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Greetings Chapter 12 members!

Here is a very brief summer recap. Your Chapter 12 had a great golf outing on a beautiful summer day. Thank you to everyone who organized, worked, and attended! Special thanks to Compass Surveying and Wheatland Title Co. (represented by Helen Belgio and Gloria Wagner). I didn't golf, but I enjoyed being there to see everyone having fun. We successfully held three 400 level classes. (Please let us know what courses you want/need and we will work on getting them for you.) We also had our Summer Business and Education meeting at Granite City Restaurant in Naperville and enjoyed two excellent



presentations. Kudos to David Sinclair (Paragon Partners) and Stephanie Muentnich & Lauren Callico (Volkert)!

We are now in the middle of fall activities. The last weekend in September, three of the chapter officers were able to attend an excellent Region 5 Fall Forum in Cleveland, Ohio and we had a little taste of how good the IRWA Education Conference will be when it is held in Cleveland in 2022. COMING SOON TO SPRINGFIELD, IL. We will have the Fall Business & Education Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> at the IDNR building located at 1 Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL. You do not want to miss this meeting! Smed Bernard (Vice President and soon to be appointed President Elect) is working hard to make this an excellent educational event for you. Your participation in our Business & Education meetings are what makes them a success and worthwhile for all the membership.

Classes/Education: If you are interested in taking any IRWA course, please let Theresa Campbell ([tacampbell@getipass.com](mailto:tacampbell@getipass.com)) know. We would love to see if we could schedule it for January, so please let her know now what you are interested in taking.

IRWA Certification: If you are unsure what courses you need for an IRWA certificate, contact Robin Upchurch ([robin.upchurch@hdrinc.com](mailto:robin.upchurch@hdrinc.com)) and she will help you get on track.

While we have had a great year so far, not everyone has been as fortunate as we have. There are many people suffering due to the hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, and other tragedies. Please remember to pray for them. Some of us may be able to go help or give to an organization that can go do what we cannot. I personally give to The Salvation Army ([www.disaster.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.disaster.salvationarmyusa.org)) and Samaritan's Purse ([www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)). So many people are suffering and they need our prayers and support.

We are blessed to be a blessing,

Bill McIntyre SR/WA  
Chapter 12 President

## Welcome New Members

Mr. Matthew M. Magdziarz, MAI

Mr. Vincent Dominick Pinelli, JD

Mr. Reginald B. Searcy, Jr.

## Member Milestones

Congratulations to Erika L. Eckert, Kaskaskia Engineering Group, LLC  
for receiving her RWA

## New Member Initiative

New members that join our chapter will have the \$25 application fee waived and their membership will start right away instead of in January 2018. This means anyone who joins this month would get October, November and December 2017 free as well as have the 2018 year covered.

This offer is only available to new members. What constitutes a new member is someone who has been off the chapter roster for an entire year.



\*Open Attachments in the navigation pane for  
The Chapter 12-Membership Application

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Course 501: Residential Relocation Assistance (2 days)**  
**Course 502: Non-Residential Relocation Assistance (2 days)**

Chapter 12 will be offering these Relocation Assistance courses January 16 – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Illinois Tollway Authority office located at 2700 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois.

More details will follow.

**Attention owners or managers of private firms. Do you need classes for your employees? Let us know so we can schedule classes through the chapter in 2018.**

**Contact Smed Bernard at [smed@lstaerow.com](mailto:smed@lstaerow.com)**



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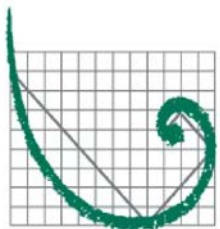
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for more information about each of  
our sponsors:

<http://www.irwachapter12.org/sponsors.php#sponsor4>



## IRWA Chapter 12 Sponsorship Packages 2017-2018

IRWA Chapter 12 is pleased to announce our sponsorship packages for 2017-2018! Sponsorship of Chapter 12 will afford your company a unique opportunity to showcase your services to hundreds of professionals in all facets of the right of way industry.

Sponsorship package selections are available via Chapter 12's [website](#) or by contacting [Bill McIntyre](#) (Chapter 12 President) or [Lisa Krenz](#) (Communication & Marketing Chair) directly. Don't delay in this opportunity to showcase your business.

### Honor Sponsor Packages

	Website & Newsletter Company Ad & Logo	E-Blast & Social Media	Special Recognition	Company Promotion	Job Postings	Designated Member Meeting	Holiday Party Recognition	Education Class Sponsor
<b>Gold</b> \$2,000	✓	✓	✓	✓	Unlimited	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice (Exclusive)	✓	✓
<b>Silver</b> \$1,500	✓	✓	✓	✓	Unlimited	2 <sup>nd</sup> Available (Exclusive)	✓	
<b>Bronze</b> \$750	✓	✓	✓	✓	Unlimited	3 <sup>rd</sup> Available (Potentially Shared)		

**Package Benefits**

Company Ad & Logo	Company ad and logo published in quarterly Newsletter and Chapter 12 website for <b>twelve months</b>
E-Blast & Social Media	E-Blast recognition of sponsorship sent to all active Chapter 12 members and via Chapter 12 social media
Special Recognition	Verbal recognition and special recognition item presented at designated member meeting from Chapter President and company logo on meeting registration form
Company Promotion	Opportunity to speak and distribute company brochure/promotional materials at designated member meeting
Designated Member Meeting	Designated member meeting will be determined based on sponsorship level and members will have the opportunity to network at a social event to follow the regular meeting thanks to your sponsorship
Job Postings	Unlimited job postings on Chapter 12 website
Holiday Party	Special recognition to all sponsors at our holiday party
Education Class Sponsor	Sponsor of lunch for a designated education course, company marketing pamphlet presented or a 10 minute company presentation during the lunch

**À La Carte**

*available throughout the year*

Website & Newsletter \$500	Company logo on website with the ability to post job openings and company ad in quarterly newsletter.
Website Only \$300	Company logo on website with the ability to post job openings.
Newsletter Only \$300	Company ad in quarterly newsletter.



**Chapter 12 Fall Business Meeting  
Thursday, November 9, 2017**

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Meet and Greet/ Chapter Business

11:30 – 12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Speaker Presentations by:

Dan Field -- Negotiation

Bill Abernathy – Surveying

Stephen Gardiner- Wind Energy Development

Norm Sim- America's Newest Generation-The Millennials

Brian Bottomley- Engineering and the Law

**6 Hours of Continuing Education for IRWA Recertification  
6 Hours of Continuing Education for Appraisers (Pending)**

**Meeting & Social Event will take place at Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
1 Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL 62702**

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/about/offices/Pages/default.aspx>

Please join us for the IRWA Illinois Chapter 12 fall business meeting and social event hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> AEROW Valuation Group.

**(Please RSVP to [Bill McIntyre](#) by Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>)**

**This event is free to all IRWA members**

**Are you ready for some fun?**

**Join us at the Fall Business Meeting and help us pick out a logo for our very own Chapter 12 t-shirt! Details will be presented at the meeting.**

## 2017 Annual IRWA Golf Outing

The 2017 IRWA Annual Golf Outing was a great success! The weather was perfect and the course was in great shape! Forty-Five golfers participated at this year's event, which was held August 24<sup>th</sup> at The Elks Country Club in Pontiac, Illinois.

At the awards banquet, first place was awarded to the foursome consisting of Chris Clementi, Matt Schoolfield, Megan Hopkins and Dan Olson with a score of 9 under par. Also, John Ammons of Wheatland Title Guarantee received a Lifetime Achievement award from the chapter.

Once again, we are grateful for the generosity of our Corporate sponsors: Wheatland Title Guarantee, Compass Surveying, Volkert, GSG Consultants, ERM, HDR and all other contributors, supporters and golfers.

See you next year!







# IRWA CREDENTIALING CONCIERGE

The IRWA proudly announces the launch of this exciting new member benefit that removes the guess work from gaining your next credential by telling you exactly which IRWA certification is within your reach based upon your course history! Just follow the steps below.

1. Go to [irwaonline.org](http://irwaonline.org) and click on [Credentialing Concierge](#) under Member Resources.
2. Sign in using your IRWA credentials (email and password).
3. From there, you will be taken to a page that lists the three IRWA certifications you are closest to completing based on your course history.
4. Next, select your desired career path or certification, and view what requirements you have completed and still need to complete.

You can also explore any other certifications available that you're interested in with just a click of your mouse as the new Credentialing Concierge guides you through the process.

**Let's get credentialed!**

# IRWA RECERTIFICATION MADE EASY!

The IRWA is happy to announce a new, streamlined process for managing continuing education credits (CEUs) for SR/WA recertification for both the Industry Pathway and previous Generalist Certifications. These credit unit allocations will apply to IRWA Chapter and Region sponsored events and also to non-IRWA courses/seminars/conferences from outside education vendors.

IRWA Chapter and Region sponsored events and non-IRWA courses/seminars/conferences from outside education vendors will no longer need to be submitted to IRWA Headquarters or the Credentialing Committee.

For detailed information, please click on the links below:

[Credit unit allocations and Guidelines for IRWA Chapters and Regions approving continuing education units \(CEUs\)](#)

[Credit unit allocations and Guidelines for Continuing Education Units from Non-IRWA Education Vendors](#)

Questions? Contact Credentialing Manager, Francis Vicente at [vicente@irwaonline.org](mailto:vicente@irwaonline.org)

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- November 9, 2017 Chapter 12 Fall Meeting  
Springfield, IL
- June 24-27, 2018 International Education Conference  
Edmonton, AB, Canada

### Upcoming Courses – Region 5

- October 23, 2017 Course 802: Legal Aspects of Easements  
Egg Harbor, WI
- October 24, 2017 Course 801: U.S. Land Titles  
Egg Harbor, WI
- November 7, 2017 Course 417: The Valuation of Environmentally Contaminated Real Estate  
Charleston, WV
- December 1, 2017 Course 105: The Uniform Act – Executive Summary  
Louisville, KY
- January 16-17, 2018 Course 501: Residential Relocation Assistance  
Downers Grove, IL
- January 18-19, 2018 Course 502: Non-Residential Relocation Assistance  
Downers Grove, IL

Would you like to submit an article or information for the newsletter?

Are you interested in placing an advertisement?

Contact Lisa Krenz at [lisa.krenz@bp.com](mailto:lisa.krenz@bp.com)

