses payments in complicated situations.

Tentative Location: Lansing area

August 2016 - Course #417 – **The Valuation of Environmentally Contaminated Real Estate** –

This is a special emphasis course which focuses upon the appraisal of real estate when environmental contamination is a factor

Tentative Location: Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan

August 2016 - Course #603 – **Understanding Environmental Contamination in Real Estate** –

This course focuses on the types, causes, effects, and implications of environmental contamination, as well as remediation techniques

September 2016 - Course #604 – **Environmental Due Diligence & Liability** – This course provides an overview of the environmental due diligence process and the liabilities associated with purchasing property.

Tentative Location: Crystal Mountain in conjunction with Chapter Fall Education Seminar

November 2016 - Course #803 – **Eminent Domain Law Basics for Right of Way Professionals** –

This course provides basic theories behind and practical aspects of the various laws, rules and regulations applicable to the acquisition of private property for public use through exercise of eminent domain

December 2016 - Course #802 – **Legal Aspects of Easements** - This course provides an overview of the theory and rationale of easements as well as solutions on how to avoid future problems regarding easements.

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801 U.S. Land Titles February 24-25, 2016 Okemos MI



Course 801 - United States Land Titles

Course Description:

Building upon prior professional knowledge, this course provides participants with information regarding the analysis of abstracts to determine who must execute a conveyance. Participants will become familiar with terminology such as title estates, covenants, liens, encumbrances, and contracts; and will also understand the preparation of chains of title from public records.

Topics:

- Public records
- Sources of title information
- Who can hold/transfer title
- Instruments and other means of transferring real estate interests
- When title passes
- Encumbrances
- Title search - developing the chain of title
- How to determine vesting from a chain of title
- How to identify encumbrances and how to clear title
- How to handle special situations - site inspection, discoveries, environmental impacts encroachments, divorce action, leasehold, interest and deaths

Course Level:

Intermediate

Course Tuition Includes:

- Participant Manual
- Real Estate Dictionary

Who Should Take This Course:

This course is recommended for right of way professionals and experienced land titles by profession individuals who are in the process of or working on title reports or abstracts of title. This course is not intended for individuals with extensive title company experience.

Last Name First Name

Title

Company Name

Address

City, State, Zip/Postal Code

(____) _____ - _____ Yes No
Phone Member Member ID Number

Email Address

If payment includes the fees for registrants other than yourself, check here:
(Please submit names of other registrants on a separate paper along with this form)
Will you also be attending? Yes No

Member Tuition	Non-Member Tuition	Total Tuition Amount
\$ 415	\$ 520	_____

Total Member Registrants: _____
Total Non-Member Registrants: _____

PRINT NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD: _____ 3-DIGIT CVV: _____

AMEX MC VISA Card #: _____ EXP: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____ Amount to be Charged: _____

801 U.S. Land Titles February 24-25, 2016 Okemos MI

Sponsor: IRWA Chapter 7
Date: February 24-25, 2016
Time: 2 days – 8 AM to 5 PM Daily
City: Okemos, MI

Class Location:
Okemos Conference Center
2187 University Park Drive
Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: (517) 381-7300
Participant Capacity: 16

Four Ways to Register:
Online: www.irwaonline.org
Fax: (866) 388-7419
Phone: (310) 538-0233, x138
Contact Course Coordinator

Accommodations:
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
2209 University Park Drive
Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: (517) 349-8700
Rate: \$85.00 single/\$85.00 plus tax double
Mention International Right of Way Group Code IRW for special rate.
Reservation Deadline 2/9/16.
Contact hotel directly for rates and reservations.

Course Coordinator:
Ms. Patricia A. Petitto, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
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Course Instructor:

Raymond O. Howd has worked for the Michigan Department of Attorney General since 1985. He worked in the Transportation Division from 1994 through 2007. Mr. Howd represented MDOT in a variety of matters involving property acquisition, condemnation litigation, and environmental issues. He was involved in all of MDOT's condemnation appeals, and oversaw all of MDOT's condemnation litigation. He is the Michigan Chapter 7 committee chair on law and legislation and a frequent speaker at IRWA meetings and conferences. Mr. Howd co-chaired the CLE International Michigan conferences on Eminent Domain in 2002, 2004, and 2005. In addition, Mr Howd has given numerous other group presentations on issues concerning environmental law, property acquisition, and condemnation law and strategy.



2016 Region 5 Spring Forum

April 22 – April 23, 2016

Stonewall Resort

940 Resort Drive, Roanoke, West Virginia 26447

IRWA West "By GOD" Virginia, Mountaineer Chapter 21, extends an invitation to you to attend the 2016 Region 5 Spring Forum. The Spring Forum will be held at the Stonewall Resort, 940 Resort Drive, | Roanoke West Virginia 26447. Contact information, telephone – 304-269-7400, fax – 304-269-4358 or web www.stonewallresort.com

A block of rooms has been set-aside for the Forum attendee's at the following rates per night:

\$125.00 single: \$125.00 double, plus applicable taxes.

Reservations can be made by calling Stonewall Resort at 304-269-7400.

Reservations must be made NO LATER THAN March 23, 2016

Any unreserved rooms will be released after March 23, 2016.

Mention the International Right of Way Association for this special price.

A hospitality suite has been reserved in the main lodge for a social gathering Friday night and again on Saturday night. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am Saturday April 23, 2016 and will be preceded by a continental breakfast starting at 7:30 am.

Registration Form – 2016 Region 5 Spring Forum Roanoke, West Virginia

Name _____ Chapter _____

Guest(s) _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Cost for the Region Forum is \$70.00 per person (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Please return the registration form no later than April 1, 2016. Makes checks payable to IRWA Chapter 21.

Please remit payment to:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For our Chapter 7 members who work on relocation (and are not members of the IRWA Relocation CoP Group). The IRWA is having a special relocation meeting coming up on Feb 19-21 in New Orleans. And for those who cannot be there they are asking for questions to be submitted via email.

This meeting has two directives: 1) formulating a relocation planning worksheet template that can be used universally in project planning; and 2) putting together a list of 'agricultural' relocation FAQs and answers as a resource for relocation agents dealing with ag land owners/tenants.

Patricia A. Pelitto, SR/WA

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION

The March General Membership meeting is at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor on Thursday, March 17th, registration and continental breakfast from 8:00 am to 8:30 am. Lunch is also provided. The meeting lasts until 3pm. The headline speaker is Mark Jordan of MDOT, speaking about the Gordie Howe International Bridge Right of Way acquisition project. Other speakers TBD. Price: \$50 member, \$60 non-member

Our May General Membership meeting is a "Legislative Forum" scheduled for May 12, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel, Lansing at the Capitol. Registration and continental breakfast begins at 8:00 am, and the meeting lasts until 3pm. The meeting features special guest and IRWA member State Representative David Maturen, as well as a walking tour of the Capitol building.



June 12 – 15

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Welcome to the International Right of Way Association's 62nd Annual International Education Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. We invite you to attend this valuable industry event and take advantage of the many educational and learning opportunities, as well as the networking events that have been planned just for you. Please feel free to contact us if you have any specific questions regarding the annual conference, and check our website often for updates regarding our plans as we continue mapping out your educational event of the year!

Sincerely,

Your 2016 Conference Planning Committee

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IRWA Chapter 7 Sponsorship Packages 2016

IRWA Chapter 7 is pleased to announce our sponsorship packages for 2016! Sponsorship of Chapter 7 will afford your company a unique opportunity to showcase your services to hundreds of professionals in all facets of the right of way industry.

Sponsorship package selection will be available via Chapter 7's [website](#) for a limited time only starting **March 15th, 2016**

A limited number of packages are available for purchase at the top two sponsorship levels Platinum & Gold. The first company to select and pay for their preferred package is the first to get it- it's a race to the finish line! Last year the packages sold out quickly- don't miss this valuable opportunity!

Contact the [Chapter 7 Marketing Committee](#) for additional information. Thank you!

Packages									
	Packages Available	Company Ad & Logo in Newsletter & Website	Company Logo display at all Chapter functions	Roster advertisement & Newsletter Advertisement??	E-Blast & Social Media	Special Recognition	Company Promotion	Designated Member Meeting	Job Postings
Platinum \$2000	2	Above the fold	✓	Full page Back cover(or whatever is the "prime page"	✓	Plaque	15 minutes	January (Exclusive)	Unlimited
Gold \$1000	4	On first page	✓	Full page Inside cover	✓	Framed Certificate	10 minutes	March or May (Exclusive)	Unlimited
Silver \$500	Unlimited	✓	✓	½ page	✓	Framed Certificate	5 minutes	July, Sept., or Nov. (Potentially Shared)	Unlimited

Benefits

Company Ad & Logo	Company ad published in 4 issues of Newsletter and company logo posted to Chapter 7 website for 12 months
E-Blast & Social Media	E-Blast recognition of sponsorship sent to all active Chapter 7 members, posted to Member Fuse and to Chapter 7 social media
Table Tent	Table tent with company logo displayed at 6 member meetings
Special Recognition	Verbal recognition from Chapter President and special recognition item presented at designated member meeting
Company Promotion	Opportunity to speak and distribute company brochure/promotional materials at designated member meeting
Designated Member Meeting	Designated member meeting will be determined based on sponsorship level and member meeting will be offered at a reduced cost to members thanks to your sponsorship
Job Postings	Unlimited, free job postings published in Newsletter and posted to Chapter 7 website
MnDOT Social Hour Booth	
Golf	

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available throughout the year

	Newsletter Ad	Job Posting Website & Newsletter	Job Seeker Website & Newsletter
Member	\$300 (4 issues)	\$15 (1-time)	\$15 (1-time)
Non-Member	\$450 (4 issues)	\$30 (1-time)	\$30 (1-time)

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Messages from those you follow will show up in a readable stream on your Twitter homepage, called your Timeline. Many tweets include links to articles, pictures or videos that may be of interest to you. You can also click on hash tagged keywords (#) to view all Tweets about that topic. Twitter is one of those apps that is best learned by using it. The most important thing you can do is get started.



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