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# ROW

**Take a peach  
inside...**

Upcoming Events, February  
Chapter Check-In, and more!

February 2025 ISSUE 13



# President's Message



When reflecting on what to share with our chapter this month, one word consistently surfaced: asleep. For the past two years, I've often described Chapter 22 as being in a slumber. We have made efforts to help us awaken and revitalize our energy, but sadly, those attempts seem to be falling flat. We still have the same four to five board members volunteering their time and a small group of fifteen to twenty attending the Chapter Check-Ins. I've participated in regional events to observe their approaches, and we've hosted a fantastic Region 6 Fall Forum in Savannah, organized a membership drive, and relocated our chapter check-ins. Yet, despite all this effort, there has been no noticeable change. As a board, we're struggling to grasp what our members truly want. Surveys have been distributed, but we receive little to no feedback. I get emails inquiring about events and courses, which indicates that our newly revised website is not being utilized.

Members, we have an incredible chapter dedicated to providing you with education, networking, and career advancement opportunities. All we need is your involvement. While this message may differ from the usual, it comes from a place of honesty and sincerity.

I know for me personally my "light bulb" moment where I began to see the benefits of IRWA was at a Region 6 fall forum. As a region we hold two forums each year. Chapter 31 is hosting this year's spring forum in Myrtle Beach, SC. If you are interested, we have the information on our website.

Our next Chapter Check-In will be held on the northeast side of Atlanta in Lawrenceville. We have a dynamic speaker lined up to discuss Safety and situational awareness with you. He is the owner and lead instructor of Live Gigantic Real Estate School. I have taken courses from him and guarantee you will not be disappointed.

If you have any questions, ideas, or thoughts please feel free to reach out to me directly at [cdurham@singlepointag.com](mailto:cdurham@singlepointag.com).

- Chasity Durham, President



# Chapter Check-In Schedule

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!

APRIL

9

11:30a - 1:00p

## **BIBA'S ITALIAN RESTURANT**

4850 SUGARLOAF PKWY  
LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30044

Speaker: Eric Keese- Safety and  
Situational Awareness



JUNE

11

11:30a - 1:00p

## **MANUEL'S TAVERN**

602 N HIGHLAND AVE NE  
ATLANTA, GA

Speaker: TBD



AUGUST

14

11:30a - 1:00p

## **PAPPASITO'S CANTINA**

2788 WINDY HILL ROAD SE  
MARIETTA, GA 30067

Speaker: TBD



OCTOBER

8

11:30a - 1:00p

## **MANUEL'S TAVERN**

602 N HIGHLAND AVE NE  
ATLANTA, GA

Speaker: TBD





# SPRINGTIME CHAPTER

*check-in*



Guest speaker

**ERIC  
KEESE**

**SAFETY AND SITUATIONAL  
AWARENESS ARE  
IMPORTANT REMINDERS  
FOR ALL OF US. DON'T  
MISS THE CHANCE TO HEAR  
ERIC!**



Biba's Italian Restaurant  
4850 Sugarloaf Pkwy Lawrenceville, GA 30044

**APRIL**

**11<sup>th</sup>**

**2025**



Be sure to register on our website!

\$25 for members

\$35 for non-members



# February Chapter Check

## Chapter 22 loves it's members!



This month's Chapter Check-In was held in Midtown Atlanta, at Manuel's Tavern. Mary Jo Diana, from Southern Company Gas, won the ice breaker and correctly guessed how many kisses were in the jar. Congrats Mary Jo! Though it was a rainy cold day, we still had around 25 members attend this month's meeting. While members enjoyed time to socialize and network, President Chasity Durham presented goals and vision for the 2025 year. Engagement is our word of the year as a chapter. While last year we added the most members to our chapter than in the previous three years, we still struggle to see member participation. This year will be filled with opportunities for members to attend events, network, highlight their own passions within our industry and so much more. The challenge laid to our members is to bring one non-member to our April Chapter Check-In held in Marietta, Ga.

This we were able to hear from Shelia Willis who described the trials and victories as a black woman in our industry.

In 2020, a chance encounter with a misdirected letter from a major utility company led her to an unexpected yet rewarding career in the Right of Way industry. Her initiative and problem-solving skills earned her a position with a leading contracting company who had a contract with a very well-known utility company here in Georgia. Over the next five years, Sheila became the company's top performing Land Agent in Fiber Optics, closing more easements than other agents. At the conclusion of her last project, Shelia has turned her sights to further her education by pursuing her Real Estate License with GA MLS School in Tucker, GA with plans to leverage her new credentials to further her career in the Right of Way industry.

Beyond her professional achievements, she serves on the Board of Directors for "Pray for Pink" which is a non-profit organization to assist families who have loved ones diagnosed with breast cancer. Sheila is a proud mother of 2 adult sons, a devoted grandmother to a precious granddaughter and this year, she celebrates 35 wonderful years of marriage with the man she met in Michigan.





# Chapter Check In

Do you see any familiar faces?





# Chapter News

## Membership Renewal

This is your reminder that it is membership renewal season! Use the provided QR Code to renew your membership prior to the first of the year to avoid late fees. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please email our membership chair, Connie Thomas at [connie.thomas.cga@gmail.com](mailto:connie.thomas.cga@gmail.com)



## Did you say... FREE \$\$\$

Are you working on your education credits for a specific designation? Are you interested in saving money on these expensive classes? Stay tuned for a NEW scholarship on the horizon that could help fund your path to a designation. The **Global Education Initiative Scholarship** applications will be available starting January 2025. If you are interested in more information, please email us at: [info@irwageorgiachapter22.com](mailto:info@irwageorgiachapter22.com)

## UPCOMING EDUCATION COURSES

LEGAL ASPECTS OF  
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COURSE 802  
FEBRUARY 26, 8AM

IF THERE IS A CLASS YOU ARE MISSING,  
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## WELCOME

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Thomas Scruggs  
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Jeremy Donnelly  
Michelle Brock  
Brittani Mannings  
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## New Members





# Listen and Learn

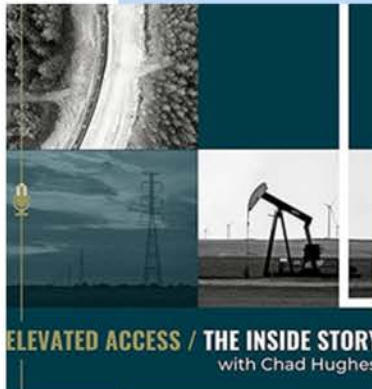
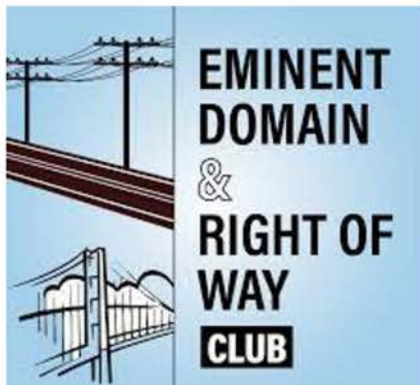


## INFRASTRUCTURE JUNKIES PODCAST

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.





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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

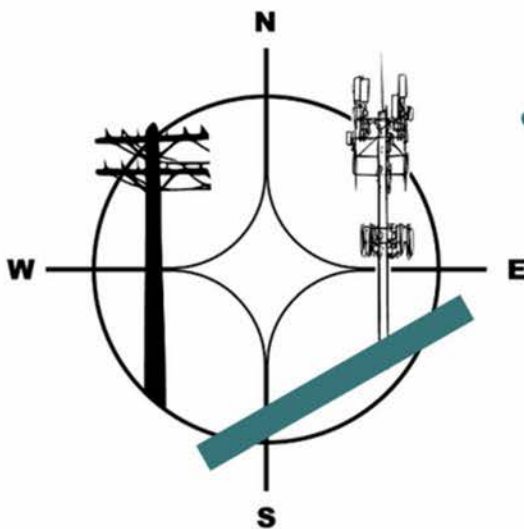
- Rotating electronic advertisement at chapter meetings
- Logo advertisement and link on Chapter 22 website
- Year long advertisement in Chapter E-newsletter (1/2 page)
- Free individual registrations to sponsored events (1)
- Exhibit table space at the Summer Chapter Event

### 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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For over 15 years, our "SinglePoint" management approach has built a reputation in the Right of Way Industry for leveraging a multidisciplinary team to achieve successful completion of your Capital and O&M projects.

## Qualifications

Our Licensing and Certifications include (not limited to):

- Professional Engineer (multiple states)
- Professional Land Surveyor (multiple states)
- Licensed Real Estate Broker
- Licensed Realtors
- Various GDOT, IRWA, Survey and Utility Location Certifications
- Drone Pilot Certification
- IRWA- Sponsor of Chapter 22

## Industries We Serve

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| ✓ Natural Gas        | ✓ Telecommunication |
| ✓ Power Distribution | ✓ Water / Sewer     |
| ✓ Power Transmission | ✓ Storm Drain       |



### Land Acquisition and Right of Way Services

Our Project Management Team supervises these experienced and licensed professionals equipped to accommodate your Land Acquisition and Right of Way Service needs. Our experienced team of agents bring a strong background in negotiations for property and right of way acquisition:

- Right of Way Coordinators, Right of Way Agents, Title Agents, Records and Document Specialists.
- SinglePoint can accommodate other services such as Certified Title and Land Appraisals.



### Civil Engineering

SinglePoint's on-staff Professional Engineer (PE) and Project Management staff, are experienced in: Site Design / Development, including Stormwater and Hydrology Studies, Site Permitting Plans, Grading and Drainage, and Erosion Control and Sedimentation Plans.



### Project Management

A "SinglePoint" of contact for project goal setting, fiscal responsibility, and execution of services throughout all project phases. SinglePoint provides unparalleled services in the ROW industry, managing various disciplines of the project cycle. Project Management Services are provided on Utility and Development Projects for: Project Feasibility, Land Title, Land Survey, Land Acquisition and Right of Way, Permitting, Encroachments, and Construction Support.



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