

2020 IRWA Chapter 4 Presidents Message

Hello IRWA Chapter 4 members! Well, here we are well into 2020; not sure what happened to January, and February will be gone before we know it, ushering in daylight savings, daffodils and rain until the end of June-uary.

Chapter 4 has a lot on the docket for 2020. At our February membership meeting Jesse Ray shared information on a new scholarship program sponsored by RWIEF, aptly titled 20/20, awarding funds to well qualified, deserving individuals pursuing the RWA or RWP designations. Two recipients will be chosen from each region plus 20 more, so there is ample opportunity to put your name in the hat and get some of your required education paid for.

We're currently working on a Spring Seminar, scheduled for May 6 at PSE in Bellevue, currently titled "All Easements, All Day." Stay tuned.....

We're getting down to the wire for project of the year submissions, which are due by the end of February, for presentations at the March membership meeting. This is not an onerous task and it is an opportunity to share a high level view of a past or current project that has been challenging, interesting, highly successful or a downright nightmare. We want to hear about it and there are some monetary rewards for doing so. In fact, I think I might even submit something. We've streamlined the nomination form and presentations need only be ten minutes, give or take depending on how many nominations are submitted. So, don't be shy and share a project with us! To submit a nomination please contact Nicole Bissett at nbissett@epicland.com.

Please check out the educational offerings; Andrew Sorba, our Education Chair, has done a fantastic job organizing our education program this year. Class offerings are listed on our chapter website and are blasted to the membership frequently. Also, if anyone is interested in taking Classes 421 (valuation of partial acquisitions) and 431 (problems in the valuation of partial acquisitions), please contact Andrew at asorba@appraisalgroupnw.com or me at jnidecker@irr.com. My motivation for plugging these two classes is not entirely unselfish as I really want to take both! So, please let us know ASAP, we can hold a class anytime if there is enough interest.

And finally, what a fantastic turnout at our February membership meeting. Outside of the holiday party, I think attendance was at a record high. I know it wasn't my fantastic personality or the 5-star buffet; Charlene Mullis gave a great presentation on title encumbrances and frankly I could have easily listened to the "lessons learned" for another hour. Perhaps another time.

Please join us for our next lunch membership meeting at the Red Lion on March 11, and don't forget our April membership meeting at the Tulalip Casino. May is just around the corner, and everyone is welcome at the Chapter 4 officer installation cruise on Lake Union in June.

Cheers!

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