

August 2015



As we near the end of summer, your executive board is gearing up for its yearly chapter planning session. At the installation dinner in June, I expressed my goals for this chapter and this Saturday the executive board, committee chairs, committee members and general membership will gather to discuss those plans, this year's fiscal budget and any other suggested topics. Please join us at Roland Resources, Inc. for coffee and lunch Saturday morning from 9am to 1pm. You will get to hear first-hand the plans we have, program discussions, social event ideas, task force and you'll have the opportunity to express your ideas for this coming year. There are openings on all committees for chapter volunteers and we'd love to see everyone participate. Please RSVP me if you plan on attending.

This year's Program Chair and Chapter Vice President, Kent Melton, SR/WA, has already been working hard at planning the programs for this coming year. On September 9th, we will hear from Sound Transit about one of their exciting projects. In October, we will have the honor of hosting our International President, Wayne Goss, SR/WA, as our guest speaker and in honor of Veterans Day, our November Tacoma luncheon will take place on the third Wednesday, November 18th, instead of the standard 2nd Wednesday of the month schedule. Be sure to add the new date on your calendar. In December we will once again host a holiday event and would love to hear your suggested ideas for this. It's always a great time!

Some recent statistics to inspire you...

Over the summer we had six right-of-way professionals apply to become members of our chapter. We will be reviewing the applications of those pending members at the September meeting.

As of April, our membership of 238 people attended 111 online courses and 98 classroom courses. We are obviously getting educated because six members received their SR/WA, one received the R/W-RAC and one received their RWA. Congrats to all!

I'm excited about this next year. We have a lot of new faces on the executive board and I think this will bring some fresh perspective to the chapter. I believe change can always be a good thing.

I look forward to seeing you all on September 9th at the Coast Hotel, be sure to view the chapter website for any other updates, calendar of events and education opportunities coming this year.

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