



September 21, 2021

Dear IRWA Chapter 7 Members:

Welcome to another year of membership and a new season of activity! Your Board and Committee members have been working diligently to plan events and opportunities for 2021 – 2022.

I am honored to serve as your IRWA Chapter 7 President this year and privileged to have an excellent team. Your 2021-2022 Board members are:

- Henry Horton, President Elect (ROWE)
- Jay Spencer, Vice President and Program Chair (Metro Consulting Assoc.)
- Kent Edwards, Treasurer and Membership Chair (ROWE)
- Rebecca Curtis, Secretary and Title Chair (MI Trusted Title)
- Jumana Judeh, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer (Judeh & Assoc.)
- Linda Dembeck, SR/WA, Professional Development Committee (PDC) Chair (Oakland County)
- Larysa Figol, SR/WA, (City of Troy)
- Robert Bourgeois, SR/WA (Consumer’s Energy)

In addition to the Executive Board, there are 18 Committees, that work together to plan events, coordinate IRWA courses and provide guidance. The Committee Roster is attached. If you’re interested in joining a committee, please contact me or the Chair. We’d love to get a fresh perspective and welcome your contribution.

The Education Committee has scheduled 5 IRWA Courses for 2021. They are:

Virtual	September 16-7, 2021	#100	Principals of Land Acquisition
Live	October 13, 2021	#102	Elevating Your Ethical Awareness
Virtual	October 21-22, 2021	#200	Principals of Real Estate Negotiations
Virtual	November 3-4, 2021	#801	United States Land Titles
Virtual	December 1, 2021	#410	Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain

Please check our chapter’s website for registration information. The virtual courses are limited to 22 attendees and fill up quickly. If you’re working on an IRWA designation, please let us know what courses you need, and we will incorporate them into the schedule. We are working on scheduling courses for 2021 - 2024. Hope to see you at one of the courses.

**2021 Meeting Schedule:**

October 14-15, 2021	Fall Education Seminar	Bay Harbor, Petoskey, MI
November 11, 2021	General Membership	Weber’s Inn, Ann Arbor, MI

Please check the website for registration and agenda information.



## Fall Education Seminar

Our first meeting this season is at Bay Harbor Inn, Petoskey, MI. Jay Spencer has gathered exceptional speakers who have prepared interesting topics to share. There's still time to register and the 'early bird registration' period has been extended until October 10, 2021. Go to our website to register and see the agenda: [IRWA Chapter 7 | Proudly Serving Michigan's Leading Right of Way Professionals \(irwamichigan.org\)](https://www.irwamichigan.org).

The meeting will be held live and virtually. Once registered a link will be sent to you to join the meeting as the date approaches.

Join us at 7-pm, Wednesday, October 13 for a Welcome Reception at Bay Harbor. There will be time to network, play games and relax from your travels.

Our annual Not So Silent Auction will take place on Thursday, October 14, at Bay Harbor. Please bring your donations to me when you arrive at Bay Harbor. Monies raised from the auction goes to support the IRWA International Education Foundation (RWIEF). The foundation's primary purpose is to fund ROW education, and professional development that is essential to the growth and advancement of our profession. Let's make this a record year and support the RWIEF. I've been collecting items for the auction, have you?

We've faced many challenges in 2020 and 2021 due to the global pandemic and will continue to have obstacles to overcome. The world has changed, and we've changed along with it. We've been resilient, creative, and navigated through a wake of unforeseen circumstances. We've become comfortable with ZOOM, TEAMS meetings, and virtual events. We've been successful working remotely with colleagues, clients, and landowners. Give yourself a 'pat on the back' for you are a survivor!

I look forward to serving Chapter 7 members by encouraging and providing opportunities for personal and professional growth, and education in the right of way industry. As Chapter 7 members, let's work together to create an environment that is welcoming, enriching, and positive.

I look forward to seeing everyone at a Chapter 7 event, beginning with Bay Harbor.

Sincerely,

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