



**Region 2, 6, 9 Spring Forums
Meeting Notice & Agenda**
May 1, 2026
08:00 a.m. – 03:00 p.m. (CST)
South Padre Island, TX

Our Purpose

We improve people's quality of life through infrastructure development.

Mission

We empower professionals by elevating ethics, learning and a standard of excellence within the global infrastructure real estate community.

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| 1. | Call to Order of Joint Forum | Marcus Boyd, SR/WA
Pamela Taylor, SR/WA
Carmelita Delgado, SR/WA |
| 2. | Safety Moment | Nathaniel Kimbro, SR/WA |
| 3. | Roll Call and Introduction of Guests and First-time Attendees | Christie Saenz, SR/WA |
| 4. | Reports from Special Committees | Matt Harris, SR/WA |

A. International Finance Committee 2026-2027 Budget Presentation

Background: This section presents insights into financial planning for fiscal year 2026-2027 to support the Association's initiatives and objectives.

Action: Review proposed 2026-2027 Budget.

Support Material: 2026-2027 Budget & Narrative

B. International Governing Council (IGC) Updates

**Koby Godwin, SR/WA
Lacie Jones, SR/WA
Aiyana Lopez**

Background: The IGC convened in Victoria, BC, on February 20-21. This section offers an overview of recent initiatives and decisions, highlighting the strategic direction and governance efforts in support of the Association’s mission.

Action: Provide updates

Support Material: Bylaws Task Force Update Summary, Magazine Submission Guidelines and Membership Outreach Program Overview

1. Task Force Updates
 - a. Strategic Plan
 - i. Thorn Activity
 - b. Bylaws
 - c. Chapter Incentive Program (ChIP)
 - d. Small Chapters
2. Updated Right of Way Magazine Submission Guidelines for Articles
 - a. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in article submissions
3. Region Vice Chair Exchange Program
4. New Membership Outreach Program
5. Project 100

C. Education Foundations Reports

Leighton Gambill, SR/WA

Background: The Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF) and Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation (CRWEF) are vital partners in advancing educational excellence through financial support for course development, scholarships and awards.

Action: Provide updates from RWIEF and CRWEF.

Support Material: 50 for Fifty Scholarship Flyer

(If reps from the Foundations are not presenting you can share the following courses and initiatives that have been approved for funding in 2026-2027)

1. RWIEF
 - a. PEAK - Indianapolis, IN (April 10-11)
 - b. Mini-PEAK at Conference - Omaha, NE (June 24-25)
 - c. New Course 215 (On-Demand): Right of Way (ROW) Acquisition for Pipeline Projects (2-Day)
 - d. New Course 501 (On-Demand): Residential Relocation Assistance (2-Day)
 - e. New Course 902 (On-Demand): Property Descriptions (1-Day)
 - f. New Course 229: Virtual Communication Principles and Methods (2-Day)
 - g. New Course 238i: ROW Acquisition for Electrical Distribution Projects (1-Day)
 - h. New Course 251i: Rail Transportation (1-Day)
 - i. 50 for Fifty Scholarship (2-Year)
2. CRWEF

D. International Committee Updates

Lee Hamre, SR/WA and Others Available

Background: This update focuses on the current initiatives and activities of the International Committees.

Action: Review committee updates.

Support Material: Committee Update Summaries

5. Chapter Elections and Transition Planning

Matt Eckmann, SR/WA

Background: Each spring, Chapters conduct officer elections with newly elected leaders beginning their terms on July 1. To ensure a smooth and successful transition, outgoing and incoming officers should work closely together to share knowledge, clarify responsibilities and prepare for their roles ahead of the July 1 start date.

Action: Review Chapter Election Tools in the Chapter Tool Kit.

Support Material: Chapter Election Assistance, Chapter Officers Election Script, Officer Transition Checklist

6. HQ/Member Services Update

**Tim Drennan
Aiyana Lopez**

A. **Background:** This update provides essential information on projects, programming and marketing initiatives aimed at enhancing the organization’s visibility and member engagement.

Action: Provide updates

Support Material: Member Services PowerPoint, Young Professionals Event/Sponsorship Flyer

1. Member Dashboard
2. Renewal Update
3. Partner Program Update
4. Chapter Incentive Program (ChIP) Update
5. New Member Onboarding Communications Overview
6. Chapter Leadership Training Videos
7. Compliance Deadlines
8. Social Media Statistics
9. External Advertising Plan/Placements
10. 2026 Omaha Conference Update
 - a. Conference Registration Numbers
 - b. Foundation Events Registration Numbers
 - c. Closing Gala Theme: Back to the 80s
 - d. Young Professionals Event Update/Sponsorship
 - i. YP Event Theme: Roaring 20s
 - e. Board of Directors
 - i. Voter Credential Form Links
 - a) [Advisory Council and International Officers](#)
 - b) [Chapter Officers](#) (to be completed by Chapter President)
 - c) BOD Meeting Check-In & Lunch
11. 2030 Conference Bidding Cities
 - a. Minneapolis, MN
 - b. Phoenix, AZ
 - c. Tampa, FL
 - d. Washington, DC/National Harbor, MD
12. Webinar Process
 - a. [Webinar Submission Form Link](#)
13. Cybersecurity Audit – Response to scams
14. Credentialing Concierge
15. eWeb Update
16. Website Status/Plan

Wendi McAleese

B. **International Executive Committee (IEC) Candidate**

Anthony Alderman, SR/WA

Background: One confirmed candidate is running for election to the Secretary position for the IEC at the June Board of Directors Meeting, Anthony Alderman, SR/WA.

Action: Provide candidate information or allow the candidate to speak if present.

Lunch and/or Breakout to Individual Forums

- 7. Region 2 Voting Delegate Confirmation** **Christie Saenz, SR/WA**
Chapter 8 Houston Chapter 43 Baton Rouge
Chapter 33 Oklahoma Chapter 51 Arkansas
Chapter 36 Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter 74 Austin
Chapter 39 South Texas

- 8. Approval of the 2025 Region Fall Forum Minutes and Treasurer Report** **Christie Saenz, SR/WA**
Support Material: Region Fall Forum Meeting Minutes and Treasurer Report

- 9. Election of Region Officers** **Matt Eckmann, SR/WA**

Background: Each year, Region officer nominations are held at the Spring Forum. The nominated officers are presented to the Board of Directors for election during the Annual Board Meeting.
Action: Conduct nominations and then submit results to the International President and copy the International Secretary by May 20.
Support Material: Region Officers Election Script

- 10. Chapter Reports** **Chapter Presidents and Lacie Jones, SR/WA**

- 11. Region Awards** **Lacie Jones, SR/WA**
A. May 31, 2026, Deadline to Submit Nominees
B. YP of the Year/Professional of the Year/Lifetime Achievement Award Forms

- 12. Upcoming Meetings** **Marcus Boyd, SR/WA**
A. 2026 International Education Conference June 25 – 29, 2026
B. Region 2 International Education Conference Caucus 2:00 p.m. on June 26, 2026
C. 2026 Fall Forum College Station July 29 – 31, 2026
D. Identify Theme and Course(s)
E. Chapters to Submit Speakers/Bios/Topics NLT May 8, 2026
F. Region YP Update(s)
G. 2027 Region 2 Spring Forum Location Oklahoma
H. 2028 Region 2 Spring Forum Location Austin?

- 13. Adjournment** **Marcus Boyd, SR/WA**

In accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, the meeting will adjourn upon motion, second, and majority vote of the members.

IRWA Task Forces 2025-26

The following Task Forces have been created at the Fall IGC meeting.

The goal is to have the Task Forces provide detailed reports at the spring IGC meeting, with full completion either at the spring IGC meeting or at the annual conference.

Each task force will also liaise with the Marketing & Membership Committee to ensure that there is no duplicate work and to see if there are opportunities to work together.

Bylaw Review

Goal

To review the current bylaws and policies and procedures to ensure they match and to review the model chapter and region bylaws.

Members

IEC Representative - Yasmin Stump
Region 6 Chair - Pamela Taylor
Region 7 Vice Chair - Andrew Sorba
Region 10 Vice Chair - Mark McKee
Staff Liaison – Jade Meador
M&M Liaison – Denise Skinner

Small Chapters

Goal

To discuss and propose ways to assist small chapters.

Members

IEC Representative - Ray Mehler
Region 4 Chair – Carrilin Hirsch
Region 6 Vice Chair – Lisa Norris
Region 8 Chair – Kimberley Millar
Region 8 Vice Chair - Dawn MacDougall
Region 9 Vice Chair - Kirsten Muncy
Region 10 Chair - Vicki Green
Staff Liaison – Jaime Tieu & Aiyana Lopez
M&M Liaison – Lauren Fritts

Strategic / Business Plan

Goal

To review and update the current strategic plan and present a business plan to enact the strategic plan.

Members

IEC Representative – Dan Bucan
Region 1 Vice Chair – Kelley Kelley
Region 2 Chair – Marcus Boyd
Region 2 Vice Chair – Lacie Jones
Region 5 Chair – Rob Kirkpatrick
Region 10 Chair – Vicki Green
Staff Liaison – Tim Drennan
M&M Liaison – Denise Skinner

Accreditation

Goal

To create a framework and guidelines to help chapters through the processes of getting State Accreditation.

Members

IEC Representative - Pat Petitto
Region 1 Chair – Conner McDonald
Region 5 Vice Chair – Gail Morton
Region 6 Chair – Pamela Taylor
Region 7 Vice Chair – Andrew Sorba
Staff Liaison – Amir Vafamanesh
M&M Liaison – Alis Wishner

Mentorship

Goal

To review the current Mentorship program and propose updates to reinvigorate it, including possible program at conference.

Members

IEC Representative – Matt Harris
Region 1 Chair – Conner McDonald
Region 3 Chair – Steve Grandon
Region 4 Vice Chair – Patty Quinn
Region 7 Chair – Jesse Ray
Region 9 Chair – Carmelita Delgado
Staff Liaison – Jaime Tieu & Aiyana Lopez
M&M Liaison – Alis Wishner

Chip Utilization

Goal

To review and assist chapters use of the Chip Program.

Members

IEC Representative - Cyndi Whelpley
Executive Director – Time Drennan
Member Services Manager – Jaime Rose Tieu
Member Services Manager – Aiyana Lopez
Region 1 Vice Chair – Kelley Kelley
Region 2 Vice Chair – Lacie Jones
Region 3 Vice Chair – Tara Green
Region 4 Vice Chair – Patty Quinn
Region 5 Vice Chair – Gail Morton
Region 6 Vice Chair – Lisa Norris
Region 7 Vice Chair – Andrew Sorba
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M&M Liaison – Stephanie Riley

Strategic Plan Task Force 2025-2026

Spring Forum Update and Rose, Bud, Thorn Exercise

Task Force Focus

Strategic Plan

Business Plan

Budget

Tracking

Maintenance

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



Excellence

We constantly improve our products, our services and ourselves to build a shared body of knowledge and experience.






Strategic Vision

Advance IRWA's position as the premier association for professionals through membership growth, education excellence, leadership development, and enhanced member value.




Strategic Goals (Color-Coded)

-  Membership (Retention & Growth)
-  Education (Education Excellence)
-  Credentialing (Professional Standard)
-  Networking (Engagement)
-  Leadership (Governance)

Key Strategic Priorities

-  Membership- Unified branding and targeted outreach
-  Education - High-quality, modern education delivery
-  Credential - Simplified and recognized credentials
-  Engagement – Networking and communications
-  Leadership development and succession planning

Responsibility Matrix




-  Membership – IM&M Committee – Branding, recruitment, outreach
-  Education - IPEC – Education quality, instructors, course lifecycle
-  Credentialing / IPEC – Credential pathways and recognition
-  Engagement – Networking (Industry Committees – Networking, symposiums, outreach) Communications
-  Leadership - IGC – Governance, leadership development, oversight
- Staff / HQ – Technology, communications, administration

International Organization Chart



Voting Board Members
Advisory Council Members
International Executive Committee
Region Chairs and Vice Chairs
2 Directors from each Chapter

Rose, Bud, Thorn

-  **Rose:** Highlights, successes, and positive outcomes.
-  **Thorn:** Challenges, obstacles, and areas needing improvement.
-  **Bud:** Opportunities, new ideas, and areas for future growth.

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Task Force Members

Chair	Andrew Sorba, SR/WA
Vice-Chair	Pamela Taylor, SR/WA
IEC Liasson	Yasmin Stump, Esq.
Member	Denise Skinner, SR/WA
Member	Mark McKee, SR/WA
Deputy Executive Director	Jade Meador, CAE

Meeting Date & Time

- I. Every other Wednesday at 12:30 PM PT
 - a. Next Meeting February 25, 2026

Objectives

- I. Review International Bylaws
 - a. Draft and submit clarification questions to the appropriate bodies of knowledge
 - i. Identify and Recommend Changes to Bylaws
 1. General “Clean Up” and Clarification
 2. Substance Changes
- II. Ensure Int’l P&P align with Int’l P&P
 - a. Review International Policy and Procedure
 - i. Draft and submit clarification questions to the appropriate bodies of knowledge
 1. Identify and Recommend Changes to Bylaws
 - a. General “Clean Up” and Clarification
 - b. Substance Changes

- III. Review Regional Bylaw Template
 - a. Draft and submit clarification questions to the appropriate bodies of knowledge
 - i. Identify and Recommend Changes to Bylaws
 - 1. General “Clean Up” and Clarification
 - 2. Substance Changes
- IV. Review Chapter Bylaw Template
 - a. Draft and submit clarification questions to the appropriate bodies of knowledge
 - i. Identify and Recommend Changes to Bylaws
 - 1. General “Clean Up” and Clarification
 - 2. Substance Changes

Status

- I. The task force has completed a review of International Bylaws Articles I through V.

Right of Way Magazine | Article Submission Guidelines

Right of Way Magazine reports on the most relevant and challenging issues facing our industry today. Topics include **negotiations, relocation, pipelines, transportation, electric/utilities, valuation, survey/engineering, environmental, asset management, industry trends, best practices and regulations affecting the right of way professional**. As the only publication dedicated solely to right of way professionals worldwide, Right of Way Magazine provides valuable information to roughly 7,000 subscribers involved in all facets of the industry.

You can find the latest digital edition of the magazine here:

<https://www.rightofwaymagazine-digital.org/rightofway/library/>

Article Guidelines

- If you have written an article that you would like to submit for consideration, please send your Word Document to Vivian Nguyen at **nguyen@irwaonline.org** If you are unsure, feel free to submit an article proposal.
- Word count varies. Generally, articles are 1,000-2,500 words.
- Article must include a title, subtitle and byline.
- Include any high-resolution photos as separate attachments.
- Please provide a headshot (attached separately in the email) and a short biography (3 sentences) to run at the end of your article.
- Please remember that article submissions must be written with tact. If the nature of your topic is somewhat controversial, please contact Vivian first to discuss the best approach.
- Right of Way Magazine does not accept articles that have been mostly written or generated through artificial intelligence (AI). All submitted articles may be reviewed using AI-detection tools as part of our editorial process. Submissions that have been generated substantially through AI will be subject to further review.

Copy Deadlines for 2026

<u>Issue:</u>	<u>Copy Deadline:</u>
January/February	November 14, 2025
March/April	January 16, 2026
May/June	March 16, 2026
July/August	May 15, 2026
September/October	July 13, 2026
November/December	September 14, 2026

Please note that the magazine receives numerous submissions and we cannot guarantee the publication of submitted proposals. The Editor and the Editorial Advisory Board will make the decision based on a variety of factors. Right of Way Magazine reserves the right to edit submissions. Printed articles become the property of Right of Way Magazine.

Region Vice Chair Exchange Program

An additional \$1500 has been requested for Region Vice Chairs to attend other region forums.

The intent is for Region Vice Chairs to see how other Regions conduct their forums as each Region forum is run differently. e.g. Differences in promotion, costs, education sessions, focus of discussion etc.

This would allow time for Region Vice Chairs to connect with members from other regions and their counterparts.

Region Vice Chairs could bring lessons learned back to their home chapters to discuss.

To save costs it would be preferable for regions to attend neighboring regions, however, if the Region Vice Chair has been involved in a joint forum, been to a Regions forum before, or forums overlap on the same dates, travel will be allowed to a further Region.

As there will be scheduling issues, we request that the Spring and Fall forum dates be released as soon as possible, even if they are tentative.

This is not intended to be added to the budget on an annual basis.

After the final forums are attended, a review of the benefits of the program will be discussed at the IGC meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

Rules

To be used by the Region Vice Chair only

Membership Outreach Program

Overview

Designated IRWA leaders receive one complimentary one-year membership to offer to qualified right of way professionals not currently involved with IRWA.

Goal

Engage professionals new to IRWA, highlighting membership benefits and encouraging them to promote IRWA within their networks.

Eligible Leadership Positions

- International Governing Council (15)
- Region Vice Chairs (10)
- International Industry Committee Chairs (10)
- Chapter Presidents (69)

Notes: Digital-only magazine; leaders should stay in touch with new members.

Restrictions

May **not** be used for current members, co-workers, friends, or family.

Suggested Use

- Local companies involved in right of way who have never held membership
- Local authorities/agencies new to IRWA

Enrollment

1. Notify your **Member Services Manager**.
2. Complete **pages 1 & 2** of the applicable form:
 - **U.S. Membership Form (USD)**
 - **Canadian Membership Form (CDN)**
3. Member Services Manager assists with processing.

Member Services Contacts

- Regions 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 – Jaime Rose Tieu – tieu@irwaonline.org
- Regions 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 – Aiyana Lopez – lopez@irwaonline.org

Questions

Contact **Koby Godwin, SR/WA – IRWA President** koby.godwin@gov.ab.ca

50 FOR FIFTY

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Funded by the Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF)

The Fifty for Fifty Scholarship Program provides fifty (50) \$2,500 scholarships to support IRWA members pursuing professional certification and continuing education. Scholarship funds may be applied toward eligible IRWA coursework and may be used for in-person, virtual, or on-demand courses.

SCHOLARSHIP ALLOCATION

- **Forty (40) scholarships** allocated equally among IRWA's ten (10) U.S. and Canadian Regions (Four scholarships per Region).
- **Up to five (5) scholarships** awarded to qualified applicants from IRWA international chapters (No more than one scholarship per international chapter).
- **Five (5) additional scholarships** awarded to U.S. and Canadian Regions based on documented excess demand.

Unused international scholarships may be reallocated to Regions based on excess qualified applications.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be an **active IRWA member in good standing for at least one (1) year**.
- Have **formally declared candidacy for at least one IRWA certification program**.
- Submit an **essay of 300 words or less** addressing:
 1. Their strongest current potential contribution to IRWA and how this scholarship would enhance that contribution.
 2. What excites them about the future of IRWA and the right of way profession.
 3. The role they hope to play in the future of the profession and IRWA.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- **Application Deadline: May 15, 2026.**
- **Notification of Recipients:** June 1, 2026.
- **Scholarship Term:** July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028.
- **Funds must be used within the scholarship term.**

To download the application and apply, click **here**.

Learn more about this scholarship and other RWIEF initiatives at <https://www.rwief.org>



CER Land Matters Group Advisory Committee (LMG-AC)

Overview

Josh Vass SR/WA and Keith Turner SR/WA serve as IRWA representatives on the Canadian Energy Regulator (CER) Land Matters Group Advisory Committee (LMG-AC), acting as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. The LMG exists to foster effective working relationships between landowners and federally regulated energy companies and to function as a two-way conduit between the CER and stakeholders on land-related matters. The committee focuses on protecting landowner rights and interests while improving engagement practices across federally regulated projects.

Key Successes This Year

- Established and leading a dedicated LMG sub-committee focused on Best Practices for Land Professionals on CER Projects.
- Initiated collaboration discussions with CER technical leadership regarding direct participation in course content development.
- Contributed to development of a forthcoming Land Matters Booklet for landowners to support informed participation in CER projects.

Meetings and Engagement Activities

- Met with CER Technical Leader to discuss CER participation and subject-matter support in course development for land professionals working on federally regulated projects.
- Confirmed internal CER leadership support for staff time and writing expertise toward course development.
- Continued LMG working sessions and sub-committee workshops focused on conduct standards and best practice documentation.
- In person meeting with the committee is scheduled for February 11 and 12, 2026.

Current Initiatives Underway

- Development of Best Practices for Land Professionals on CER Projects (LMG sub-committee initiative).
- Positioning IRWA as the recognized education provider for land professionals working on CER projects through reference in guidance and conduct materials.

Plan for the Remainder of the Year

- Continue sub-committee work to finalize best practice and conduct guidance documents.
- Coordinate with CER contributors on technical content and adjudication/regulatory modules.

Conference Meeting Focus

- Gather feedback from IRWA members on training needs specific to federally regulated projects.

Support Requested from IGC / IEC

Nothing at this time.

IRWA International Electric & Utility Committee IGC update – 2/20/26

The International Right of Way Association Electric and Utilities Committee (IEUC) is an industry committee of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA). The IEUC is comprised of electric, telecommunications, water, sewer, natural gas and other utility industry professionals in a collaborative effort to advance technical knowledge, education and provide valuable networking opportunities.

Our Vision

The purpose of the International Right of Way Association Electric and Utilities Committee (IEUC) is to help guide and encourage the International Right of Way (IRWA) to advance the technical knowledge within the electric and utilities industries across the IRWA platform and utilities industries. The IEUC strives to be the trusted expert for industry best practices, strategic think tank for current issues and future opportunities in the electric and utilities right of way space.

Our Leadership

Chair	Blandon Granger, SR/WA
Vice Chair	Alison Bennett
Treasurer	Gina Cannova, MAI, SR/WA, R/W-AC
Secretary	Jay Spencer
Website/Social Media	Kelly Patton
IEC Liaison	Ray Mehler, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, PMP
HQ Liaison	Aiyana Lopez, CMP
ROW Magazine Editorial Rep.	Kimberly Tassen, SR/WA
IRWA Ethics Comm. Liaison	Dan Bucan, SR/WA
IRWA Membership & Marketing Committee Liaison	Stephanie Riley
Region 1 Representative (Southwest)	Jeff Adal, SR/WA
Region 2 Representative (S. Central)	
Region 3 Representative (N. Central)	Kevin Beltz
Region 4 Representative (Northeast)	Debbie Kukulich
Region 5 Representative (Midwest)	Amanda Murphy-Sanders & Kevin Beltz, Jr
Region 6 Representative (Southeast)	Mark Anderson
Region 7 Representative (Northwest)	Dylan Swanson, SR/WA
Region 8 Representative (Eastern CAN)	Sean Tayler

Region 9 Representative (Rocky Mtn)	Adam Pena, RWP
Region 10 Representative (West. CAN)	Kim Proudlove, SR/WA & Justin Wylie

Our Meetings

Meetings are scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of the month @ 10 a.m. Pacific Time. Currently we have – 240 members with 50-75 attending monthly meetings. We have guest speakers at most meetings.

Goals:

1. Provide educational opportunities. Symposium, Conference Sessions, Webinars, Topics at Monthly meetings.
2. Advance and expand the IRWA Electric and Utilities Course curriculum. Our goal is to submit three course requests to IPEC. Develop a subcommittee and work plan. Encourage and foster ideation and development of course concepts. Collaborate with the International Professional Education Committee (IPEC) and more particularly the Curriculum Subcommittee on potential courses and certifications.
3. Expand membership within the committee and the IRWA. Develop a marketing campaign with IM&M and HQ. Develop a strategy and plan for Membership drive in the telecom spaces. Explore and initiate partnerships with other prominent organizations within the space to make the IRWA the Land acquisition and management training and subject matter experts in the industries. Attend Forums, and other opportunities.

Subcommittees: We have developed and formalized several subcommittees to offer opportunities for involvement and further our goals as follows;

Symposium hosting our annual Symposium scheduled for April 9th, 2026 in New Orleans Flyer and sponsorship information attached.

Education - Submitted 4 new course proposals, submitted Conference IEUC Industry Roundtable session, producing a Technology webinar prior to Conference. review course proposals, drafts and updates, submit Conference speakers, Develop speaker bureau, collaboration with IPEC HQ staff

Legislative – Provide periodic legislative updates on key items of interest to the energy sector.

Marketing - Partnering with the International Marketing and membership drive and have developed our ‘SPARK’ campaign to attract new members in the energy sectors. Flyers developed, collaborated with Region 3 and Chapter 37 on a membership drive event October 15th in St Louis. Article set to be published in the upcoming Right of Way magazine, future articles to be developed in partnership with Environment Committee.

LinkedIn Presence is strong with over 550 followers and good flow of content! Marketing intelligence on conferences, events, organizations we can participate or partner. collaboration with HQ staff

Membership grow membership, develop campaigns, materials, events, identify target organizations International

Conference activities

- IEUC In-person meeting to be held Friday morning with year in review and then next year strategy breakout sessions and goal development.

- IEUC Roundtable Session

Trade show floor IEUC networking and new member event in the works with IM&M.

Resources / Support Needed: Collaboration and partnerships with the Regions and Chapters to spread the opportunities and word on our efforts. Region representatives reaching out to chapter level chairs to help with outreach and recruitment. Also assist in review of courses and course updates.

Flyer attached on next pages

SPARK

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AT [HTTPS://IRWAREGION2.ORG/](https://irwaregion2.org/).

IRWA Members - \$150
Non-Members - \$175
Register by April 1, 2026*
\$25 late fee for registrations after
March 1, 2026

Hotel Monteleone
214 Royal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
Room rates available at \$219/night
Book by March 16, 2026

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Happy Hour 5:00-7:00 PM

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Symposium 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Crawfish Boil 6:00-8:00 PM
(Breakfast and lunch provided to
symposium attendees.)

Registration, sponsorships and hotel links available at <https://irwaregion2.org/>.

DATE/LOCATION

April 9, 2026
Hotel Monteleone
214 Royal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

JOIN THE COMMITTEE*

Email International Electric &
Utilities Committee Chair
Blandon Granger at
blandon.granger@smud.org.

*Must be an IRWA member

JOIN IRWA

Have the **power** in your hands.



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SPONSORSHIPS

- **\$1,500 Gumbo Giver** – Logo displayed on marketing materials, LinkedIn spotlight, Lunch and Crawfish Boil signage, company introduction to attendees and 1 free registration (2 available)
- **\$1,200 Mardi Gras Majesty** – Logo displayed on marketing materials, LinkedIn spotlight, swag bag contribution, company introduction to attendees and 1 free registration (5 available)
- **\$750 Beignet Benefactor** – Logo displayed on marketing materials and signage at Breakfast and 1 free registration (1 available)
- **\$250 French Quarter Finest** – Logo displayed on marketing materials, LinkedIn spotlight and swag bag contribution

Visit <https://irwaregion2.org/> for more details and to pay by credit card. Please make checks payable to IRWA Region 2 and mail to: Christie R. Saenz, 18323 Valencia Vista, San Antonio, TX 78259

IEUC thanks you for your support!





SPARK

JOIN THE CHARGE.



IGNITE YOUR CAREER

Be wired for success with IRWA's industry-specific credentials and SR/WA designation.



GENERATE CONNECTIONS

Spark your network and join IRWA's International Electric & Utilities Committee to connect with industry professionals.



FUEL YOUR FUTURE

Transmit information and stay up to date on industry changes to maintain relevancy and power future generations.

READY TO PLUG IN TO UNTAPPED RESOURCES?

JOIN THE EDUCATION

Become a trusted expert with IRWA courses, credentials and the SR/WA designation. Get started at irwaonline.org.

JOIN THE COMMITTEE*

Email International Electric & Utilities Committee Chair Bandon Granger at bandon.granger@smud.org.

*Must be an IRWA member

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IRWA OMAHA 2026

Saturday:

8 am - 9 am - Lecture Title: Broadband Internet Deployment - Kevin Winner

9:30 am - 11 am - Land Rights for Remote Grids: A Safe and Reliable Power Source - Chadwick Wyler

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm - Encroachments...Nobody's Priority

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Encroachments: Sharing Is Only Fun When It's Not Your Stuff

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm - AI in Right-of-Way: How to Embrace an AI-Forward Mindset in a World Where Rapid Tech Advancement is Evolving our World - Brodie Allen

Sunday:

9:30 am – 10:30 am - Selection Suitable Alternatives of High Voltage Transmission Line...(Thailand)

10 am - 11 am - “Small” Transmission Projects: Easy, Flexible, Fast... Right? A reality check on the complexity behind short-distance, low-voltage electric transmission work. - Brian Mielke

11 am - 12 pm - Redevelopment & Re-Use of Legacy Power Generating Facilities

11 am - 12 pm - Reinventing the Right of Way: Policy, Technical, and Economic Implications of Siting Transmission Lines Along Transportation Corridors - Drew Gilmore

1 pm - 2pm - Case Study from the client and consultant prospective delving into a program management project that involved easement acquisition on transmission lines situated in Illinois, approximately 8,500 miles - Teresa McClure

2 pm - 3 pm - International Electric and Utilities (IEUC) Committee Roundtable - Blandon & Friends

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm - High Voltage Submarine Cable to Koh Samui :The New Challenge of Route Selection of Thailand

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm - Sites Reservoir Project: The Future Of Western Water - Happening Now!

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm - Right-of-Way Acquisition for A.I. Infrastructure: Broadband Connectivity for Data Centers Dylan DeVito

Ethics Committee Report

1. Successes?

Only 2 cases. While both were quite involved and very sensitive, we have reached closure on one. The other is very complex and still in progress.

2. Details on meetings and other events?

I'll check with my co-members on the Committee. Because the nature of what we do is highly confidential, there may not be much we'll talk about.

3. Initiatives?

We've adopted a "Dear Dee" concept for magazine submittal. Our first "letter" and response is currently in the review / edit stage, and I anticipate we'll have it ready for publication in the near future.

4. Plan for remainder of the year?

Address the current investigation and handle questions / investigations as they arise. We also are developing a plan to enlighten others about the Ethics Committee, its purpose and operating procedure(s), and how an investigation committee works.

5. Details for Conference?

Please see item #4, we're developing a strategy as to how best to get others interested / involved while stressing the confidential nature of what we do.

6. Help from IEC / IGC?

Nothing at this time, but we will definitely keep it in mind. Thanks!

The International Relations Committee Executive and Members began the year with a fall meeting to introduce committee members and guests representing international members and partners from across the globe. Our agenda covered a debrief on the Virginia Beach 2025 Conference, and discussions on goals for 2025/2026, and the efforts the IRC would be making to enhance communication and engagement amongst our international community. The IRC's three areas of focus are conference, communication and representation.

Conference: Our most significant efforts target the International Conference. One major task accomplished was to bring forward a large number of international submissions for presentation at the Omaha 2026 conference. Nine International presentations have been selected for conference. The IRC is grateful to the IGC for supporting a request to ensure that conference scheduling would not create conflicting schedules for International presentations - there will be no overlapping sessions on the schedule. Our presenters travel significant distances from outside the US to be present, and we are grateful for this effort to ensure our conference attendees will be able to attend all those sessions.

The IRC have a Committee Meeting in Omaha for all International members attending Conference. In addition, conversations are underway with a sponsor to support an ice cream social event prior to caucus meetings on the first day of conference. The premise will be to celebrate the international members and partners, highlighting the various countries represented at conference...and who can say no to ice cream?

Work is underway to support IPEC in presenting a PEAK session in conjunction with conference, for qualified international members.

Conference 2027 planning has already begun, and a 2027 budget request has been submitted for an International Luncheon.

Communication: The IRC continues to work on enhancing communication with our International Members. The Committee is completing work on a survey that will go out to our International Members and partners to gain feedback and insights into their expectations about how IRWA can serve them. Once survey results have been compiled, the IRC will provide an update to the IGC.

Representation: The IRC's third focus is to expand conversations around representation and how our international members are represented in the governance of our Association. A funding request has been submitted for budget consideration to create a taskforce that would examine how an International Region might be created to enhance representation at that level of the Association. Supporting our international members can be challenging. The struggles we are having to maintain chapters in several countries speaks to the need for looking at alternate ways to grow our membership and build IRWA communities outside the US and Canada.

The IRC Executive have been meeting consistently since September, and we are grateful for the ongoing support of our IEC liaison, Int. Secretary Ray Mehler. The Committee anticipates holding two more Committee meetings for all members before Conference, and we welcome any input the IGC may have to ensure we are providing the best support we can to our International community of members and partners.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon N. Slauenwhite, SR/WA, IRC Chair

Stew Anderson, SR/WA, IRC Vice Chair

Andrea Carolan, IRC Secretary

Possible questions for member information

Basic Information

First name

Last name

Country

State / Province

City / Town

Email

Phone number

Organization

Position

Is your organization part of a partner program?

For more information click [here](#)

IRWA Information

Select your SR/WA designation

Default selection would be the main

SR/WA

IRWA credentials (can select multiple)

Interest in being involved in the following

(Select none, any or all)

Mentor

Mentee

Instructor

Leadership

Speaker

Committee Involvement

Dropdown menu

Detailed information

Years in right of way

General field (Can select more than one)

Communications / Negotiations

Project Management

Appraisal

Relocation Assistance

Environment

Property Management

Real Estate Law

Engineering

Asset Management

Other – write in

Specialty (dropdown list based on the general field)

Are you a member of another association

Do you hold a designation (MAI, AACI, PE, PS, PMP, etc. could be a dropdown)

Other organization

Other field/educational interests within the right of way industry (drop down list similar to

General field)

Current responsibilities (200 character limit)

Social media information

Social medias

Company social media

Company website

Could be a dropdown like on member network

Communication Preferences

Availability to opt in to emails / text messages

Preferred method of communication Would you like to hear about any of the following opportunities

Education

IM&M Spring 2026 Update

IGC Meeting, February 20-21, 2026, Victoria, Canada

Summary

The International Marketing & Membership Committee (“IM&M”) continues to advance initiatives that enhance member engagement, elevate IRWA’s marketing efforts and support Conference-related activities. Recent discussions have focused on refining committee structure, improving marketing and membership resources and developing new engagement opportunities designed to increase visibility and value for members and industry partners.

IM&M continues to progress on its multi-year Strategic Plan, deepening connections with industry sectors and preparing for future strategic direction-setting. Subcommittees remain active and continue to ensure continuity of work and support for upcoming events and long-term association goals.

Successes

- Held a successful in-person meeting January 29 in San Antonio, TX and discussed IM&M future restructure recommendation for maximum efficiency and impact as an international service committee, defined leadership roles and responsibilities further, and discussed Strategic and Business Plan alignment with IEC and IGC. NEW SR/WA flyers (one internal for members and one external for agencies and governmental entities, etc.) have been in circulation in Right of Way Magazine and accessible on IRWA’s website (See attachments)
Marketing Request Form completed and sent to all Region Chairs, Vice Chairs and International Committee Chairs; successfully completed first request to Region 10; please contact Lauren Fritts, RWA, should you need the link to be resent
- Exhibit Hall refresh – The Pit: Member Benefits and Networking Zone has been approved to

Conference Marketing

- move forward and budget drafted for approval; The Pit will include:
(See attachment)
 - Membership Tenure Pin Pick-Up Booth
 - Complimentary Headshot Booth
 - Fun Ribbons for badges and photo ops
 - Rotating Committee Booth to showcase leadership and promote growth, etc.
 - Lounge and networking area with communal charging table and stools, couches, chairs, etc. Cornhole games for friendly competition and ice breakers
 - Located in the back behind the breaks and booths of the Exhibit Hall and open
 - Exhibit Hall hours to increase foot traffic and ROI for exhibiting companies and consultants
- 5 IM&M supported sessions being presented at Conference:
 - 3-Part Leadership Series with Merle Riepe, PhD, SOLVE.HR
 - Panel - *The Sky’s the Limit: Forging*

- - *Bold Roads to Female Leadership*
 - IM&M Chair and Vice Chair - *Maximizing Your Message: Marketing*
 - *Strategies for Chapters and Small Teams*
- IM&M Secretary successfully integrating Member Network to post IM&M meeting minutes and more
- March 2-8 – Conference Social Media Week on HQ socials! All conference posts all the time that week!

- - **Social media initiative:** Pass Omaha social media accounts to Calgary 2027, pass on the admins and passwords, change the name and maintain followers, excitement and engagement without starting over Virtual Pre-Conference Orientation will be scheduled for early June; encourage all to attend with change in days, off-site events, themes, etc.
 - IM&M Meeting at Conference in Omaha will include The Pit set-up and discussion of logistics for The Pit, along with a recap of January in-person meeting

IM&M 3-Year Strategic Plan Activity (July '24-July '27)

- Current Strategic Plan focus – Electric/Utilities; IM&M has supported w/marketing and SPARK campaign, graphics, etc. and gathered ideas to put in motion for future engagement of this sector i.e., speaker bureau, increased renewables/energy education, etc.
- During its 1/29/26 in-person meeting, IM&M visited the International Oil & Gas Pipeline Committee meeting at the same location in San Antonio to engage for IM&M's upcoming third (and last) year of its current Strategic Plan
- IO&GP Members reacted very positively to The Pit and Exhibit Hall refresh and appreciated the efforts to increase the value in exhibiting at Conference
- Briefly discussed a potential energy theme at the 2027 Annual Conference and openness to discussing more Oil & Gas participation as presenters and participants at future Conferences
- Discussions being held about marketing support to encourage more oil and gas professionals in obtaining SR/WA and IRWA certifications and education
- In-person IM&M meetings tentative for fall and spring (potentially in conjunction with inperson IGC meetings) to discuss and draft IM&M Strategic Plan for July 2027-July 2030 once IRWA's Strategic and Business Plans have been finalized so IM&M is in conjunction with Association goals

Other/Future Focuses

Marketing Subcommittee

- ROWdy Photo Contest adjustments for Omaha and awesome prizes!
- Discussions about whether the Marketing Subcommittee should be split into two - a Member Marketing Subcommittee and a Conference Marketing Subcommittee vs. IM&M Liaison to Conference Planning Committee/vice versa vs. keeping it the same
- Lacie Jones, Strategic Plan Task Force Chair and Marketing Sub. member, taking over vacant liaison to IM&M for task force and will pass along any pertinent marketing-related information

Membership Subcommittee

- Real Estate requirement list and resource for U.S. and Canada with support and engagement from ROWCC
- Scheduling and soliciting volunteers for The Pit booths during Exhibit Hall hours
- Discussions about other member-focused benefits and initiatives for next fiscal year

Leadership Subcommittee

- Sub. Lead currently vacant; detailed discussions at 1/29/26 meeting and beyond about adjusting IM&M structure and potential new place for the Leadership Subcommittee IM&M leaders and
 - Membership and Marketing subs. are absorbing some of the Leadership Sub. efforts to keep ball rolling in the interim
 - Leadership resource, “Event Planning Guide,” sent to Region Chairs, Vice Chairs and International Committee Chairs for edits, additions and feedback by **February 27, 2026** (See attachment)
 - Applicable adjustments will be made to the resource after February 27 and sent to HQ for final revisions and approval to be accessible via IRWA’s website for member use
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Region	Name
Chair – Region 7	Claire Mueller SR/WA
Vice-Chair – Region 2	Matthew Eckmann SR/WA, R/W-AMC, R/W-NAC
Region 1	Peggy Barnes
Region 3	Mickie Abell SR/WA-EU
Region 4	Judy Michael SR/WA
Region 5	Tina Breeding SR/WA
Region 6	Judy Jones SR/WA, R/W-AC, R/W-NAC
Region 8	Meghan DiCosimo SR/WA
Region 9	Noelle Wysocki SR/WA
Region 10	Jenna Wood SR/WA

Special **THANK YOU** to all those who submitted a nomination for awards this year!

As you are all probably aware the INEC is deep in the middle of getting to review all the awards nominations are read all the wonderful things people are sharing about their colleagues, employers, and chapters.

We plan to have everything adjudicated and finalists chosen by the first week of March so HQ can complete all the steps necessary to prepare for the awards lunch at conference.

Coming up:

Spring forums:

- INEC presentations on Elections process and tips and tricks
- Prepping Voting Directors for Conference
 - o Reminder that all directors SHALL complete the online Board of Directors Credentials Certification Forms. There are separate ones for Chapters and International level Directors.

✦ Link and/or QR code to be

provided. ✦ Deadline has always been MAY 1st. In process:

Working on a committee review and edit of the INEC ‘handbook’

- Goal is to clean it up
- Remove any outlying old procedure that is no longer part of our committee - Align the guidebook with IEC policy and bylaws

Cordially,

Claire Mueller, SR/WA
INEC Chair 2025-26

International Real Property Asset Management Committee

highlight the successes you have had through the year -

- Promoted sessions for the upcoming education conference
- Ryan and his teammates at SMUD will be a guest speaker on behalf of IRPAMC at the IEUC symposium to promote our committee as well as to present on a very pertinent electric utility property management topic, will leverage this for the Omaha conference presentation

details on meetings and other events that you have been involved in

- Our team continues to provide pertinent learning opportunities to add value at each meeting

any initiatives you are undertaking

- Have a working committee that will begin meeting next month with Ryan as the sponsor
- will focus on recruitment to our committee work and attendance at our events what is the plan

for the remainder of the year

- Create a "1-pager" that is about a half sheet of paper with the committees goals, meetings and contact info to put in the bags at conference in Omaha
- Create a "best practices" in property/ asset management document for members to use. Will put small segments or headers on each of our upcoming agendas to review and discuss portions for manageable input from the group. Plan to put doc out for members in 4Q 2026
- Support engagement by seeking other committee members to lead the "industry in the news" segment to support interaction and diverse perspectives any details you can provide for your meeting at conference
- Review "best practices" document, strategic plan and recruitment efforts

and if you require any assistance or information from the IGC/IEC

- Call for sessions in 2027 - is there a theme or anything specific that you would like for us to target for input or session topics?



February 5, 2026

Koby Godwin

IRWA, International President

Re: Surveying and Engineering Committee Report for IGC

Dear Koby,

The mission of the Surveying and Engineering Committee is to elevate and promote the profession of Surveying and Engineering through networking and outreach as well as elevating the status of the professions within the International Right-of-way Association.

Surveying and Engineering is an integral part of the right-of-way profession, and we would like to increase the footprint and our profession's stature within the IRWA.

One of the successes toward our goal has been the establishment of the Surveying and Engineering credentialing pathway (RW SEC) within the association. We currently have 4 candidates pursuing the pathway and would like to dramatically increase that number through communication and marketing of the opportunity. We intend to spend time in the International Committee Booth in Omaha to help promote the pathway and participation in the S & E Committee.

Within the last 6 months we have created a LinkedIn page for our committee. It is our hope this will assist our goal of getting word out pertaining to upcoming events, assist with member engagement and provide a forum to highlight current events impacting the Surveying and Engineering profession.

We also believe in the core value of the associate to promote member value by creating continuing education opportunities. In the past 18 months we have hosted two daylong symposiums as well as a two-hour educational presentation at our committee meeting in January of 2026.

Our current plans for the upcoming year include hosting a committee meeting at conference, promotion of the RW SEC, outreach to other Surveyors and Engineers in the association that may get involved with the committee, hosting a symposium in September,



working on a strategic plan for the committee and recruiting other committee officers to help with our initiatives. These items will be covered at our meeting at conference.

Our biggest need from IGC/IEC is one we have discussed several times. It is very difficult to find other members of our profession within the association. It should be a priority of IGC/IEC to allow for sorting of membership by all designations including designations obtained outside of the IRWA, (P.S., P.E., Esq, etc.). This functionality would be very beneficial to all committees as a means to provide engagement and growth. Not only would this initiative enhance current member value but will ultimately lead to growth of the organization.

We could also use your assistance in completion of the list of Region Reps to the Surveying and Engineering committee. Once we have a complete list, we will reach out to all the Reps to engage them with our committee.

We have had very little participation in the mapping competition this year. We currently only have one entry. Part of this was a communication problem from International. The flyer on the website was not updated. The updated information was provided right after conference last year and communicated again this spring when we noticed it was still incorrect. It remained incorrect until just a few weeks ago. Perhaps we should find a way to more effectively get the word out and extend the deadline. Your assistance/suggestions would be appreciated.

The above information is highlights of the past year and a half and a summary of our future plans for the committee. Please let us know if you have questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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Rick Nichols, P.S.

S & E Committee Chair

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Cindy Candler, PS, RWP-GN

S & E Committee Vice Chair

International Transportation Committee Update

Over the past year, the IRWA International Transportation Committee has remained actively engaged in strengthening member collaboration, promoting education, and advancing IRWA standards within the transportation right-of-way profession. In addition to hosting monthly meetings and a recurring Member Spotlight feature to highlight practitioner insights and accomplishments, the committee has championed participation in IRWA training programs and certification pathways, reinforcing professional excellence and ethical practice across agencies and industry partners.

Current initiatives include expanding transportation-focused content, fostering multiregion collaboration, and identifying emerging challenges in corridor acquisition and infrastructure delivery that can be addressed through shared expertise and standards adoption.

For the remainder of the year, the committee's calendar includes the "Trifecta" — the Region 2, 6, and 9 Joint Spring Forum and Transportation Symposium on April 30, 2026, at the Margaritaville Beach Resort in South Padre Island, Texas, which will provide extensive education, networking, and best-practice exchange opportunities across regions.

Additionally, the committee will participate in the IRWA 72nd Annual International Education Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, June 26–29, 2026, with an Annual International Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for June 26, 2026, with the exact time and meeting location to be determined and announced later. Through these events and ongoing efforts, the committee continues to support the professional growth of its members and contribute to the successful delivery of transportation infrastructure projects.

February 6, 2025

Proposal for Funding Two Young Professionals to Attend the 2026 IRWA Annual International Education Conference -- YP Connect Sponsorship

Introduction

The International Right of Way Association (IRWA) is committed to fostering the growth and development of young professionals (YPs) within the industry. To support this commitment, the YP Committee proposes that the International Governing Council (IGC) approve funding for two Young Professionals to attend the 72nd Annual International Education Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, from June 25 to June 27, 2026.

This initiative is designed to provide emerging leaders with meaningful educational and networking opportunities, while also encouraging deeper engagement with IRWA at the international level. Due to limited professional development funding often available to young professionals, this sponsorship helps remove financial barriers and allows selected YPs to fully participate in conference programming. Additionally, recipients will have the opportunity to attend and assist with the YP networking event on Thursday evening, further strengthening peer connection and leadership development.

In 2025, the IGC approved one YP Connect Sponsorship. That opportunity generated strong interest, with more than five applicants. The selected recipient expressed significant professional benefit from attending the conference, reinforcing the value of this initiative. Based on this success, the YP Committee respectfully requests approval to offer this sponsorship again in 2026, expanding it to support two YPs.

Selection Process

To ensure a fair and merit-based selection process, the YP Committee will implement the following steps:

1. Call for Submissions

A call for applications will be distributed to YP members inviting them to submit a 500-word essay describing their professional background, involvement with IRWA, and how attending the conference would benefit both their career and the association.

Application announcement: March 2, 2026 (pending IGC approval)

Application deadline: May 1, 2026

2. Review Panel

The YP leadership team will convene a review panel to evaluate submissions based on demonstrated commitment to the profession, clarity of professional goals, and potential for future contributions to IRWA.

3. Selection of Recipients

Two applicants will be selected based on the panel’s evaluations. Final selections will be made on or before May 15, 2026.

Estimated Costs

Funding will cover airfare, ground transportation, and up to two days of conference-related expenses, including hotel accommodations and meals.

Expense Category	Estimated Cost	Estimated Cost
	(Low)	(High)
Airfare (Round Trip Texas to Omaha)	\$250	\$500
Hotel (Group Rate 2 Nights @ \$120 - \$240 \$150/night)		\$550 (\$275/nt)
Ground Transportation (Airport & Local Travel)	\$70	\$150
Meals & Incidentals (3 Days @ \$80/day) \$160		\$225 (per diem is \$75/day) 2 nights of hotel is 3 days total
Total Estimated Travel Cost	\$720	\$1425 per person

Total funding request: Not to exceed \$2,850.00

Conclusion

Continued investment in the development of young professionals is essential to the long-term success and growth of IRWA. By funding attendance at the 2026 Annual International Education Conference—including participation in the YP networking event on Thursday and the YP Committee meeting on Sunday—this initiative supports professional growth while cultivating future leaders within the association.

The YP Committee respectfully requests the IGC's approval of this funding proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alyssia Padilla'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail.

Alyssia Padilla, SR/WA
YP Committee Chair

CHAPTER ELECTION ASSISTANCE

Chapters may request assistance from INEC members to facilitate and run an election. Please review the following recommended procedure for Chapter elections.

IRWA Chapter Election Procedure

1. Check and review Chapter bylaws for specific provisions concerning the election process, number of officers to be elected, deadlines and dates to hold elections, and composition of the nominating committee.
2. Build a timeline to accomplish the election tasks in compliance with the Bylaws.
3. Schedule the Chapter election meeting.
4. Open nominations and provide a specific end date for submissions. Solicit nominations for the Chapter officer positions.
 - a. Nominations from the floor can be made during the Chapter election meeting.
 - b. Current officers must declare their intention to continue service and declare the position they intend to run for.
 - c. In the event an individual is nominated for two positions, the individual must select one position for which they intend to run.
 - d. All nominees should be contacted to confirm their acceptance of the nomination and commitment to serve if elected.
5. Prepare the Ballot
6. If your Chapter bylaws allow for it, email ballots to Chapter members. If your Chapter bylaws do not allow for email ballots, skip to number 7.
 - a. Please vote for one candidate in each category if you are unable to attend the election meeting on <date>.
 - b. Ballots must be received by <date>.
 - c. Please note that by casting your vote by email, you will be unable to vote at the election meeting.
7. Election Meeting
 - a. Call election to order and hold an election for each officer position (see example election meeting script).
 - b. For each officer position, nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting. Election official should ask if there are nominations from the floor and pause to allow adequate time for a response.
 - c. Allow an opportunity for each candidate to speak for a determined period (e.g., 3 minutes or 5 minutes).

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- Build-Your-Own feather band & Pin bar sponsor
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SWINGTIME SPONSOR (\$750) – 15 AVAILABLE

- Meet Your Match prize sponsorship
- Plus all benefits of below tiers

PASSWORD-ONLY SUPPORTER (\$500)

- Logo included in Photo Booth
- Company logo at Registration/Welcome table
- Plus all benefits of below tiers

GATSBY PATRON SUPPORTER (\$250)

- Company logo on the YP LinkedIn sponsor “Thank you” post



Contributions of any amount are appreciated!

Contact Alyssia Padilla
alyssia.padilla@gmail.com or (303) 886-5367

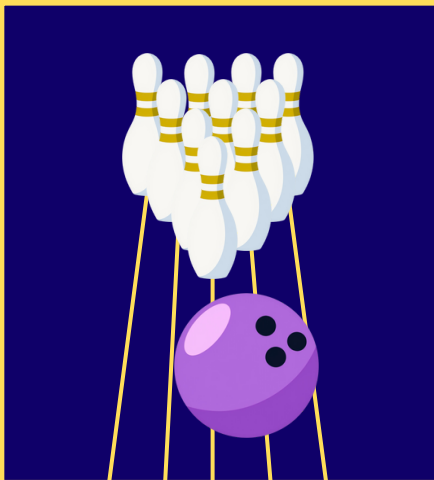
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Region 2 Fall Forum Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, August 1, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Cavalry Court - The Stables Room

Our Purpose: *We improve people's quality of life through infrastructure development.*

Mission: *We empower professionals by elevating ethics, learning, and a standard of excellence within the global infrastructure real estate community.*

Core Values:

- **Integrity:** *We are role models that embody the highest standard of ethical practice.*
- **Excellence:** *We constantly improve our products, our services and ourselves.*
- **Flexibility:** *We embrace our continually changing environment to adapt to the needs of our stakeholders.*
- **Collaboration:** *We engage our members, partners and other stakeholders to build a shared body of knowledge and experience.*
- **Leadership:** *We shape our future through courage, clarity and transparency.*

Call Meeting to Order 9:00AM

1.	<p>Introduction of Region Officers</p> <p>Marcus Boyd, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-URAC, R/W-RAC, Region 2 Chair Lacie Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-URAC, R/W-RAC, CFM Region 2 Vice Chair Christie Saenz, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, CFM, Region 2 Secretary/Treasurer</p>	<p>Marcus Boyd, SR/WA</p>
2.	<p>Introduction of Current IEC Officers, Past International Presidents and Special Guests</p> <p>Matt Harrison, International Treasurer Tim Drennan Aiyana Lopez</p>	<p>Lacie Jones, SR/WA</p>
3.	<p>Chapter Roll Call</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 8 Houston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Craighead • Lori Gerard • Chapter 33 Oklahoma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audrey Fincannon • Megan Miller • Chapter 36 Dallas/Fort Worth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leighton Gambill 	<p>Christie Saenz, SR/WA</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Lance • Will Synder • Chapter 39 South Texas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexandria Clark • Angela Longoria • Chapter 43 Baton Rouge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Core • Laura Jackson • Chapter 51 Arkansas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patricia Bradbury Treat • Chapter 74 Austin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ray Rails • David Baylor • Cathy Thomas 	
4.	Safety Moment – Sunburn: Please wear sunscreen, facial swelling, wear hat and long sleeves in the field	Lacie Jones, SR/WA
5.	Sponsor Appreciation – Marcus said thank you to the sponsors, he was extremely appreciative to the sponsors.	Marcus Boyd, SR/WA
6.	Approval of the 2025 Caucus Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes from June 1, 2025, no corrections, minutes approved as stated.	Marcus Boyd, SR/WA
7.	Region 2 Treasurer Report – As stated in the agenda	Christie Saenz, SR/WA
8.	<p>State of the Association - IEC meeting recently, the main conversation was how do we get more members, specifically students. How do we get more students to become members of the association? IRWA is working on this.</p> <p>HQ will be able to give Chapters a list of courses that members need to complete certifications.</p> <p>All chapters except chapter 33 have transitioned to Oracle/Chase.</p> <p>Please be careful about scams and \$ requests. If anything looks odd or the request does not make sense. Call, Ask, and double check!!! No one is going to be upset about you asking and double checking the amount of a payment before you process the payment.</p> <p>Lori from Houston Chapter 8 requested if the incoming officers could get training from HQ.</p>	Tim Drennan, CAE

	The International Conference in Virginia Beach are not quite done but we had 1150 attendees and so far, it looks like the association is going to make a profit.	
9.	<p>Member Services Update – Chapter incentive program: Renewal incentive received by – Ch33 & 74 Growth incentive received by – Ch 33, 39, and 51 Aiyana gave a shout Out to chapter 33 for their Member Network posting and social media</p> <p>Aiyana asked all chapters to please fill out form (link below) for all chapter events to keep everyone informed: https://www.irwaonline.org/event-submission-form/</p> <p>Question: Membership pins – Pins were handled out at international. Question was when will the chapters receive the pins for those who did not receive them? Yes, Aiyana was trying</p> <p>Chapter 36 – 442 members Chapter 8 – 424 members</p> <p>Chapter 39 – 184 members Chapter 33 – 182 members</p> <p>Chapter 43 –85 members</p> <p>Region 1 or Region 2 the largest Region? Region 2</p>	Aiyana Lopez, Member Services Manager
10.	<p>Leadership Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Tool Kit IRWA (irwaonline.org) • IRWA Annual Chapter Leadership Form - Formstack • IRWA-Chapter Leadership Resources IRWA (irwaonline.org) • Conflict of Interest Form - IRWA Leadership IRWA (irwaonline.org) 	Aiyana Lopez, Member Services Manager Marcus Boyd, SR/WA
11.	<p>RWIEF Update Matt McGee, Region 2, Treasurer for the past 2 years for RWIEF, they give back to the association with scholarships. Matt announced that Leighton will be the new YP for the foundation, Matt will be the new attorney for the foundation. Recap from Virigina Beach: Golf Tournament: 109 golfers \$31, Monday Night Event: 800 tickets 66 sponsorships Bike Ride: \$42K</p> <p>Omaha: Friday night event -</p>	Matt McGee, SR/WA

	<p>March 2025 – Project Management Course in be developed</p> <p>Pipeline – San Antonio on January 22nd</p> <p>Thank you from the foundation for all the support!</p>	
12.	<p>Region Vice Chair Report: Beginning of August and she will be sending out a meeting notice soon, Lacie will be attending the Region 3 Fall Forum in October as part of the Exchange Program.</p>	Lacie Jones, SR/WA
13.	<p>Chapter Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 8 Houston – Allison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 124 Members and 56 SR/WA • 7 courses 3 forthcoming • Memorial Fund • Peak 3 Instructors • Raised Golf tournament \$80K • Oil & Gas Symposium will be on March 4, 2026 • Chapter 33 Oklahoma – Audrey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf Tournament in September – Posted on Member Network • Scheduled Chapter Meetings • Trouble with members receiving email blast or receiving feedback from membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suggestion: Send survey to membership ▪ Call members: Ask why or what can we do? ▪ Suggestion: Giveaway or door prize ▪ Suggestion: Speaker (annual funding) ▪ Suggestion: Possible email getting stuck in spam try to get someone to send it from a different email address like a company email. ▪ Question: How much are your luncheons? \$10 ▪ Suggestion: The day of the week? Friday - so maybe try another day of the week. Example other chapters have it on Tuesday or Thursday. ▪ Suggestion: Region can help send out email blast for Chapter or post on Region 2 website. • Chapter 36 Dallas/Fort Worth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 442 members and more than last year, 1 RWP, 3 SRWA GN, 1 SRWA TN • Chapter Meetings on Tuesday with Board meeting before 	Chapter Presidents

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course 219 – 6 registered • Relocation course in the fall – Kristen • Spring Seminar - March 26-27 Tommy Mathews Chair • Star Chapter – emails getting stuck in spam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Newsletter to post solution • Chapter 39 South Texas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eminent Domain Seminar – New Braunfels, TX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ November 7th • Chapter Meeting – changing location this year to change food menu • Spring Seminar and Forum – South Padre Island, TX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ April 29- May 1, 2026 ▪ Margaritaville Resort • Chapter 43 Baton Rouge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85 Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4-6 new members • Quarterly Meetings on Thursdays • 2025-2026 Leadership roles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ YP ▪ Member services • Education holding course 421 this fall since law is different in Louisiana • Would like to host Real Estate Law Symposium in Louisiana and would like the Regions support • Working on LinkedIn presence • Chapter 51 Arkansas • Chapter 74 Austin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 231 Number 3 Chapter in Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 69 SRWA ▪ 90% Renewals ▪ Membership Drive in October • Website - same challenge with emails • Tim suggested a Star Chapter Community in Member Network • Bluebonnet Scholarship for membership • Eminent Domian – October 1, 2026, open registration • PDC Chair: Chapter 74 • Goal 6 courses for year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goal 3 in person 	
14.	Region 2 Representation to Industry Committees	Marcus Boyd, SR/WA

	<p>International Transportation Representative – Leighton Gambill, SR/WA</p> <p>August 14th next meeting</p> <p>Transportation Symposium with Region 2 Spring Forum</p> <p>International Public Agency Representative – Possibly Matt Eckmann</p> <p>Environmental Representative – non present – Marcus</p> <p>International Electric Utilities Representative – Gina Cannova, MAI, SR/WA, R/W-AC</p> <p>Host event in New Orleans in early April (TBD on date)</p> <p>Valuation Representative – Matt Browne, R/W-AC, MAI</p> <p>Asset Management – Alexandria Clark, SR/WA</p> <p>Worked on Strategic Plan at International Conference in June</p> <p>July set monthly meeting and submitted budget to international</p> <p>Next meeting on August 13th</p> <p>2nd Wednesday of each Month</p> <p>Oil & Gas Representative – Matt McGee, SR/WA</p> <p>Symposium on March 4, 2026, in Houston</p> <p>Relocation Representative – Juan Salazar, SR/WA</p> <p>August 21st at 1PM CST, October, December</p> <p>Webinars on different topics with different speakers</p> <p>Survey/Engineering Representative -Walt or Taylor Sass?</p> <p>Marcus to follow up with Chair</p> <p>Matt Eckmann IEC – Update from International</p> <p>Award nominations IEC in February</p> <p>Chapter 39 of the Year</p> <p>Chapter 74 Newsletter</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p>Important Upcoming Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Conference, Omaha, NE Friday, 6/26/26 – Monday 6/29/26 • Conference sessions submission deadline 5:00pm PST, October 1st, 2025 – To be confirmed • Conference bid deadline 5:00pm PST, November 1st, 2025 • IEC nomination deadline 5:00pm PST, November 1st, 2025 • International Awards deadline 5:00pm PST, February 1st, 2026 	<p>Marcus Boyd, SR/WA</p>

16.	<p>2026 Region 2 Joint W/ Region 9 & (possibly 5) Spring Forum & Transportation Symposium</p> <p>Information:</p> <p>Date: April 29, 2026 – May 1, 2026 Wednesday, April 29th - Course Thursday, April 30th - Symposium Friday, May 1st - Forum</p> <p>Where: Margaritaville Beach Resort South Padre South Padre Island, TX</p> <p>Hosted by Chapter 39 South Texas: Alexandria Clark, President Matt Eckmann, Chair</p> <p>Suggestion: Chapters might consider a charter bus to assist with travel expenses. Alexandria stated that if anyone is having travel issues to please reach out to her.</p>	<p>Marcus Boyd, SR/WA</p>
17.	<p>Adjourn 11:16AM</p>	

REGION OFFICERS ELECTION SCRIPT (FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS)

- The election of Region officers is called to order.
- Voting members will be electing the following officer: Secretary/Treasurer
- Voting members will be nominating the following officers: Region Chair and Region Vice Chair
- **We will begin with the office of Secretary/Treasurer.**
- The following individual is nominated for the office of Secretary/Treasurer:
 - (State name and designations)
- Are there any nominations from the floor?

Pause

- Hearing no additional nominations, I will entertain a motion to close nominations and elect (insert name) to the office of Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation.
- (Motion by _____)
- (Second by _____)
- I have a motion and a second.
All those in favor, say yes.
All those opposed, say no.
Do I have any abstentions?
(If none...) Motion carries. (Insert name) has been elected to the office of Secretary/Treasurer.
- **Next will be the nomination for the office of Region Vice Chair.**
- The following individual is nominated for the office of Region Vice Chair:
 - (State name and designations)
 - Are there any nominations from the floor?

Pause

- Hearing no additional nominations, I will entertain a motion to nominate (insert name) for the office of Region Vice Chair by acclamation.
- (Motion by _____)
- (Second by _____)
- I have a motion and a second.
All those in favor, say yes.
All those opposed, say no.
Do I have any abstentions?
(If none...) Motion carries. (Insert name) has been nominated for the office of Region Vice Chair.

- **Voting members will now be nominating the officer for Region Chair.**
- The following individual is nominated for the office of Region Chair:
 - (State name and designations)
 - Are there any nominations from the floor?

Pause

- Hearing no additional nominations, I will entertain a motion to nominate (insert name) for the office of Region Chair by acclamation.
- (Motion by _____)
- (Second by _____)
- I have a motion and a second.
All those in favor, say yes.
All those opposed, say no.
Do I have any abstentions?
(If none...) Motion carries. (Insert name) has been nominated for the office of Region Chair.
- The nominations for Region (insert number) Chair and Vice Chair will be forwarded to the International President and International Secretary, with voting to take place at the Board of Directors Meeting during the annual conference.

** When there are nominations from the floor and there is more than one nominee.*

- I have (insert number) additional nominations. I will entertain a motion to close nominations.
- (Motion by _____)
- (Second by _____)
- I have a motion and a second.
- All those in favor, say yes.
- All those opposed, say no.
- Do I have any abstentions?
- (If none...) Motion carries. Nominations are closed for the office of (state office being voted on).
- (At this point, ballots for the office are passed out to the members, then collected and counted).
- (Once votes are counted...) Votes have been counted. Congratulations to (insert name) for being elected to (or nominated for) the office of (state office being voted on).