

The Quality Region

Spring Forum
April 13th-14th, 2012
French Lick, Indiana



Region Leadership

Chair	Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA
V. Chair	Jeffrey L. Jones, SR/WA
Secretary	Brad Krabel, SR/WA

Chapter Presidents

Chapter 7	Kimberly Tassen, SR/WA
Chapter 10	Cynde Barker, SR/WA
Chapter 12	Deb Leetzow
Chapter 13	Mark Edgington
Chapter 17	Richard Dickson
Chapter 21	Diane Singleton, R/W-RAC
Chapter 25	Debbly Taylor

Region Representatives

Asset Management	Mark Riggs, SR/WA
Environment	Josh Sherretz, SR/WA
Local Public Agency	Jerome C. Lund, SR/WA
Nominations & Elections	Cynde Barker, SR/WA
Pipeline	Ron Barker, SR/WA
Professional Development	David Griffith, SR/WA
Relocation	Open
Survey & Engineering	John Alexander, SR/WA
Transportation	Jeff Nakken, SR/WA
Utilities	Becky Merkley, SR/WA
Valuation	Norm Thomas, SR/WA

Fall Forum Recap

What Do Chapters Want To Hear From Intl. Committee Representatives?

Written Reports In Advance

Verbal Report At Forum

1. Updates On Educational Activities, Course Revisions, New Courses.
2. Special Projects or Initiatives
3. Chapter Outreach – Tell us about how you are reaching out to Chapters and exchanging information.
4. Key Industry Trends



Fall Forum In Review



The Region 5 Fall Forum was held on Oct 1st at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island, Michigan. We were fortunate to have some very special guest in attendance. International President Randy Williams, SR/WA, International Marketing Officer Daniel Stekol, International President Elect Pat Petitto, SR/WA and President of the Right of Way International Education Foundation Carol Croft, SR/WA all made the trek to Mackinac. In addition, several members from Tennessee Chapter 32 were also in attendance.

Region 5 is made up of 7 chapters from the states of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Kentucky and Illinois. The regions meet twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall to share information, hear updates from World Headquarters and to hear from our region industry committee representatives. The Region elects officers for 2 year terms. Current Officers are Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA – Region Chair, Jeff Jones, and SR/WA –Region Vice Chair and Brad Krabel, SR/WA - Region Secretary.

The morning started off with reports from our Chapter

Presidents and a discussion with Daniel Stekol about setting goals related to membership growth, education and outreach. Some great ideas were shared with the group! Michigan's Andy Reed, SR/WA is also a member of the Leadership Institute and he spent the remainder of the morning leading a session on Coaching & Developing Others.

The afternoon was filled with updates on key initiatives and International President, Randy Williams, SR/WA spoke to the group about the value of membership along with some updates on international initiatives. Did you know we now have a chapter in South Africa? Did you know that we are now teaching IRWA classes in China? We are discovering that other countries see tremendous value in obtaining IRWA designations and certifications. The afternoon finished up with reporting from our international committee representatives.

The highlight of the day was dinner at the famous Grand Hotel. Members and spouses boarded their horse carriages at Mission Point and enjoyed a beautiful ride to the hotel. Dinner was, as always outstanding! Special thanks to Chapter 7 member and Region Vice Chair, Jeff Jones, SR/WA. Jeff coordinated the region

meeting and took care of all the little details and makes everything look effortless.

Region meetings present a great opportunity for members to expand their network, learn from other chapter leaders, learn more about industry trends and issues and hear news from World Headquarters. The 2012 Spring Forum will be held on April 13th & 14th in beautiful French Lick, Indiana. We hope to see you there.



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Chapter Treasurers
Feb. 15th is the date for all chapter tax information to be submitted to International Headquarters in support of the consolidated tax filing. Using QuickBooks online is required by all chapters. Help is just a phone call away. 310-538-0233 Fred Nasri (Ext. 139) or Rakshan Mazarei (Ext. 131). Don't wait



Region Industry News

Wind Turbine setbacks – Landowners seek injunction on wind farm construction - Michigan

Milwaukee – Zoo Interchange

Enbridge is requesting to construct own and operate approximately 50 miles of new pipeline to replace a segment of its existing crude oil pipeline in the counties of Ingham, Livingston, and Oakland, Michigan

Kentucky - Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement - (SDEIS) On November 10, 2011, the SDEIS for the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project was approved by the Federal Highway Administration, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Rupture in Southern Ohio

The state of Illinois received \$186 million from the Federal Government on Wednesday to help complete the \$1.1 billion Chicago to St. Louis high speed rail project that will travel at 110 mph and take over an hour off the total trip time.

W. Virginia legislature passes House Bill 401, the “Natural Gas Horizontal Well Control Act”

New pipeline to carry Ohio gas. 70-mile extension of Texas-N.Y. line would connect to state’s developing shale wells.

Exxon Buys 25K Acres of Utica Shale Leases in OH

Broadwind secures \$23M order to build wind towers in Manitowoc, Illinois

We Energies wind project begins commercial operation Wisconsin companies and workers complete state’s largest wind farm

LaCrosse County, WI opposes electric transmission line

Region 5 Spring Newsletter

Election of Officers

At the Spring Forum, we will be conducting the nomination of Region Chair and Vice Chair and the nomination and election of our Region Secretary. The Chair and Vice Chair are nominated at the Spring Forum and then elected at the Board of Directors meeting to be held in Seattle this coming June.

Region By-Laws provide that "The terms of office of all members of the Region V Forum shall be concurrent with their respective Chapter and International offices and status. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary shall serve one-year terms. The Chair and Vice Chair, if re-nominated by the Region, shall be eligible for re-election to their respective offices at the pleasure of the International Board of Directors and subject to International Bylaws and Procedural Rules. The Secretary shall be eligible for re-election subject to Region nomination."

Current Region Chair, Mary Anne Marr will have completed her second term. Region Vice Chair, Jeff Jones, SR/WA and Region Secretary, Brad Krabel, have also served their second terms.

At the Spring Forum, we will be nominating a new slate of Officers.

If you are interested in serving, please contact your Chapter President or any Region Officer.

By-Laws – A copy of the Region 5 By-Laws can be found in the Region Directory.

How Do Region 5 Chapters Give Back To Members?

Here are some ideas shared at the Region 5 Fall Forum

Donations to RWIEF

Local scholarships

Membership subsidies

Support for Annual Conf.

Cover cost of candidacy applications

Support for Facilitator Clinics

Support for Young Professional Events

Support for Region Forums

"Bring A Guest" at no cost to meetings

Host a Past Presidents event

Attend 4 meetings – Get \$100 off a course

Renew your membership on time – Get \$100 off a course



Education News

New SR/WA Comprehensive Exams: Effective January 1, 2012, there will be new SR/WA Comprehensive Exams. The current exams and exam format will be available through December 31, 2011. Comprehensive Exam taken and passed by December 31, 2011 can still be used to meet the capstone exam requirement. Please note that only comprehensive exams are changing. Individual discipline exams remain the same.

New Ethics Requirement: Effective July 1, 2012, only IRWA ethics courses – 103, Ethics and the Right of Way Profession or 104, Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professionals may be applied towards the ethics requirements for recertification. Non-IRWA ethics courses previously approved by the IPDC will no longer count for recertification. If you wish to use one of the previously approved non-IRWA ethics courses for recertification in your current 5-year recertification cycle, you must complete the course before July 1, 2012.

Region 5 Upcoming Courses

01/24/2012

100 Principles of Land Acquisition 01.24.11 East Lansing, MI

02/24/2012

402 Introduction to the Income Capitalization Approach 02.24.12 Schaumburg, IL

03/07/2012

403 Easement Valuation 03.07.12 Neenah, WI

03/22/2012

209 Negotiating Effectively with a Diverse Clientele 03.22.12 East Lansing, MI

04/24/2012

900 Principles of Real Estate Engineering 04.24.12 Brookfield, WI

05/07/2012

800 Principles of Real Estate Law 05.07.12 Ann Arbor, MI

05/09/2012

900 Principles of Real Estate Engineering 05.09.12 Ann Arbor, MI

05/18/2012

213 Conflict Management 05.18.12 Detroit, MI

05/30/2012

603 Understanding Environmental Contamination in R.E. 05.30.12 Wausau, WI

08/14/2012

402 Introduction to the Income Capitalization Approach 08.14.12 Pewaukee, WI

08/15/2012

410 Reviewing Appraisals in Eminent Domain 08.15.12 Pewaukee, WI

09/11/2012

200 Principles of R. E. Negotiation 09.11.12 Wisconsin Dells, WI

12/04/2012

502 Business Relocation 12.04.12 Madison, WI

12/10/2012

421 The Valuation of Partial Acquisitions 12.10.12 Ann Arbor, MI

Key Dates & Events

International Awards Nominations
Submissions – Feb. 1st, 2012

Chapter Tax Filing Deadline
Feb, 20th, 2012

International Governance
Committee Meeting – Feb 18th,
2012 Seattle, WA

Federal Agency Update
March 12th, 2012 Washington, DC

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Young Professional Event
June 8-10th, 2012
Seattle, WA

58th Annual International Education
Conference, June 10-13, 2012



2012 Region 5 Spring Forum

April 13 – April 14, 2012

French Lick Springs Resort – French Lick, Indiana

“Crossroads of America”, Indiana Chapter 10 extends an invitation to you to attend the **2012 Region 5 Spring Forum**. The 2012 Spring Forum will be held at the **French Lick Springs Resort Hotel**, 8670 West State Road 56, French Lick, Indiana 47432. Telephone: 888.936.9360 or local 812.936.9300. Website: frenchlick.com

A block of rooms has been set-aside for Forum attendee’s at the following rates per night: \$149.00 single; \$149.00 double, plus applicable taxes.

Reservations can be made by calling 1.888.936.9360 or local 812.936.9300. **Reservations must be made no later than March 16, 2012** (unreserved rooms will be released at 12:01 AM on this date. Mention the group code: International Right of Way Association when making your reservations.

The Forum will begin Friday evening, April 13, 2012 with a “great to meet and greet you” welcoming reception for all attendees, hosted by Indiana Chapter 10. The meeting will begin Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 8:30 AM.

Registration Form – 2012 Region 5 Spring Forum – French Lick, Indiana

Name _____ Chapter _____

Guest(s) _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Cost for the Region Forum is \$65.00 per person (includes continental breakfast and lunch).

Please return the registration form no later than March 19, 2012. Checks should be made payable to **IRWA Chapter 10** or payment through **PayPal** can be made by going to **Chapter 10 website www.irwachapter10.org** You will see the **2012 Spring Forum payment tab on the home page.**

Please send your Registration Form and payment (unless using PayPal) to:

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