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inside...**

IRWA 70th Education Conference in  
Long Beach, California, Industry  
Podcasts and more!

July 2024 / ISSUE 7

# President's Message



Our new board has made a strong start as we strive to enhance our reporting and bookkeeping for our chapter to access the full benefits offered by International. Our common goal is to foster the growth of our chapter, and we are progressing well.

Join us for our chapter check-in in August, where Eric Zeier, a former UGA All-American Quarterback, will be our guest speaker. Having had the privilege of hearing Eric's motivational speeches, I can assure you that you won't want to miss this event. His words will leave you feeling encouraged and inspired to succeed, not just in your career but in life. I have known Eric for a few years, and I truly believe this is an opportunity not to be missed. With the Region 6 Fall Forum approaching, Eric Zeier has kindly agreed to autograph UGA items for our chapter's raffle, so please bring cash to support us.

Our planning committee is dedicated to making the Region 6 Fall Forum the best in the region. I recently visited Savannah to finalize plans with the hotel and Poe's Tavern. All I can say is that you should mark your calendars for this Forum - it's going to be exceptional. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so today!

My travels didn't end there; I had the privilege of attending the IRWA 70th Education Conference in Long Beach. I am grateful to the chapter for the opportunity to represent Chapter 22. Don't forget to check out the President's Report on page 3 of the newsletter.

If you have ideas on how we can better serve our members, please email me at [cdurham@singlepointag.com](mailto:cdurham@singlepointag.com). For event updates, visit our website at [www.irwageorgiachapter22.com](http://www.irwageorgiachapter22.com) [[irwageorgiachapter22.com](http://www.irwageorgiachapter22.com)], and follow us on LinkedIn @IRWA Chapter 22 and Facebook IRWA Chapter 22.

- Chasity Durham

# Upcoming Events

We host bi-monthly Chapter Check-Ins to offer an opportunity to network and stay active in the going's on in our field through various guest speakers. Below are the remaining luncheons for the year. Check us out!

AUGUST

**14**

11:30a - 1:00p

## **PAPPASITO'S CANTINA**

2788 WINDY HILL RD SE  
MARIETTA, GA

Speaker: Former Professional Football Player and UGA Alum, Eric Zeier- National Sales Manager for Homeowners Financial Group



OCTOBER

**16**

11:30a - 1:00p

## **MANUEL'S TAVERN**

602 N HIGHLAND AVE NE  
ATLANTA, GA

Speaker: David Shanks- Homeland Security Coordinator at Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency



DECEMBER

**11**

11:30a - 1:00p

## **MAGGIANO'S LITTLE ITALY**

4400 ASHFORD DUNWOODY ROAD  
DUNWOODY, GA

LUNCH FOR A CAUSE- Bring new, unwrapped toys to be donated. Let's make this our largest donation yet!



# IRWA 70th Education

## Conference

### Long Week in Long Beach

by Chasity Durham



The electric atmosphere at the IRWA 70th Education Conference in Long Beach was present from opening ceremonies to closing. The entire event was filled with so many amazing educational and networking opportunities. It would be impossible to describe with just one word. Our chapter was well represented, with numerous members taking part in the event. There were almost 1,200 registered attendees at this year's conference, including representatives from the following countries: Australia, Costa Rica, Germany, Mexico, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Thailand, and the United Kingdom.

As a first-time attendee of this event, I was uncertain what I should expect. Ultimately, I was able to take in fresh insights on how to enhance our chapter through improving sponsorships, boosting membership engagement, and establishing new connections. I was also able to take away a greater understanding of the resources available to us.

If you're considering attending this conference, my recommendation is a resounding YES! The organization provides a variety of courses covering transportation, environmental topics, utility acquisition, surveying, RFP/RFQ, leadership training, and more. This four-day-long Conference provides more than just in-person class opportunities but education breakout sessions as well. The biggest benefit I found from attending in-person classes was the comfortability to ask questions and network with the speakers as well as class attendees immediately following the meeting. Witnessing industry peers receiving their IRWA certifications served as a great reminder to return and inform our chapter about the career advancement opportunities within IRWA. Have you explored the available designations that could elevate your career recently?

During the Region 6 Caucus, we helped generate buzz and excitement about the upcoming fall forum Chapter 22 is hosting in Savannah, urging individuals in our region to register early.



# IRWA 70th Education Conference

## Conference

On the last day of the conference, voting was the name of the game. We had the opportunity to listen to several Chapters present their bid vying to become the host city of the Education Conference for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 calendar years. Each chapter competing for this honor had three minutes to deliver their pitch to the board of directors. This group is comprised of the voting members from each chapter – President, 1 year director and 2-year director.

The results are in, and I have three words to say... Pack Your PASSPORTS! Chapter 48 will be hosting the 2027 IRWA Annual International Education Conference in Calgary, Canada.



Chapter 7 smoothed their way to victory and will host the 2028 conference in Detroit, Michigan. This was a close vote between Chapters 7 and 44, city- Las Vegas. However, Detroit's hot food scene and music history beat out the glitz and glam of Sin City. Next years' event will be hosted by Chapter 52, Virginia Beach, so don't forget to pack your swimsuits. Finally, in 2026 Chapter 78, Omaha, will be our host city. Did you know that Omaha is home to one of the best Zoo's in the entire world?

As a chapter, we endeavored to capture various moments through photography, including the opening ceremony, RWEIF's Monday night event, classes, the closing reception, and the gala. We hope you enjoy the snapshots and anticipate the presence of Chapter 22 members next year at the IRWA Annual International Education Conference in Virginia Beach!

-Chasity Durham



# 70th Education Conference

See if you can find anyone you know!



# 70th Education Conference



# Listen and Learn

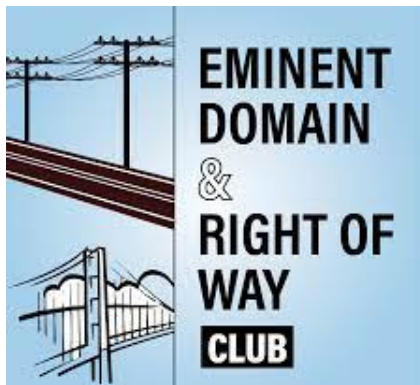


## INFRASTRUCTURE JUNKIES PODCAST

Infrastructure Junkies, hosted by Kristen Short Bennett, SR/WA, and Dave Arnold, Esq., SR/WA, serves as a platform for individuals and businesses interested in the right-of-way profession. This includes right-of-way acquisition, eminent domain, the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (URA), and infrastructure development. Their goal for this podcast is to create a more comprehensive platform, offering additional resources and a stronger voice for this community of professionals.

## EMINENT DOMAIN & ROW CLUB

Eminent Domain & ROW Club is an app designed for professionals in the right-of-way industry to engage in live Town Hall sessions discussing a wide range of relevant topics. By joining the app, members can participate in interactive discussions, share insights, and stay updated on the latest developments in right-of-way acquisition, eminent domain, and infrastructure projects. This platform fosters a dynamic community where industry experts and newcomers alike can connect, learn, and collaborate.



## ELEVATED ACCESS

Elevated Access delves into the critical access needed for energy and infrastructure projects across North America. Host Chad Hughes will meet with top experts whose experiences have significantly influenced the energy and infrastructure sectors—leaders who truly understand access. Whether you're a business leader, project developer, professional involved in the access process, or just curious about what makes development possible, this podcast highlights the meticulous effort and dedication required to secure access for development—and the immense scale of the task.

## THE EMINENT DOMAIN PODCAST

The Eminent Domain Podcast, hosted by Clint Schumacher, is available on iTunes and Stitcher. Clint is a renowned speaker on eminent domain, frequently addressing industry professionals, lawyers, and law students nationwide. Clint has developed a specialized expertise in handling condemnation for highway projects. He represents property owners of all sizes affected by public projects, working to minimize impacts and, if necessary, securing full compensation for the owners.





# Chapter News

## Executive Board Update

Our Secretary, Jodi Smith, has unexpectedly left the industry and will no longer be able to fill the role as Secretary. We wish her nothing but the best in all her future endeavors. The board has conducted interviews for a new Secretary and the chosen candidate will be announced in our next newsletter.

## Stay in Touch

What better way to keep up with the goings on in our chapter than through social media. We are active on Facebook and LinkedIn. This is one of the easiest ways to get real time chapter updates regarding elections, chapter check-ins, and more! If you have any topics you want to see featured either on our socials or the newsletter, please email us at: [info@irwageorgiachapter22.com](mailto:info@irwageorgiachapter22.com)



### UPCOMING EDUCATION COURSES

★ LEGAL ASPECTS OF  
EASEMENTS, COURSE 802  
AUGUST 23, 8AM

★ CONFLICT MANAGEMENT,  
COURSE 213  
OCTOBER 07, 8AM

## Safety Reminder

In July we observe Ultraviolet (UV) Safety Month. Below are tips to shield your eyes and skin from harm:

- Avoid the sun between 11a - 3p (when possible)
- Wear a hat
- Wear Sunglasses
- Apply sunscreen every two hours
- Stay Hydrated



# Executive Board

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# IRWA REGION 6

## Fall Forum

Savannah, GA

October 7-9, 2024



### Monday, October 7

8am-5pm Course 213 Conflict Management

*\*Course registration is separate at \$265 member or \$330 non-member*

6pm-8pm YP Networking Event

### Tuesday, October 8

8am-5pm Acquisitions, Easements, & Permits...Oh My!

7pm-9pm Networking Event

### Wednesday, October 9

9am-3pm Region 6 Forum

Conference Registration  
\$175

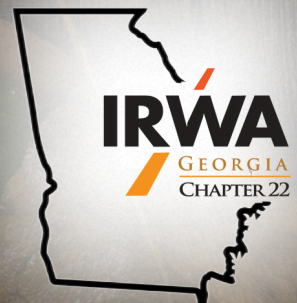
Room  
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DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
Historic Savannah District

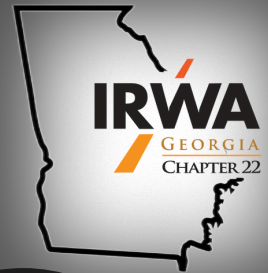
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For more information  
& to Register  
visit

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# 2024 FALL FORUM SPONSORSHIPS



## GEORGIA PEACH (1 AVAILABLE)

- INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM LOGO DISPLAYED AT THE FORUM W/33X81" BANNER STAND
- INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM LOGO DISPLAYED ON EVENT WEBSITE & OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS (PROMINENT PLACEMENT)
- INCLUDE SWAG FOR REGISTRANTS
- LOGO LANYARDS FOR REGISTRANT BADGES
- 1 COMPLIMENTARY EDUCATIONAL COURSE REGISTRATION @ FORUM
- 2 COMPLIMENTARY CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

## RIVER STREET

- INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM LOGO DISPLAYED AT THE FORUM W/24X63" BANNER STAND
- FIRM NAME DISPLAYED ON ADDITIONAL BANNER @ NETWORKING EVENTS
- INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM LOGO DISPLAYED ON EVENT WEBSITE & OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS (PROMINENT PLACEMENT)
- INCLUDE SWAG FOR REGISTRANTS
- 2 COMPLIMENTARY CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

\$1500

## FORSYTH PARK

- INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM LOGO DISPLAYED AT THE FORUM W/24X63" BANNER STAND
- INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM LOGO DISPLAYED ON EVENT WEBSITE & OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS
- INCLUDE SWAG FOR REGISTRANTS
- 1 COMPLIMENTARY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

\$1000

## BONAVENTURE

- INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM LOGO DISPLAYED AT THE FORUM (TABLETOP)
- INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM LOGO DISPLAYED ON EVENT WEBSITE & OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

\$500

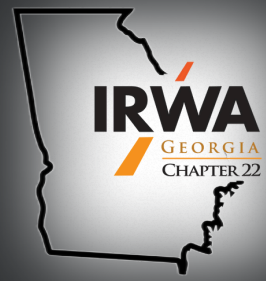
## CHATHAM SQUARE

- INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM LOGO DISPLAYED AT THE FORUM (PROGRAM ONLY)

\$250

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# 2024 FALL FORUM SPONSORSHIP FORM



## Sponsorship Level

- River Street \$1500       Bonaventure \$500  
 Forsyth Park \$1000       Chatham Square \$250

The Georgia Peach tier has already been sponsored.

## Sponsor Contact Information :

Business Organization Name :

Contact Name :

Contact Email :

Contact Phone Number :

Full Address :

## Forum Registrant Information :

First Name :

Last Name :

E-Mail :

River Street Sponsors provide a second registrant

First Name :

Last Name :

E-Mail :

## Complete the following to finalize sponsorship :

- Email completed/signed form to [info@irwageorgiachapter22.com](mailto:info@irwageorgiachapter22.com)  
 Email PNG file of logo to be displayed to [info@irwageorgiachapter22.com](mailto:info@irwageorgiachapter22.com)  
 Make check payable to IRWA Chapter 22  
 Mail check to :  
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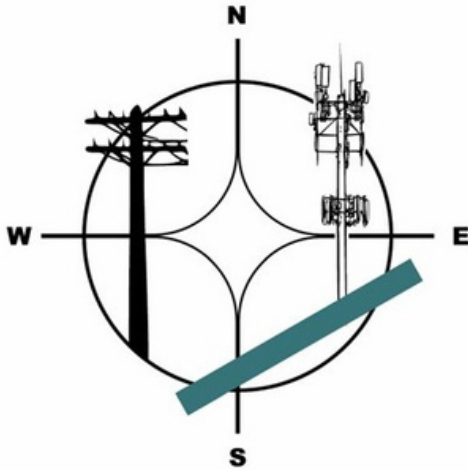
Signature :

Date :

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### Bronze \$500

- Rotating electronic advertisement at chapter meetings
- Logo advertisement and link on Chapter 22 website
- Year long advertisement in Chapter E-newsletter (1/4 page)

### Silver \$1,000

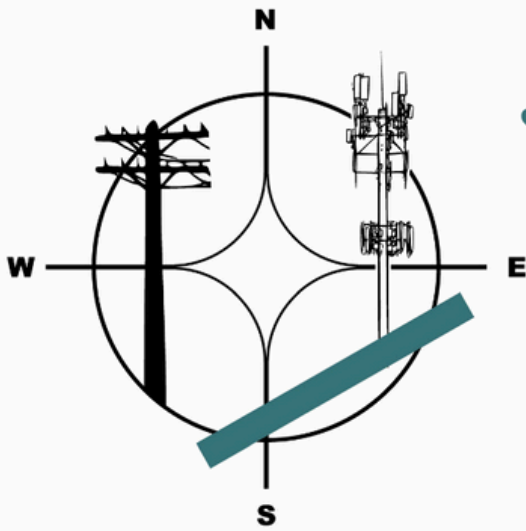
- Rotating electronic advertisement at chapter meetings
- Logo advertisement and link on Chapter 22 website
- Year long advertisement in Chapter E-newsletter (1/2 page)
- Free individual registrations to sponsored events (1)
- Exhibit table space at the Summer Chapter Event

### Gold \$1,500

- Rotating electronic advertisement at chapter meetings
- Logo advertisement and link on Chapter 22 website
- Year long advertisement in Chapter E-newsletter (full page)
- Free individual registrations to sponsored events (4)
- Registration for in-person OR virtual continuing education class (1)
- Exhibit table space at the Summer and Fall Chapter Events

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