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Wow! November is such a busy month!! Seminar, Bring Your Co-Worker Lunch, Veterans Day, Course 431-Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions and Thanksgiving!

We start the month with our Fall Education Seminar titled "Current Topics in Right-of-Way" on November 8th. We hope you will join us for this seminar that will include sessions such as "Ensuring Project Success", "Easements, Deed Restrictions and CC&R's", "Acquisition of Sufficient Property Rights for Federally Funded Transportation Projects", "Five Hacks: A Checklist to Ensure Successful Relocation Projects" and "Legal Ramifications from Modifications to Take During Trial". I know each of these will provide great information and guidance to right-of-way agents, appraisers, project managers, surveyors, real estate professionals, relocation agents, attorneys and judges, engineers and other real estate professionals. I encourage each and every one of you to sign up today and attend this amazing seminar.

Immediately following our seminar, on November 9th, we are hosting our "Bring a Co-Worker to Lunch" event. Please invite a non-IRWA-member co-worker to join us at the historic Tacoma Landmark Convention Center and Chapter 4 will provide their lunch, free of charge. The registration window is very short for this meeting so please sign up today!! To register your guest, go to the Chapter 4 website; on the meeting registration page enroll your guest and select the "Pay at the Door" option. Hope to see you all (and your co-workers) there as Steve Fuchs speaks to us about WSDOT's Puget Sound Gateway Program- SR 509 and SR 167!

Next up is our November course offering: C431 - Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions being held on November 18th at the Coast Bellevue Hotel.

Congratulations to our October meeting winners: Kitty Ogg, SR/WA of Puget Sound Energy, won the \$100 Education Voucher and Pam Dittloff, SR/WA, retired, won the 50/50 drawing. We missed those of you who didn't attend the meeting - the presentation about drones was fascinating. I had no idea how advanced drones have become in our business or how much information can be gathered (in such a short time) using drones to carry information gathering technology.

I'm sure most of you have received your dues notice from Headquarter by now. Please be sure to update any information so their records are accurate. We at the chapter use that information in the event we need to convey information to you, so it's important that you keep that information fresh! You can make changes, if needed, by going to the Chapter 4 website; selecting "Contact Us"; choose "Submit or Update Email" - there, you will find a link to the headquarters page. Just sign in and make those changes! Before you leave the Chapter 4 website, don't forget to check out the newest Chapter 4 photos. The golf tournament photos have just been added.

Speaking of the golf tournament, I'd like to apologize to the sponsors of our Golf Tournament. In all of my excitement to congratulate the winning teams, I neglected to thank our sponsors. Without them, our tournament wouldn't be possible so many, many thanks to: Miller Nash Graham and Dunn, Valbridge Property Advisors, Roland Resources, Tierra Right of Way, HDR, Inc. and Universal Field Services for their support!!

One last thing to keep in mind... the Project of the Year deadline is quickly approaching. Nominations are due in by December 2, 2016. Do you or your company have a project with the right-of-way phase completed? That's all it takes! The nomination form is online... it's quick and simple! There will be an opportunity to give a brief presentation about the project at the January meeting and the winner will be announced in February. Get the recognition you deserve - submit a nomination today!

Finally, I really do look forward to seeing EACH of you at our upcoming seminar and meeting this coming November 8th and 9th, respectively. I know that everyone is busy, but keep in mind that our industry and organization thrive when we make connections with our peers.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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