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**Take a peach  
inside...**

Member Spotlight, New Treasurer,  
and more!

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# President's Message



Who is excited for the Region 6 Fall Forum? I can't emphasize enough the dedication and effort our planning committee has invested to ensure its success. Although our numbers may be small, the commitment of each member is truly remarkable. If you're hesitant about attending, I assure you that you'll regret not being there! Our chapter has thoughtfully curated each discipline for our symposium on Tuesday. But before you focus on that, don't miss the chance to enroll in Course 213 - Conflict Management, taught by our very own Clyde Johnson. Let's be honest; with the demands of both home and work life, everyone could benefit from a refresher on conflict management. After class, don't forget to join us Monday night for our Young Professionals event at Poe's Tavern. It's a wonderful opportunity to network while enjoying a delicious meal sponsored by our chapter. I can guarantee that day two will be just as exciting with the lineup we have planned.

Here are the topics we'll be covering:

- Legal - Art of Negotiation in Acquisition: Avoiding Common Pitfalls
- Survey - GIS Friend or Foe
- Resiliency - A MUST HEAR
- CSX - Permitting & Real Estate
- GA DNR - Current Status & Conservation Efforts for Bats
- Appraisal - The review appraiser is your friend
- FHWA - Relocation Planning
- GA Ports Authority - Growing Big for the Future

You're in for a treat! After a rewarding day of deepening your industry knowledge, it's time to relax with our Low Country Boil, followed by the Boo Y'all Bus tour. If you haven't registered for this event yet, make sure to add it to your to-do list! I truly believe that our agenda is worth taking a few days off from your projects and office duties. Personally, I have always left every regional event feeling reenergized and ready to tackle the toughest tasks on my desk. The only regret you'll have is if you miss this opportunity! Register today! Looking forward to seeing you in Savannah!

- 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!

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**

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# Member Spotlight



MEET

## Clyde Johnson

After retiring from the Federal Highway Administration with over 30 years of service, Mr. Johnson served as the Director of Real Estate Services for the TBE Group for two years. He began his career in right-of-way with the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1973. He served in the Office of Real Estate Services, Washington Office, from 1998 through 2002, and was responsible for FHWA's National Training Program and the Highway Beautification program; he also participated in the Uniform Act compliance and re-write. Mr. Johnson developed and presented the HI/FHWAN

Outdoor Advertising Control Workshop and presented the workshop in over 35 states. He assisted in the development of NHI's Appraisal, Appraisal Review Course for Federal Acquisitions. He has presented numerous NHI Courses covering the topics of Corridor Preservation and Sub-Surface Engineering. He served as the Realty Officer and Project Development Manager (Right-of-Way, Utilities and Environment in FHWA's Georgia Division Office from 1998 to 2002 and as the Realty Officer from 2002 until 2005. He served as Review Appraiser for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Region 6 during the vacancy of FTA's Real Estate Manager from 2003 and continues to do Administrative Review for FTA as of 2013. Mr. Clyde has been a member of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) since 1978 and obtained his Senior Designation (SR/WA) in 1983. He has served as Chairman of the International Transportation Committee and as member-at-large on the International Relocation and Environmental Committees. He was appointed to the American Association of State Highway Transportation (AASHTO) Standing Technical Committee for Outdoor Advertising and was selected by the National Academy of Science to complete a national research study in Outdoor Advertising Sign Regulations in 2008. He has published numerous articles on transportation, environmental and outdoor advertising issues and received the IRWA Mark A. Green Scholarship Award in 1991 and 1994. In 1995, he received IRWA's highest award, the Frank C. Balfour "Professional of the Year" Award. In 2012 Mr. Johnson received IRWA's first ever "Facilitator of the Year" award. In 2014, Mr. Johnson was presented IRWA's "Lifetime Achievement" Award for his dedication to the Association and the right-of-way field. Mr. Johnson is a CLIMB certified instructor for IRWA and has presented more than 28 different courses for IRWA since 1986.



# Listen and Learn

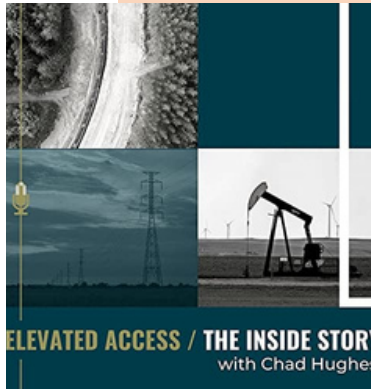
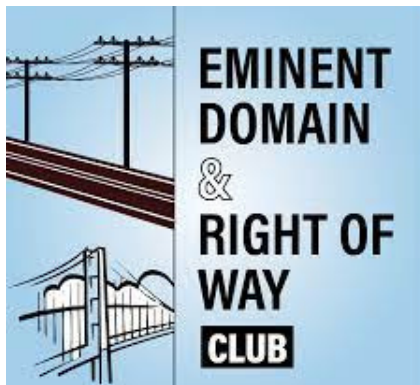


## INFRASTRUCTURE JUNKIES PODCAST

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


Following several interviews, the Chapter 22 Board is pleased to welcome Jennifer Sweigart to the team as our 2024-2025 Secretary. Learn more about Jennifer and her IRWA journey in her member spotlight on page 4.

## 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



CONFLICT MANAGEMENT,  
COURSE 213  
OCTOBER 07, 8AM





# Meet our new Treasurer



## MEET Yvette Biggs

With a deep passion for quality, business, project management, and real estate, Yvette has dedicated her career to making a meaningful impact in everything she does. She holds a Master of Science in Business & Information Technology from Stevenson University and a Bachelor of Arts in Information Systems from Sojourner Douglass College, which laid the foundation for her expertise in navigating complex financial systems, budgeting, and risk management.

As a licensed Realtor in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Georgia, Biggs had the privilege of working closely with clients and colleagues to successfully manage transactions and financial operations. These experiences have sharpened her attention to detail and strengthened her belief in the importance of clear communication and transparency in every project she leads.

Currently, Yvette is proud to be part of the team at HDR, where she helps guide projects like the Forsyth County return flow initiative. Biggs's role involves overseeing offer packages, exhibits, and QAQC processes, which allows her to combine her love for organization and problem-solving with the goal of delivering exceptional results. She has also had the honor of serving in leadership positions, such as Regional Vice President for NAREB and board member for the Delaware Black Chamber of Commerce and currently serving on the board for the Clayton County Library System. These roles provided the opportunity to contribute to causes Yvette cares about while building strong relationships and championing financial integrity. When Biggs is not deep into project plans or real estate, you'll find her at the spa, a quaint mom and pop boutique shop and of course, all of these things are being done while traveling with her best friends. At the end of the day, Yvette is all about making things happen—whether its finding innovative solutions at work or connecting with people in the community. She loves a good challenge and is always ready to take on the next big thing.





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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

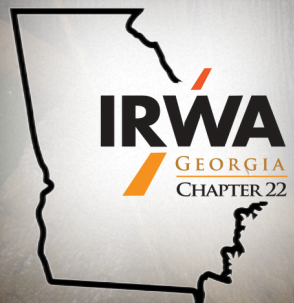
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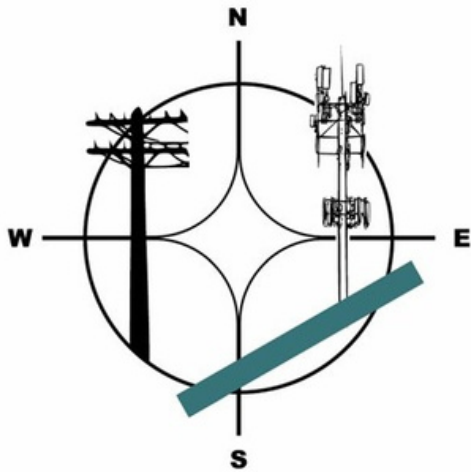
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### Bronze \$500

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

### Silver \$1,000

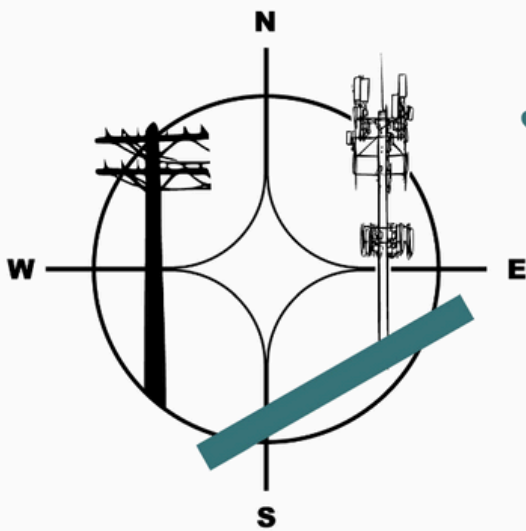
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- Year long advertisement in Chapter E-newsletter (1/2 page)
- Free individual registrations to sponsored events (1)
- Exhibit table space at the Summer Chapter Event

### 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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## Industries We Serve

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|----------------------|---------------------|
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