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 CHAPTER 4



May / June 2012

## 2012 IRWA Education Conference



**Jennifer Walker, SR/WA  
 Chapter 4 President**

Greetings Chapter 4,

What an exciting time for our chapter! By the time you read this message, we'll be less than a week away from the start of the Education Conference and finalizing preparations for hosting our second conference. It's a tremendous honor to be the host chapter and requires a great deal of effort from our members. A huge THANK YOU to our conference co-chairs Faith Roland and Tom Paine for the countless hours they've dedicated to this effort! And, thank you to all of you that have signed up to volunteer at the conference. It couldn't be done without you.

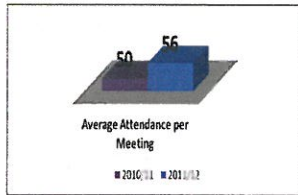
When the executive board started our term this past year, we had 4 objectives in mind: Increase attendance at chapter meetings, Enhance the content of our newsletter, Increase volunteerism and member participation, and Prepare for the 2012 education conference. I'm pleased to report the following successes for the 2011/2012 year:

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- Pictures of April & May Meetings
- Calendar of upcoming events
- Jennifer's Can't Miss Conference Events



- **Attendance is up 12%** over last year
- Chapter 4 is a **finalist for Chapter of the Year**
- **Averaged 14 attendees** per board meeting
- **Awarded \$900** in Education Vouchers
- **Recruited 128 volunteers** for the Conference
- Chapter 4's Newsletter is a **finalist for Newsletter of the Year**
- Exceeded the 92% Member Retention Rate Goal with **94.19%**
- **Awarded Free Registration to the Top 2 Chapter Volunteers**
- **Received** the 2012 Chapter Performance Rewards Program **Prize for Online Education**

I'd like to extend a personal thank you to the executive board for their hard work and commitment this past year. Our chapter being a finalist for Chapter of the Year is a direct result of your efforts. I truly appreciate your professionalism, honesty and dedication.

Please join me in congratulating our upcoming 2012/2013 Chapter Officers. Elections were held at our May meeting and serving with in-coming President Pam Dittloff are Matt Hansen, President Elect, Mike Bulzomi, Vice President, Leslie Beard, Treasurer, and Kristina Guzman, Secretary. The Installation Dinner has been scheduled for June 27, 2012. Details can be found on page 14. This is a great opportunity to network and socialize with your chapter leaders and congratulate them for volunteering. I encourage you all to attend and show them your support.

I hope all of you are attending the Conference. I'll be one of the presenters at the First Timer's Orientation so if this is your first conference, please join me on Sunday before the Opening Ceremonies for some helpful tips on getting the most out of your conference experience. You can also check out my "Can't Miss" events sheet in this issue of the newsletter.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your chapter president. It's been an incredibly rewarding experience and one I won't soon forget.

**Jennifer D. Walker, SR/WA, Chapter 4 President**

**Sound Views**

**JUNE 2012**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>2012 EDUCATION CONFERENCE, SEATTLE WA</b>						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Installation Banquet -Newcastle	28	29	30

**JULY 2012**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <b>C801 US Land Titles</b>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 C603 Understanding Environ Contamina- tion-Portland	18 C604 Environ Due Diligence -Portland	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## Calling all volunteers:

There are many reasons to volunteer. You learn more about the organization, give new ideas from your experiences, and it can be fun. Chapter 4 has many opportunities to get involved. I am looking for members for Registration & Sign In (should be easier with on-line registration), Membership Committee, Education Committee, and Communication Committee. Please call me at 360-867-2354 or e-mail [dittlop@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:dittlop@co.thurston.wa.us) if you are ready to get involved. I look forward to hearing from you.



## The Sidebar

(No questions were submitted to Matt Hansen for the Sidebar)



Please Submit Legal Questions Pertaining to Right-of-Way Legal Matters to:

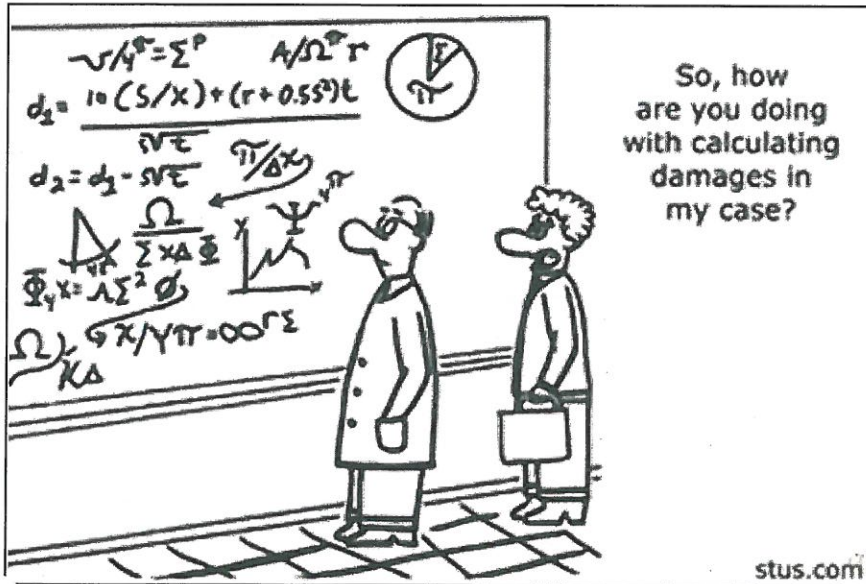
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Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected.

Steve Jobs

### Newsworthy items from IRWA International:

Valerie Fries-Wade, Chief of Education, will be leaving IRWA effective June 1, 2012, to take a position with a non-profit organization in Vancouver, WA. There will be reassignments of HQ staff but that has not yet been determined..



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Thank you Mitch Legel for submitting this comic

Quality means  
doing it right  
when no one is  
looking.

Henry Ford

## Sound Views

# Congratulations to Brad Thomas, SR/WA...

Chapter 4's Education Committee Chair, Brad Thomas, SR/WA, is this year's Chapter Performance Rewards (CPR) Program prize recipient for Online Education for "mega" – sized chapters!

Brad will receive a complimentary registration to the 2012 Annual International Education Conference and will also receive a travel stipend of up to \$525.

IRWA Headquarters and Chapter 4 congratulate and acknowledge Brad Thomas for his dedication and hard work, which greatly contributed to Chapter 4's success in Online Education Participation over the past year.

The CPR Program was created to recognize and reward the efforts of Chapter Leaders in three Participation categories: Classroom Education, Credentialing, and Online Education. Using each chapter's total number of members as of June 30, 2011, four Chapter Size categories were determined: "small", "medium", "large" and "mega" chapters. The total number of chapter members who purchased an IRWA online course between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012 was calculated. Chapter 4 had the highest percentage of Online Education participants, as compared to the chapter's membership base, in the "mega" Chapter Size category.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Volunteer Incentive Program

During the summer of 2011, your Chapter 4 elected officers and board members devised a plan and created an opportunity to promote and encourage our chapter members to volunteer in various areas to help support the needs of our Chapter. Additionally, the program was created to help offset the costs for two of our eager chapter members to attend the 2012 IRWA Annual Conference right here in beautiful Seattle WA. This was an excellent concept that not only encouraged many new volunteers to help support the needs of our chapter throughout the year, it also offered an opportunity to two well deserving members of our chapter to attend this year's big event.

Congratulations again to Kelli Larson of Thurston County and Dianna Nausley from WSDOT for your participation throughout the year and as winners of the Volunteer Incentive Program to receive paid registration to the 2012 IRWA Annual Conference. Also, a special thanks to all of our unnamed volunteers for your time to help make this year's chapter events a "full-sized" success.

Mitch Legel, SR/WA  
Chair, NESAC Committee

# Sound Views

## IRWA Chapter 4 Puget Sound 2012 Projected Course Schedule

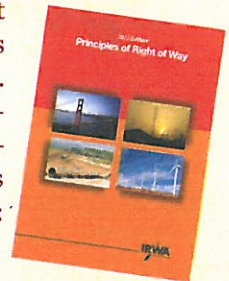
<b>June 10-13, 2012</b>	<b>2012 Education Conference - Seattle</b>
<b>July 9-10, 2012</b>	<b>Course 801 United States Land Titles</b>
<b>August 6, 2012</b>	<b>Course 901 Engineering Plan Development &amp; Application</b>
<b>August 7, 2012</b>	<b>Course 902 Property Descriptions</b>
<b>Sept 11-13, 2012</b>	<b>Course 201 Communications in Real Estate Acquisition</b>
<b>October 8, 2012</b>	<b>Course 804 Skills of Expert Testimony</b>
<b>October 24, 2012</b>	<b>Course 403 Easement Valuation</b>
<b>November 2012</b>	<b>Course 506 Advanced Business Relocation</b>
<b>December 2012</b>	<b>No Course Scheduled</b>

### 2013 Courses

<b>January 2013</b>	<b>No Course Scheduled</b>
<b>February 2013</b>	<b>Course 421 The Valuation of Partial Acquisitions</b>
<b>March 2013</b>	<b>Course 700 Introduction to Property/Asset Management</b>
<b>April 2013</b>	<b>Course 900 Principles of Real Estate Engineering</b>
<b>May 2013</b>	<b>Course 400 Principles of Real Estate Appraisal</b>

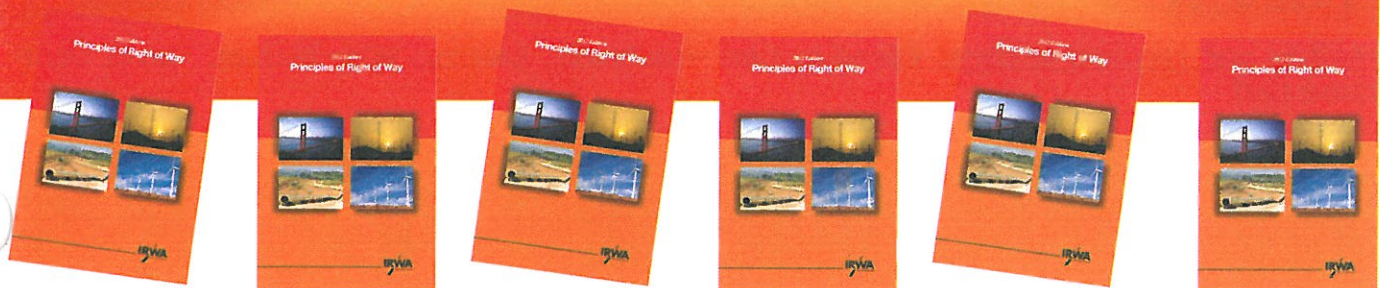
### **New Hardbound Edition Textbook Principles of Right of Way**

IRWA is proud to present the completely revised 2012 edition of the Principles of Right of Way Textbook. This edition is printed as a hardbound, "desk reference" book, which still serves as the premier source for information on the right of way profession. Not only has the content been updated, but the formatting has also been brought up to current publication standards to make this resource more reader-friendly. For ease of use, the book's chapters have been reorganized to coincide with the order of topics as presented in IRWA's "Course 100: Principles of Land Acquisition."



### **Educational opportunities in other Region 7 chapters**

<b>July 17, 2012</b>	<b>C603 Understanding Environmental Contamination - Portland, OR</b>
<b>July 18, 2012</b>	<b>C604 Environmental Due Diligence and Liability - Portland, OR</b>



Name: Roger Hansen, SR/WA

Employer: Sound Transit

Born in: After WWII and Before the Korean War

IRWA member since: 1975



# Member Spotlight

Roger is currently the Director of Real Property for Sound Transit (Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority) in Seattle, WA. Roger joined Sound Transit in August of 2004 and became Director of Real Property in June, 2006. The Real Property Division is responsible for property acquisition for projects and property management activities for leases, non-operating surplus properties and management of a railroad right of way owned by Sound Transit in Pierce County WA.

Prior to coming to Sound Transit, Roger worked for the Oregon Department of Transportation for 29+ years in a variety of positions including Appraisal Supervisor, Field and Condemnation Manager and Supervisor of the Region 1, Metropolitan Portland Right of Way office.

Hobbies and Personal interest: Nice fat stogie while enjoying a long walk on the beach and a collector of antiques and estate jewelry.

# Member Spotlight



Name: Steve Hagen, SR/WA

Employer: HDR Engineering Inc

Born in: Seattle, WA

IRWA member since: 1980

Career Highlight/Accomplishments: What sticks with me are all of the wonderful members who have become friends and all of the places I've traveled by becoming involved in the IRWA. From the moment I joined the organization, and the person that hired me into Right of Way, Gary Farr, said you will volunteer, I have served at the Chapter, Region, and International level. You truly do get more out of it than you put into it.

Most Challenging Project: D Street to M Street Commuter Rail project, required the acquisition of 1.4 miles of new railroad ROW, and the relocation of 6 business, in the Dome District of Tacoma.

Hobbies and Personal interest: Spending time with family, Reading, Wine Making, Travel, Occasional Golf.

# 2012 IRWA EDUCATION CONFERENCE SEATTLE, WA

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## Jennifer's "Can't Miss" Events...

Conference can be overwhelming for first time attendees and even those that have previously attended. Besides the excellent education sessions, networking opportunities, catching up with old friends and meeting new, below is a list of my favorite events and ones you should consider attending.

See you at Conference!

Jennifer

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### Saturday

- 10am **Conference Volunteer Training**  
Volunteer shirts will be handed out at this time and at the bag stuffing on Friday. If you miss this training or aren't signed up for the bag stuffing, shirts will be available at your first volunteer shift in the registration booth.
- 11am **Registration Booth Opens**  
Get your conference information and goodies, name badge, and event tickets. Select your table and seat for Wednesday's Installation Banquet.

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### Sunday

- 12:45pm **First Timer's Orientation**  
Get the inside scoop so you can take full advantage of your conference experience.
- 2pm **Opening Ceremonies**
- 4pm **Region Caucuses**  
Opportunity to learn more about region business and the chapter's major role in the organization.
- 5pm **Welcome Networking Reception**

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### Monday

- 11:45am **Awards Luncheon**  
Chapter 4 is a finalist for Newsletter of the Year and Chapter of the Year
- 6pm **Auction/Casino Night**  
Support the Education Foundations and have fun in the process. Casino opens after the auction closes.

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### Tuesday

- 7am **SR/WA Recognition Breakfast**  
All conference registrants are welcome and encouraged to attend to celebrate those that have obtained their SR/WA Designation within the last year.
- 12pm **Installation Banquet Ticket Exchange Closes**  
Be sure to get your ticket and select a table before this time.
- 5pm **Incoming President's Reception**

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### Wednesday

- 7am **Finnegan Fun Run**
- 1:30pm **Board of Director's Meeting**  
All members are encouraged to attend, especially upcoming chapter board members.
- 5pm **Region 7 Champagne Toast Group photo at 5:30.**  
Annual gathering of all Region 7 members and their guests to celebrate the past and upcoming year.
- 6pm/7pm **Installation Banquet Reception/Banquet and Dance**



# April Meeting

Marianne Scharping - \$100 educational voucher



Marilynn Danby- 50/50 winner



Sonja Kraus Membership Chair and Brad Thomas Education Chair will be resigning from their posts this year

Bonneville Power Group with Johnnie Butler



Snohomish County PUD



Snohomish County Public Works



Daniel Stekol

# May Meeting

Roger Hansen – Winner of \$100 education voucher



Kerri Wittman – 50/50 winner



Kristina Guzman & Mark Anderson

Susan Serdahl, Roger Hansen, Matt Hansen



New member - Mr. Terry William Hammond, King County DDES – He even sat through the board meeting

Dave Parry, Rick Welch & speaker Matt



Matt Sloan, Sonja Kraus



Submitted by Dianna Nausley

**Subject: Official Launch of New FHWA Community Sites**

Good Afternoon,

Today marks the official launch of the FHWA Knowledge Sharing Communities in the SharePoint 2010 platform! The site will provide the same functionality as the previous sites on an easier to manage platform.

A few things to note about the site's features:

The new sites are located at: <http://www.transportationresearch.gov/dot/fhwa>.

All old content from the former FHWA communities is available for reference in the new site.

Users may view content anonymously.

o This excludes the Audit Exchange where all users will need accounts to view content or contribute.

You will need to create an account if you wish to:

o Contribute to discussions

o Subscribe to alerts

Register for by visiting: <https://www.transportationresearch.gov/dot/fhwa/SitePages/register.aspx>

For steps on how to create a new discussion, see this help page: <https://www.transportationresearch.gov/dot/fhwa/help/Help%20Wiki/How%20to%20Contribute%20to%20a%20Discussion.aspx>

o While the layout and appearance have changed, these communities work in much the same way that they always have: you can add new discussion questions or respond to existing questions. Discussion questions are sorted by Topic Area.

To subscribe (receive e-mail alerts) to new content, use the links in the upper right of the landing page of any community site.

o You can determine what triggers an alert and how often you would like to receive them. Once logged in, you can change these settings or unsubscribe at any time.

Please see our Help Site (<https://www.transportationresearch.gov/dot/fhwa/help/default.aspx>) to ask questions about navigation, features, and other similar topics. The old technology for the communities was built in 1998. This new technology was built in 2010. Please be patient over the next several months as we roll out new features, processes, and communities.

Thank you,

FHWA External Collaboration Portal Administrative Team

## Sound Views

### Meeting Information

General Membership Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Coast Bellevue Hotel located at 625 116th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA. The Executive Board meeting begins at 4:00pm and all members are invited to attend. The General Membership Meeting begins at 5:30pm with sign-in and socializing. Dinner is served at 6:00pm - the program is presented as the meal is being finished. Reservations are required.

### Looking Ahead

- WHAT:** IRWA Installation Dinner
- WHEN:** Wednesday, June 27, 2012 - 5:30 pm-social; dinner served at 6:30 pm
- WHERE:** The Golf Club at Newcastle, 1550 Six Penny Lane, Newcastle WA 98059
- COST:** \$50.00 per person
- MENU:** Pan Roasted Salmon, Prosciutto Wrapped Chicken Breast or Vegetable Tower
- RESERVATIONS:** [www.irwachapter4.org](http://www.irwachapter4.org)

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*Achievement seems to be connected with action. Successful men and women keep moving. They make mistakes but they don't quit.*  
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### Public Project on Your Mind?



### Condemnation and Real Estate Value Disputes

Larry Smith, Jeffrey Beaver, Marisa Lindell and Matt Hansen

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Puget Sound Chapter 4

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*to the*

*International Right of Way Association,  
Puget Sound Chapter 4  
Installation Banquet*

*The Golf Club at Newcastle  
15500 Sixpenny Lane, Newcastle, WA  
Wednesday, June 27, 2012*

*Social ~ 5:30 pm*

*Dinner ~ 6:30 pm*

*Please RSVP on-line at [www.irwchapter4.org](http://www.irwchapter4.org)  
by June 21, 2012*

*Choice of:*

*Pan Roasted Salmon*

*or*

*Prosciutto Wrapped Chicken Breast*

*or*

*Vegan Vegetable Tower*

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