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Fellow IRWA Members,

Spring is here but the weather hasn't been reflecting the correct time of year. Winter will be behind us soon! I am looking forward to sunshine and fun times with family and friends.

Everyone in the right-of-way profession that I have spoken to is very busy. It seems like we all are struggling with the Tyranny of the Urgent. There are so many urgent tasks to do every day that as a result, we do not have time to do what is

most important in our life and our jobs. The urgent tasks will always be there but what is most important may not. I was reminded of that when a good friend passed away and I regretted not spending more time with him. My important relationships (including my relationship with God, my wife, family, and friends) should not take second place to urgent tasks.

I encourage you to make the truly important tasks a higher priority than the urgent tasks or your life will quickly get out of balance. This balance also applies to our jobs. We are all working hard for our employers and the urgent tasks demand instant action that takes us away from the important tasks. We need to evaluate both kinds of tasks and elevate the important tasks that must be done higher than the urgent tasks so we can get what is most important accomplished. Think about cultivating relationships at work, in the IRWA, and at home. I have found there are many great people out there and I am blessed to call some of them my friends.

I hope to see many of you at our Spring Business & Education meeting on May 4th! It would have been fun to have our meeting on Cinco de Mayo, but that day is a Saturday; so we went with Friday the 4th.

May the 4th be a day when you invest in your Chapter and make some new friends.

Blessings,

Bill

William McIntyre, SR/WA
Chapter 12 President



Spring Business & Education Meeting

May 4th, 2018

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano
1501 North Veterans Parkway
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Join for a business meeting and election of new officers for the next fiscal year: July 2018—June 2019.

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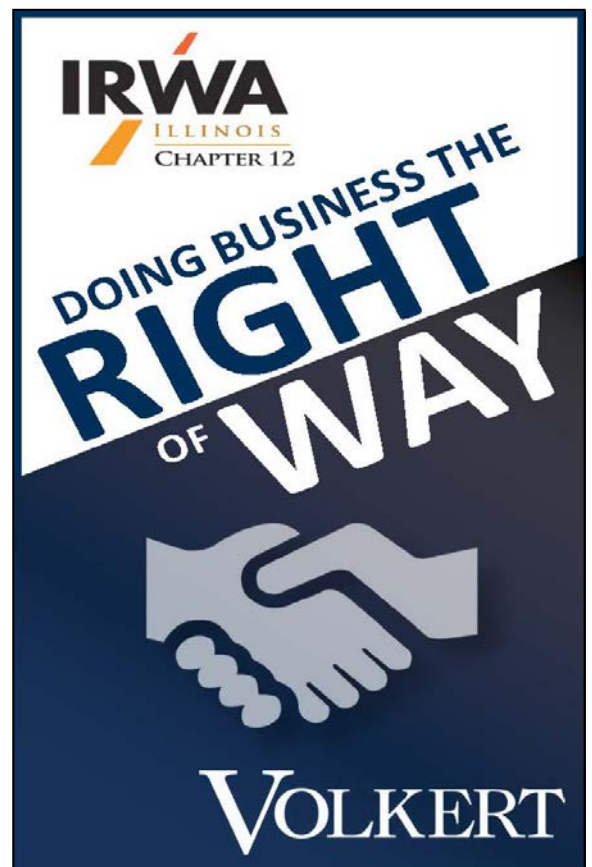
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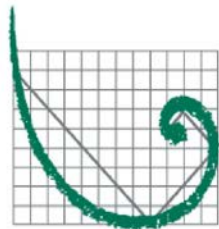
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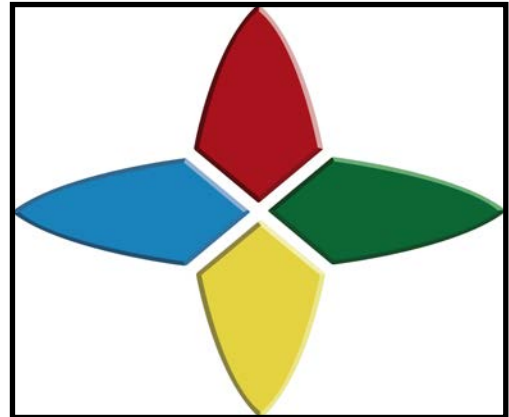
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Treasurer's Report

1st Quarter

(January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018)

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| Income | \$9,235.70 |
| Expense | \$4,306.25 |
| Net Gain | \$4,929.45 |
| Beginning Balance | \$19,049.75 |
| Ending Balance | \$23,979.20 |

Fellow IRWA Chapter 12 members:

It's that time of year again to submit your nominations for chapter awards and officers. This is a highly important matter to our chapter and on behalf of the Nominations & Elections Committee, I appreciate you taking the time to review the proposed slate of officers and make your submissions for awards and any additional officer nominations. Please review the information provided below.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPTER 12 AWARDS:

The Chapter 12 Annual Meeting to elect and install officers for the coming term of office is rapidly approaching (*scheduled for Friday, May 4th*). As you may recall, each year during the Annual Meeting we also take time to recognize those individuals who have worked on committees and other chapter activities during the prior year. It is our goal to give thanks to individuals and companies that have contributed to the continued success of the chapter, as well as those that have promoted the IRWA and held high standards of professionalism within the right of way industry during the past year.

The Nominations & Elections Committee is asking for your help to identify these high performing individuals and employers. Please take a few moments to reflect back over the past year and see if there isn't one individual, one member's employer, or one company who is always there as a sponsor for events and support our chapter. It only takes a few minutes fill in the blanks on the attached form and email it to the Chapter 12 Nominations & Elections Committee.

To nominate an individual for Member of the Year or a company for Company of the Year, we ask that you fill out the attached form and tell us why you think the individual or company deserves the award and what has happened in the past year that led you to nominate them for consideration. An individual/company is not eligible to win if they have won that particular award within the last three years. *In lieu of the attached form you may also send an email with your selections (please put "IRWA Chapter 12 Awards Nominations" in the title of the email).*

The Chapter 12 Nominations & Elections Committee will review the nominations and select the individual and company that stand out among all of the nominations. Nomination forms must be received by **5:00 PM CST on May 1st, 2018.**

The winners will be presented with an award at the Annual Meeting in May (see the Chapter 12 website for more details: <http://www.irwachapter12.org>).

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPTER 12 OFFICERS:

In addition to the awards, we are asking for your help in developing a proposed Slate of Officers to be presented for nomination during the Annual Meeting in May. While it is typical for the officers currently serving the chapter to advance to the next office (e.g. Treasurer advances to Secretary), popular vote still rules. In accordance with our chapter bylaws, the President Elect automatically ascends to the office of President, however all other offices are open for nominations.

Attached you will find the proposed slate of officers that the Nominations & Elections Committee will be presenting for nomination at the Annual Meeting. Also attached please find a blank nomination form for any additional nominations in advance of the meeting. Nominations can also be made from the floor during the meeting. If there is more than one candidate for an office, ballots will be distributed at the Annual Meeting as part of the election process. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you submit your vote prior to the meeting, you **cannot** vote during the meeting.

If you would like to nominate an individual for an officer position, please contact Kris Koehler for a form and return along with your nominations for the various awards, and be sure to check that person is in fact willing to accept the nomination and serve in that office if so elected.

Kristopher M. Koehler
IRWA Chapter 12 Nominations & Elections Committee
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IRWA Chapter 12 Nominations & Elections Committee 2018-19 Officers Recommended Slate

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| President | <u>Smedmore Bernard</u> |
| President-Elect | <u>Patty Bajt</u> |
| Vice President | <u>Rob Kirkpatrick, SR/WA</u> |
| Secretary | <u>Laura Moonshower</u> |
| Treasurer | <u>Don York</u> |
| Professional Development Committee (3-year term) | <u>Robin Upchurch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC</u> |
| International Director (1-Year) | <u>Smedmore Bernard</u> |
| International Director (2-year term) | <u>Patty Bajt</u> |



Chapter 12 Awards Nominations

It is important that we take the time to recognize particular individuals and companies that have stood out as significant contributors to our chapter. Please take a few minutes to think back on the past year and see what names come to mind. In the time it takes to drink a cup of coffee, you can fill out this form and give the proper recognition to an individual and a company for their contributions to our chapter over the past year at our upcoming annual meeting.

Member of the Year:

- ✓ Name:
- ✓ Employer:
- ✓ Please provide a brief synopsis why you feel this particular member is deserving of this award (items to note could include member's professional designations, current or past positions held, work candidate has done for the chapter within the past year, etc.):

Company of the Year:

- ✓ Name:
- ✓ Location:
- ✓ Number of IRWA members (if known):
- ✓ Please provide a brief synopsis why you feel this particular company is deserving of this award (items to note could include support company provides its employees regarding IRWA membership and education, contributions/support they have given to the chapter within the past year, etc.):

Please email completed form to:

Kris Koehler
Mathewson Right of Way Company
kkoebler@mrowco.com

In lieu of this form you may also send an email with your nominations (please put "IRWA Chapter 12 Awards Nominations" in the title of the email).

2018 IRWA Region 5 Spring Forum
April 27th and 28th



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Upcoming Meetings & Events

- April 27-28, 2018 Region 5 Spring Forum
Louisville, KY
- May 4, 2018 Chapter 12 Spring Business & Education Meeting
Bloomington, IL
- June 24-27, 2018 International Education Conference
Edmonton, AB, Canada

Upcoming Courses – Region 5

- April 23, 2018 Course 218: Right of Way Acquisition for Electrical Transmission Projects
Cincinnati, OH
- April 24, 2018 Course 200: Principles of R. E. Negotiation
Louisville, KY
- May 2, 2018 Course 603: Understanding Environmental Contamination in R. E.
Gahanna, OH
- May 3, 2018 Course 604: Environmental Due Diligence and Liability
Gahanna, OH
- May 29, 2018 Course 100: Principles of Land Acquisition (2-Day)
Dimondale, MI
- May 31, 2018 Course 200: Principles of R. E. Negotiation
Dimondale, MI
- June 5, 2018 Course 102: Elevating Your Ethical Awareness
Wisconsin Dells, WI
- June 6, 2018 Course 213: Conflict Management
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- October 22, 2018 Course 803: Eminent Domain Law Basics for ROW Professionals
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