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Hello IRWA Chapter 12 Members,

We have now embarked on 2015! What a memorable year we had in 2014. Our Chapter endured some changes and made some positive impacts. Our time was spent wisely in 2014 to help facilitate a spectacular 2015. So get ready, Chapter 12, we have some fun events planned in this New Year!

This past October, I accepted a new position with

Paragon Partners serving as the Regional Right of Way Lead East of the Rockies. My new position will not inhibit my ability to continue my service as your President but enhance it. So with Paragon Partners support, I will finish out my term. Thank you Paragon Partners! Recently our Vice President, Lindsey Kosner, accepted a new position working at Consumers Energy in Michigan. She will be joining our IRWA Region 5 chair, Brad Krabel, at Consumers Energy. We wish you the best Lindsey with your new endeavor!

As I reflect back on 2014, we made some positive impacts. A local team took the lead and **WON the IRWA Project of the Year award for 2014** featured in the November/December 2014 issue of the IRWA Right of Way Magazine! Our fellow member, Theresa Campbell, was quoted for her acquisition and relocation efforts on 252 parcels with "The Tri-State Tollway (I-294)/I-57 Interchange Project." What an accomplishment. Way to Go Theresa and team!

I must not forget to mention that our Chapter Education Committee Member, Omer Moore, worked diligently with IRWA headquarters and the Appraisal Institute toward a collaborative effort to offer our members continuing education credit with both institutions for taking the 421 Valuation of Partial Acquisitions class. What a great way to make an educational impact for our profession and the state of Illinois. Thanks Omer!

Planning was the key in 2014 just so we could incorporate some fun activities in 2015. One of the ways we worked toward accomplishing our plan was the creation of the sponsorship program. This program will help facilitate more social events for our members throughout the year. Thanks to the HDR's contribution, our gold sponsor, we were able to offer our members the very first Chapter 12 Holiday Party. A commemorative gift was given out to all attendees and a good time was had by all.

To add to the fun we will be having this year, we are proud to announce our 1<sup>st</sup> social of 2015. Come on out to the Turf Room on March 26, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and enjoy some peer interaction with appetizers, wine and beer provided by our bronze sponsor, CLS. FREE for our members. Yes, FREE for our members! There are more socials being planned right now, as you are reading this announcement, so stay tuned and get ready to enjoy yourself Chapter 12!

Our next business meeting will be at Barbakoa at 1341 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have two presentations from HLR and Ayres Associates. Following the meeting, appetizers and beverages will be served to all attendees.

P.S. We now have an IRWA Chapter 12 LinkedIn page available to all who would like to keep up with our dynamic Chapter. We are the IRWA Illinois Chapter making things happen so link up on LinkedIn!

November Chapter 12 Fall Meeting Highlights



Pictured left to right: Tim Drennan, Rachel Bricout and Omer Moore



Pictured left to right: Carol Bellinger (Associate Vice President of HDR) presented “The Devil’s in the Details – Strategy for Successful Project Delivery” with Rachel Bricout and Cassy Beary



Shawnee Professional Services presented “Surveying the Right of Way with Drone Technology”



Winter Business Meeting  
Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2015

1:00-1:30 p.m. - Business Meeting  
1:30- 4:00 p.m. – Speakers

Barbakoa  
1341 Butterfield Road  
Downers Grove, IL 60515  
(630) 852-2333



Please join us for the IRWA Illinois Chapter 12 Winter Business Meeting. This meeting will include quarterly chapter business and two presentations from:

**Brian Funk**, Traffic Engineer, HLR  
**Innovative Interchange Designs (diverging diamonds, continuous flow etc.)**

**Matt Vinopal**, Geospatial Service Supervisor, Ayres Associates  
**Conventional ROW Mapping**

**Appetizers will be served after the meeting**  
**(Chicken croquettes, spicy meatballs, cod turnovers, shrimp ceviche, guacamole, pork tenderloin with agave, skirt steak with chimichurri)**

**Registration Due by February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration Form and PayPal is available at Chapter 12 Website**



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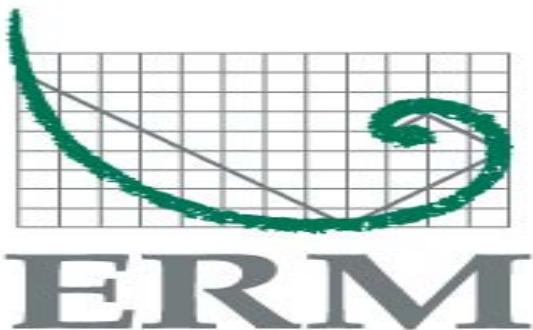


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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Carol A. Bellinger has been promoted to HDR's Transportation Real Estate Services Director, based in the firm's Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania office. In her new role, Bellinger will focus on enhancing service delivery to Clients, building HDR's Real Estate Services practice and maintaining an effective companywide practice community across market sectors.

Before her promotion, Bellinger was HDR's North Central Real Estate Services lead and Illinois Section Manager. She has been with HDR since 2009 and has served as Project Manager for the Chicago to St. Louis High Speed Rail project and Mountain View Corridor Program Management project in Utah, and assisted with initial right-of-way work for the award-winning Colton Crossing grade separation project in California.

Prior to joining HDR, Bellinger was a Project Manager for O.R. Colan & Associates, where she served as Relocation Manager for the O'Hare Modernization Program. Prior to joining O.R. Colan & Associates, she was the Real Estate Manager for the city of Tacoma, Washington.

With more than 30 years of experience, Bellinger is recognized throughout the Industry for her skills in Federal acquisition and relocation management. She has served as the International Right of Way Association Chapter President for Puget Sound Chapter 4 and Illinois Chapter 12, and chaired the International Asset Management Committee. She is a licensed Real Estate Broker in Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky and Utah.

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Chapter 12 Holiday Party Highlights



We had a lot of fun with the caricature artist!

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- February 12, 2015 Winter Chapter 12 Business & Education Meeting  
Barbakoa - Downers Grove, IL
- March 26, 2015 Chapter 12 Social  
Turf Room – North Aurora, IL
- April 17-18, 2015 Region 5 Spring Forum  
Grand Rapids, MI
- May 15, 2015 Spring Chapter 12 Business & Education Meeting  
Pinstripes - Oak Brook, IL
- June 14-17, 2015 International Education Conference  
San Diego, CA

### Upcoming Courses – Region 5

- February 3, 2015 406A 15 Hour National USPAP Course  
Columbus, OH
- February 16, 2015 100 Principles of Land Acquisitions  
Okemos, MI
- February 25, 2015 400 Principles of Real Estate Appraisal  
Frankfort, KY
- March 11, 2015 103 Ethics and the Right of Way Profession  
LaCrosse, WI
- March 25, 2015 200 Principles of Real Estate Negotiation  
Ann Arbor, MI
- June 2, 2015 900 Principles of Real Estate Engineering  
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