



# The Beehive Chapter Newsletter



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**International Right of Way Association – Chapter 38 supports these goals.**

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

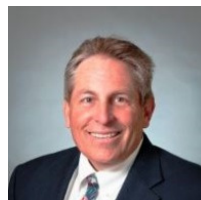
**Mission:** We empower professionals by elevating ethics, learning, and a standard of excellence within the global infrastructure real estate community.

**Key Objectives:**

1. *Membership: Increase the value of IRWA membership.*
2. *Professional Development: Increase the impact of IRWA education and credentials.*
3. *Marketing: Increase the reach of IRWA marketing.*
4. *Structure: Strengthen the infrastructure of the association.*

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## Tell a Friend

By Ross McClintock, RWA    [President Elect Message](#)

I think we all make New Year’s resolutions only to forget them two weeks later. I know I do. None of us know what 2017 holds, but we can make it a banner year for IRWA Chapter 38!  
I’ve been thinking about a New Year’s Resolution for our Chapter,

### **Tell a Friend.**

- Tell a friend you are a member of IRWA
- Tell a friend you are taking an IRWA class for professional advancement
- Tell a friend you are networking through IRWA
- Tell a friend you want them go to the IRWA luncheon with you
- Tell a friend you want them to join IRWA

We have an incredible year planned for our membership starting with the **January 31, 2017 kickoff luncheon**. For the first time in chapter history (as far back as I have researched), we are fortunate to have a real, live UDOT Commissioner as our speaker! You can read about Lew Cramer in this newsletter. We also have a number of classes being offered that will help you expand your knowledge and professional standing.

**April 6-8** we are hosting the ITC Symposium and Region 9 Spring Forum in Park City!

**June 11-14** we will be in Anchorage, Alaska at the 63rd Annual International Education Conference!

WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!

New Members or Pending Members to Chapter 38:

Shannon Wixom with UDOT

Sam Jensen with North American Title

Thomas Sullivan from Park City

Randy Smith with Sunrise Engineering

Ken Ahleen with Red Rock Real Estate, St. George

James Coutts with ECI

Alan Christensen with the Bureau of Reclamation

Congratulations to:

**Skip McDonnell** SR/WA  
Senior Right of Way Associate

## Calendar Items:

Save the Date:

**January 28, 2017**\_Utah Jazz and Chapter 38 Young Professionals Event: 5:30 PM dinner and 7:00 PM game

**January 31, 2017**\_Chapter Luncheon, Hurley Conference Center, 11:00 AM

**February 28, 2017**\_Chapter Luncheon, location to be announced

**March 17, 2017**\_USPAP Class

**March 28, 2017**\_Chapter Luncheon, location to be announced

**April 5, 2017**\_International Public Agency Spring Symposium Des Moines, Iowa

**April 6, 2017**\_Course 203\_Alternate Dispute Resolution (Date subject to change)

**April 6-8, 2017**\_Transportation Symposium and Spring Forum in Park City, Utah

**April 25, 2017**\_Chapter Luncheon, location to be announced

**April 28-29, 2017**\_IEUC Symposium in Chicago, Illinois

After taking July and August off, we are back in the saddle with monthly luncheons, IRWA classes and great networking opportunities (ask Carmelita).

This year please join me in making an IRWA New Year's resolution and **Tell a Friend!**

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## Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Craig M. Call



Chapter 38 recognized Craig M. Call with the Lifetime Achievement Award at our Christmas Social in December.

Craig Call authored IRWA Course 203, Alternative Dispute Resolution for Right-of-Way Acquisition Agents, in 2006.

He was the 1<sup>st</sup> Property Rights Ombudsman for the State of Utah. He held this office since its establishment by the Legislature from May 1997 until May of 2007. Individuals can come to the Ombudsman for advice at any time, and receive, without charge, information, mediation, informal and formal opinions, and compulsory arbitration on their behalf on a full range of property rights issues including eminent domain and issues related to constitutional property rights involving any state agency.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Call did land use work for the Flying J Corporation, the nation's largest truck stop chain. He previously was a member of the House of Representatives of the Utah State Legislature. He served as Chairman of the Revenue and Taxation Committee. He also served on the City Council of Provo, Utah. Previously, he was a member of the staff of Congressman Jim Hanson (R., UT). Mr. Call attended law school at Brigham Young University. He has written the book, *A Citizen's Guide to Utah Land Use Regulation*, which is currently being published by the Utah Department of Natural Resources.

### Since leaving the Utah State Ombudsman's Office:

- Administrative Hearing Officer, City of South Salt Lake, 07/2012 – present
- Salt Lake City Corporation, Land Use Appeals Hearing Officer, 07/2012 – present
- Anderson, Call & Wilkinson, PC, Partner, 05/2007 – present
- Utah Land Use Institute, Executive Director, 09/1999 – present
- Adjunct Instructor, City & Metropolitan Planning, University of Utah

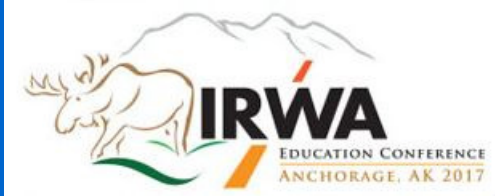
Congratulations on a Lifetime of Achievements!

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**May 4-5, 11-12, 2017**\_Course 421\_ Valuations of Partial Acquisitions (4 days)

**May 22, 2017**\_Chapter Luncheon, location to be announced

**June 11-14, 2017**\_IRWA Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska



Link Category Title

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***Credentialing/Career Paths***

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## Semi Causes UDOT Snowplow To Crash Down 300 Foot Embankment



The Utah Department of Transportation is warning drivers about the dangers of crowding snowplows after an accident in January. A dash camera video captured the moment a semi-trailer clipped one of the winged scrapers on a UDOT snowplow, sending the plow across the opposite lanes of travel, through a

guardrail and rolling down a 300 foot embankment. While an investigation is underway, UDOT says they think the semi driver lost visibility as he was trying to get around the plow.

"Think of their safety and your safety - stay behind the plows," said Carlos Braceras, Executive Director with UDOT. People frequently don't slow down and stay behind these 70,000 pound trucks built to keep everyone safe.

"If we can only go 5 miles an hour or 20 miles an hour, what makes the public think that they can go faster than we can," said Neil Lundell, South Area Maintenance Supervisor.

That plow driver, Terry Jacobson, had over 23 years of experience. Jacobson suffered serious injuries and was taken to the hospital. The semi driver was ticketed for improper passing and leaving his lane.

Ten days later a second snow plow was clipped while someone attempted to pass. Fortunately, neither driver was injured. If you need to pass, please pass on the left of the plow.

Adapted from a Fox 13 News story. To see video: <https://www.ksl.com/?sid=42860985&nid=148>

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## Lew Cramer - Utah Transportation Commissioner

**Guest Speaker at January Luncheon.** With decades of experience within the international business and real estate sectors, many consider Lew Cramer one of the most well-connected economic development professionals in the Intermountain West.



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As founding president and CEO, Cramer led World Trade Center Utah from 2006 through 2013. With his talented colleagues and strategic partners, he enhanced Utah's international expansion by assisting Utah firms in connecting with global business opportunities, a method he employs today at Coldwell Banker Commercial Advisors. The success of

Cramer's vision and efforts is shown in Utah's position as the only state in the nation with positive export growth every year for the past decade, including over \$19 billion in merchandise exports in 2012.

During the George H.W. Bush administration, Cramer served as Director General of the U.S. Commercial Service, leading the activities of 1,400 commercial officers at over 100 embassies worldwide and 65 offices throughout the United States.

During his many years in Washington, D.C., he worked with US West International in developing major telecommunications projects in over 30 countries. He also served as a White House Fellow in the Reagan administration, Deputy Assistant Commerce Secretary, and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

Cramer currently serves on several corporate and nonprofit boards, including American Management Association Board of Trustees, World Trade Center's Association Board of Directors, Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors, World Trade Center Utah Vice Chairman, Financial Services Corporation Chairman of the Board, Economic Development Corporation of Utah Board of Directors, Utah Technology Council Board of Directors, Envision Utah Board of Directors and Utah Transportation Commissioner.

Cramer has also practiced real estate law in Los Angeles and in the San Francisco Bay area. For many years, he taught real estate law at the University of Southern California and international business at Georgetown University. He graduated with honors in the charter class of the Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark School of Law.

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### **New Member Spotlight - Shannon Wixom**

Shannon has been a UDOT Right of Way Project Coordinator since August of 2016. She came from Weber County, where she worked in



Economic Development and managed the Weber County Local Government Transportation funds. She has always been interested in real estate and property acquisition and got her real estate license while working for Weber County. She went to University of Phoenix and earned dual bachelor's degrees in Marketing and Business Management.

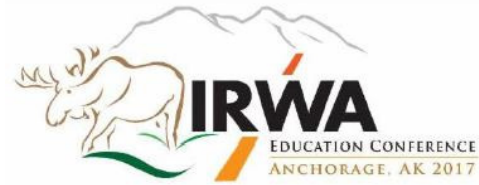
She and her husband have 2 teenage boys and love traveling, camping, boating and paddle boarding at the beach.

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## REGISTER NOW FOR THE IRWA CONFERENCE! JUNE 11-14, 2017

Join other global infrastructure real estate professionals at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Education Conference, held in Anchorage, Alaska. We invite you to attend this valuable industry event and take advantage of the educational opportunities, as well as the networking events. Check IRWA website link for more information and to register!

### Opening Ceremony – Paul Endress

Paul Endress is an internationally recognized communication expert and thought leader who helps companies reduce conflict and increase profits through effective communication.



He is the author of *The Magic of Communication Styles* and the creator of the Communication Styles 2.0 model which gives individuals and teams a framework for understanding their natural communication tendencies and the tendencies of those around them as well as the communication patterns these tendencies create.

An inspiring speaker, he has helped thousands of individuals and business executives become better communicators through his seminars, speeches and products.



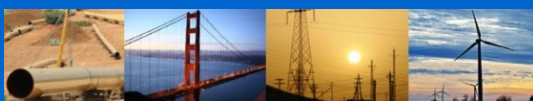
### Monday Morning Plenary Speaker – Michael Travis, P.E.

Michael Travis received his Bachelor's Degree in Fisheries Biology from the University of Alaska in 1980 and a Master's Degree in Environmental Quality Science from the UAF, School of Engineering. He has over 30 years of Alaskan experience in the environmental engineering field.

Mr. Travis has worked for a pipeline company, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, and in private consulting. He currently is a principal in Travis/Peterson Environmental Consulting, Inc. with offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska. Michael will discuss different aspects of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Project.

### SR/WA Breakfast Keynote Speaker – Charlie Adams

Charlie Adams has dedicated himself to developing not just a motivational talk, but a powerful experience on all of the incredible lessons we can take from Lake Placid, New York and the legendary Miracle on Ice of 1980.



International IRWA Headquarters



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YOU serve!

Charlie was a 12th grader in February of 1980 when David slew Goliath. Herb Brooks' US Olympic hockey team stunned the mighty Soviets 4-3 en route to the gold. Three months later Charlie would draw strength from them to muster the courage to deliver his Graduation Talk as Senior Class President.

Since then he has delivered over 3000 motivational presentations around the world, but none as passionately as he does for the back story of mystical Lake Placid.

Having made many trips there, interviewed countless people, read over 1500 articles and 20 books, he is dedicated to reaching as many people and events as possible as to the powerful stories and remarkable people that are part of Lake Placid's lore.

## INTERESTING Articles:

### Wyoming Bill Would Outlaw Renewable Energy



by Lorraine Chow  
<http://www.ecowatch.com/wyoming-outlaw-renewable-energy-2195804679.htm>

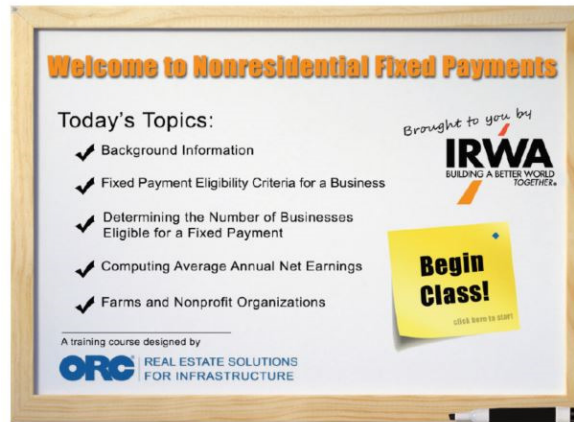
### Congratulations to All of Our Winning

## Members

Twenty-five of our members walked away as the proud recipients of gifts donated by Chapter 38, Chevron, ECI and The Right of Way Group at our Christmas Holiday Luncheon. Thanks to everyone that made it a success. See pictures at the back of the newsletter. Not all winners are pictured.

## What's New in Education-New On Line Courses:

- Course 100: [Principles of Land Acquisition - International \(Online\)](#)
- Course 101: Elevating Your Ethical Awareness - for Infrastructure Pros. (Classroom) - **Coming Soon!**
- Course 218: [Right of Way Acquisition for Electrical Transmission Projects \(Classroom\)](#)
- Course 225: [Social Ecology- Listening to Community \(Classroom\)](#)
- Course 230: Oil and Gas Land Basics and Related Surface Issues (Classroom) - **Coming Soon!**
- Course 235C: Canadian Oil and Gas Overview (Classroom) - **Coming Soon!**
- Course 411: [Appraisal Concepts for the Negotiator \(Online\)](#)
- Course 503: [Mobile Home Relocation \(Online\)](#)
- Course 507: [Specialized Nonresidential Payments \(Online\)](#)
- Course 520: [Special Topics in Replacement Housing \(Online\)](#)
- Course 521: [Nonresidential Fixed Payments \(Online\)](#)
- [IRWA/IKT Underground Infrastructure Panorama \(Online\)](#)



## Course 521

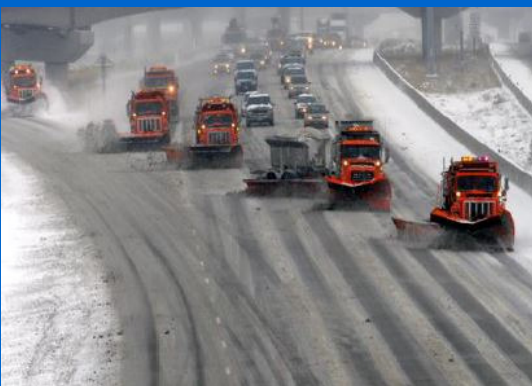
## Who to Contact at IRWA Headquarters

To better serve our members, IRWA has categorized the roles and responsibilities of the Headquarters staff. If you are new to the Association, or simply have questions about your membership benefits, our education course offerings, or credentialing opportunities, the staff at IRWA Headquarters is happy to assist. Call them at (310) 538-0233. See attached contact sheet in newsletter.



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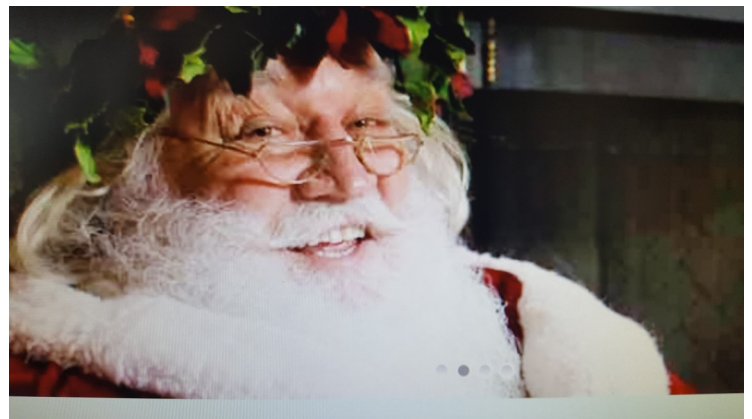
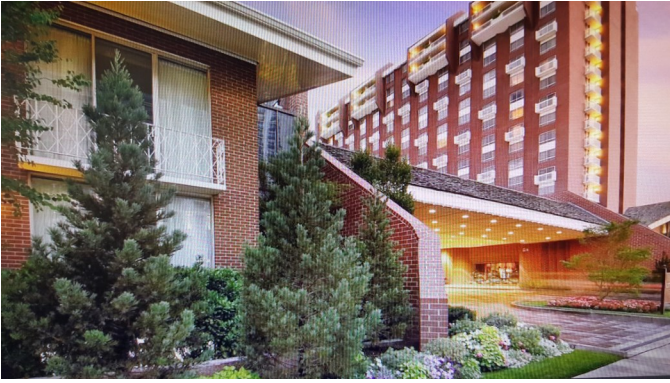


Drive Safe! Stay Behind the Plows!





Little America \_ Holiday Luncheon Memories













**JANUARY 28, 2017**

DINNER 5:30 PM & GAME 7:00 PM

CHAPTER 38 YOUNG  
PROFESSIONALS WELCOME ALL  
FOR DINNER AND GAME!!

**Building the future of the IRWA**

Please join us for dinner, Jazz game and some YP fun! Chapter 38 YPs continue to create and build our industry relationships and get to know each other. Contact [Carmelita Delgado](#) or [Duran Lucas](#) for more info.

**Please RSVP by Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**



All Are Welcome  
Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>,  
2017

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RSVP's due by  
December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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DINNER @ TESORO  
803 N. 300 W.  
South East Wing  
Salt Lake City,  
Utah 84103  
5:30 pm

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JAZZ GAME  
VIVINT SMART HOME  
ARENA  
301 West South  
Temple  
Salt Lake City,  
Utah 84101  
<http://www.vivintarena.com/arena>  
7:00 pm

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PRICING

Adults \$12.00/ person  
Kids \$10.00/person  
(includes dinner/game)



# AND

## THE AWARD GOES TO....

Every year at IRWA's Annual International Education Conference, we recognize some of the industry's finest individuals, companies, regions and chapters who have contributed to advancing the right of way profession.

### AWARDS

FRANK C. BALFOUR

NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR

STATE ASSOCIATION OF REAL PROPERTY AGENTS ("SARPA") SCHOLARSHIP

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

WEBSITE OF THE YEAR

W. HOWARD ARMSTRONG INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Please contact Magaly Fernandez; [mfernandez@hcpeck.com](mailto:mfernandez@hcpeck.com), with any nominations or questions regarding the awards.

**ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY: FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

# Call For IRWA Award Nominations

Each year, IRWA recognizes outstanding members, chapters and companies for their valuable contributions to the Association and right of way profession. The International Nominations and Elections Committee (INEC) is soliciting nominations for the following international awards:

## Chapter of the Year Awards (2)

This award honors IRWA chapters whose goals and accomplishments have focused on fulfilling their chapter responsibilities as outlined in the IRWA Strategic Plan, including membership growth, professional development, education courses, chapter meetings, chapter goals, new ideas/successes/recommendations and award nominations submitted.

<b>Eligible:</b>	All IRWA Chapters
<b>Categories:</b>	Chapters with 100 or more members Chapters with less than 100 members
<b>Submit:</b>	11 copies of completed application
<b>Send to:</b>	INEC Chair, Steve T. Benson, SR/WA

## Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award

IRWA's highest honor recognizes individuals whose outstanding contributions have included leadership positions in the chapter, regional and international levels; fulfillment of educational courses/activities; participation in Association regional and international activities; and achievement of IRWA professional designations.

<b>Eligible:</b>	Any active IRWA member in good standing who has made outstanding contributions to the Association
<b>Submit:</b>	11 copies of completed application
<b>Send to:</b>	INEC Chair, Steve T. Benson, SR/WA

## Newsletter of the Year Awards (2)

This award recognizes IRWA chapters who exhibit exemplary qualities in communicating Chapter, Regional, and International news. Newsletters are judged on identity, content, graphic design and editorial consistency.

<b>Eligible:</b>	All IRWA Chapter Newsletter Editors
<b>Categories:</b>	Chapters with 100 or more members Chapters with less than 100 members
<b>Submit:</b>	3 copies of each issue published from January 1 – December 31 minimum of 3 issues
<b>Send to:</b>	INEC Vice Chair, Patricia F. Thayer, SR/WA

## Employer of the Year Awards (2)

This award honors IRWA's associate companies for their strong employee support and commitment to the Association at the Chapter, Regional and International levels.

<b>Eligible:</b>	Any employer who actively supports employee membership in IRWA
<b>Categories:</b>	Employers with 20 or more employees Employers with less than 20 employees
<b>Submit:</b>	11 copies of completed application
<b>Send to:</b>	INEC Chair, Steve T. Benson, SR/WA

## SARPA Scholarship Award (\$5,000)

Endowed by the State Association of Real Property Agency, this scholarship is awarded to active students majoring in a course of studies related to the right of way profession and/or public works administration. Preference to students majoring in property related fields such as law, real estate, civil engineering, property management, business and public administration, surveying, etc.

<b>Eligible:</b>	Full-time students; must be family member of an active IRWA member.
<b>Submit:</b>	11 copies of completed application
<b>Send to:</b>	INEC Chair, Steve T. Benson, SR/WA

For applications and additional information, visit [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org).

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Send Newsletter Award applications to:

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**Deadline is February 4, 2008**



The International Transportation Committee is proud to present the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual International Transportation Committee Symposium

**THE VISION of TRANSPORTATION**  
“Planes, Trains and Automobiles – the Next Generation”

2017 Spring Education Seminar in Park City, Utah



**SEMINAR REGISTRATION: \$125 EARLY-BIRD**  
**AFTER 3/15/17 - \$150**

**WHEN:**

Friday, April 7, 2017

**WHERE:**

Park City Marriott  
1895 Sidewinder Drive  
Park City, UT 84060

**HOTEL COST:**

\$114.00/NIGHT PLUS TAX

**EVENTS:**

Ski Utah: Night Skiing Event\*  
Gorgoza Tubing Park\*  
Wine Tasting\* / Whiskey Tour\*

[Registration Links Coming Soon!](#)

Carmelita Delgado @ (801) 656-9701  
or Jamie Formico @ (916) 858-0642

\*Additional Fees associated

**REGISTRATION INCLUDES:**

- ❖ APR 6 Welcome Reception (7 pm – 8:30 pm)
- ❖ APR 7 Continental Breakfast (7 am – 8 am)
- ❖ 2017 Educational Seminar (8 am – 5 pm)
- ❖ Buffet Lunch (Noon – 1 pm)
- ❖ Evening Reception (6 pm – 7:30 pm)
  
- ❖ APR 8 Continental Breakfast (7 am – 8 am)
- ❖ IRWA REGION 9 SPRING FORUM (8 am – 4 pm)
- ❖ Buffet Lunch (Noon – 1 pm)
  
- ❖ 8 Hours of IRWA CEU – pending
  
- ❖ MARRIOTT BONUS RATE of \$114/Night plus tax 3 Days Before and After Event – Extended Stay
  
- ❖ Chapter 38 will host Course #213 Thursday 4/6/17....stay tuned.





## Credentialing Committee Recommendation to the IGC: Recertification Credits and Frequently Asked Questions

**Background:** The Credentialing Committee was commissioned by the IEC to make a recommendation for recertification credits for both Industry & Generalist Certifications that would address IRWA coursework and sponsored events as well as education from third parties, including online programming. The intent was to define the number of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for each area and streamline the process for IRWA members, leaders and staff.

**Recommendation:** The consensus decision from the committee was to recommend that: **The Recertification process and requirements for Industry & Generalist Certifications should not change for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Beginning July 1, 2017 the following three recertification credit unit allocations will take effect:**

1. IRWA coursework (including ethics) – 24 CEUs - (minimum amount).
2. IRWA sponsored events (includes annual education conference, approved Chapter/Region Educational events) - (no limit to CEUs)
3. Outside educational vendors - (24 CEUs maximum).

**The overall SR/WA minimum recertification requirement would remain at 72 CEUs.**

That recommendation was approved by the International Governing Council on September 2, 2016 for implementation on July 1, 2017.

**Rationale:** A minimum of 24 CEUs of IRWA coursework will ensure members are current as new and updated IRWA courses are being created every year. Unlimited CEUs from IRWA sponsored events will add new knowledge for members and encourage member participation in IRWA events and activities at the International, Region and Chapter level. Up to 24 CEUs for outside education vendors will provide personal choice and customization to meet individual member needs and streamline the internal review process for all members and staff. A fair and balanced portfolio of continuing education courses will help members stay on top of the changing right of way landscape.

### Questions and Answers:

**Q1. What are the recertification requirements for RWP and SR/WA? Are they different from previous requirements?**

A: There is no change to the number of units required for RWP or SR/WA recertification, however in a separate announcement, there will be a change in the available categories of required CEUs.

**Q2: How about the RWA?**

A: There continues to be no recertification requirement for the RWA Certification.

**Q3: What are the specific number of hours and the details of the recertification requirements for the RWP Certification?**

A: For the RWP, 48 credit units must be completed within 5 years from the date of initial certification approval or 5 years from the date of the previous recertification. A minimum of 16 credit units of IRWA course(s) must be earned as a participant (classroom or online) or as a facilitator; and 8 credit units of an IRWA Ethics course must be earned as a participant (classroom or online) or as a facilitator. The remaining 24 credit units may be earned through IRWA courses, conferences and seminars and/or from outside education vendors.

**Q4: What are the specific number of hours and the details of the recertification requirements for the SR/WA Designation?**

A: For the SR/WA, 72 credit units must be completed within 5 years from the date of initial certification approval or 5 years from the date of the previous recertification. A minimum of 16 credit units of IRWA course(s) must be earned as a participant (classroom or online) or as a facilitator; and 8 credit units of IRWA Ethics course must be earned as a participant (classroom or online) or as a facilitator. The remaining 48 credit units may be earned through IRWA courses, conferences and seminars or in combination with up to 24 credit units from outside education vendors

**Q5: May I take both ethics courses – 103 & 104, apply Course 103 towards the ethics requirement and apply Course 104 towards the rest of the remaining credit units?**

A: No, ethics courses will only apply towards the ethics requirement. You should take one or the other, not both.

**Q6: I took the exact same course twice within my 5-year recertification period, can I get recertification credits twice?**

A: No.

**Q7: Do non-IRWA and local IRWA Chapter courses/seminars/conferences still require IRWA approval for recertification credit?**

A: Any courses/seminars/conferences related to right of way and/or real estate that will benefit the continuing education of IRWA certified right of way professionals no longer require approval for recertification credit.

**Q8: What kind of supporting documentation do I need to provide for these non-IRWA courses/seminars/conferences?**

A: A copy of your completion certificates or attendance certificates is sufficient and must be submitted with your recertification application.

**Q9: If the IRWA course that I took for RWP recertification is also a required course for SR/WA Certification, can I apply the same course for RWP recertification and SR/WA Certification?**

A: Yes.