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First of all, I hope to see you all at our fall meeting in Springfield, Illinois at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources starting at 12pm and we will be having dinner (on the chapter) afterwards.

We have had a productive beginning of our year. Our summer meeting was at Granite City Brewery and we had great presentations from Brian Bottomley and Rocco Zuccherro. More importantly, we also talked about our recent challenges on the national level regarding the governors program that was proposed by the international headquarters. Since then, a

lot of things have taken place. Recently, we had our Region 5 Fall Forum in Frankenmuth, Michigan for which Chapter 12 was well represented by me, President Elect Patricia Bajt, and Kris Kohler. The hot topics of this meeting were the governance project as well as improving the education delivery to the membership. During that meeting it was concluded that the government project should be put on hold pending further review. This is in part due to your voices saying that this program needs to be revised to better represent the body. When pressed to explain the rationale of the governance project, it was stated that the main goal is to make faster decisions for the benefit of the membership. With that, I pose the following question:

As the advocate organization and education provider for the right-of-way profession, do you feel that faster decision making or slower precision of thought is better for the future of profession? (This is not a rhetorical question. I would REALLY, REALLY like to hear your opinion on this topic.)

Also during the forum, I initiated a conversation to begin exploring the idea of a national social outreach project with Habitat for Humanity. I give full credit to our own Michael Filipiski, PLS of Compass Surveying for this suggestion.

Looking ahead, chapter leadership and its committees are in the process of creating a great education schedule for us for 2019. The Christmas party, otherwise known as IRWA Chapter 12's "12th day of Christmas", will be held on December 12th at Two Brothers Roundhouse Brewery in Aurora, Illinois where we will also hold Course 802 - Legal Aspects of Easements during the daytime. This class will provide continuing education for attorneys and appraisers (appraisals CE pending). Afterwards, we will have our annual Christmas/Holiday party in the same room. We also have the two classes in January, Course 203 - Alternative Dispute Resolution on the 22nd and 23rd and Course 804 - Skills of Expert Testimony on the 24th. Both will be held at the Illinois Tollway Authority in Downers Grove and



carry CE hours for attorneys and appraisers (appraisal CE hours pending). In March, we will hold Course 421 - Valuation of Partial Acquisitions at The Department of Natural Resources in Springfield, Illinois from the 18th to 21st. Our final scheduled event for 2019 will be The Legal Symposium in Oak Brook, Illinois on May 16th. I would like to acknowledge our President Elect Patricia Bajt and Michelle Flagg of Redacre Solutions for their efforts toward getting this project moving as well as Theresa Campbell and Robin Upchurch for their guidance and assistance.

Folks, we are off to an epic start! Let's keep the momentum going I hope to see you at our easement course and/or Christmas/Holiday Party on December 12th!!

Smedmore Bernard
Chapter 12 President

IRWA Chapter 12

Fall Business Meeting

Nov 8 2018 **12pm-4pm**

IL Dept of Natural Resources
1 Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Guest Speaker:
Robin Upchurch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
Transportation ROW Sr. Project Manager
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Admission: FREE

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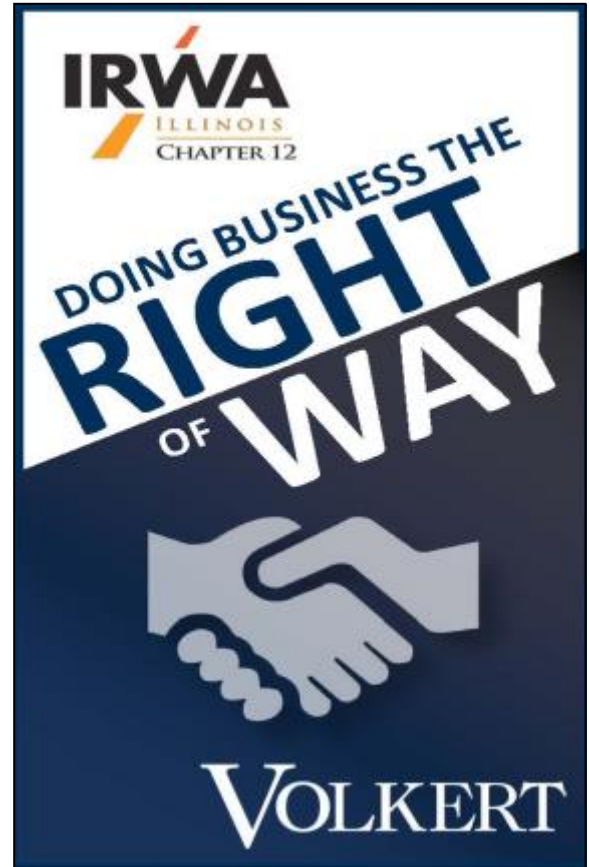
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Upcoming Courses – Chapter 12

COURSE 802 - LEGAL ASPECTS OF EASEMENTS

Date: December 12, 2018
No. of Days: 1 day
Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
CEU Credits: 8.00
Tuition: \$265.00 Member / \$330.00 Non-Member

COURSE 203 – ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Date: January 22-23, 2019
No. of Days: 2 days
Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
CEU Credits: 16.00
Tuition: \$415.00 Member / \$520.00 Non-Member

COURSE 804 – SKILLS OF EXPERT TESTIMONY

Date: January 24, 2019
No. of Days: 1 day
Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
CEU Credits: 8.00
Tuition: \$265.00 Member / \$330.00 Non-Member

COURSE COORDINATOR for 802, 203 and 804:

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COURSE 421 – THE VALUATION OF PARTIAL ACQUISITIONS

Date: March 18-21, 2019
No. of Days: 4 day
Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
CEU Credits: 32.00
Tuition: \$755.00 Member / \$935.00 Non-Member

COURSE COORDINATOR for 421:

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Tuition may be paid by check or Credit Card to the Chapter or IRWA Headquarters in US Dollars.

2018 Annual IRWA Golf Outing

The 2018 IRWA Annual Golf Outing was a great success! The weather was perfect and the course was in great shape! Thirty-Five golfers participated at this year's event, which was held August 16th at The Elks Country Club in Pontiac, Illinois.

At the awards banquet, first place was awarded to the foursome consisting of Patrick Collins, Rick Trelz, Roger Nelson and Terry Haplin with a score of 12 under par.

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

We are always looking for ways to improve this outing and increase attendance. Please let the IRWA know of any ideas, thoughts or comments you may have.

See you next year!





Check out the Chapter's website for more pictures from this fabulous outing!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- November 8, 2018 Chapter 12 Fall Business Meeting
Springfield, IL
- December 12, 2018 Christmas/Holiday Party
Aurora, IL
- May 16, 2019 The Legal Symposium
Oak Brook, IL
- June 9-12, 2019 International Education Conference
Portland, OR

Upcoming Courses – Region 5

- November 13, 2018 Course 215: Right of Way Acquisition for Pipeline Projects
Indianapolis, IN
- November 14, 2018 Course 100: Principles of Land Acquisition
Carrollton, KY
- December 3, 2018 Course 200: Principles of Real Estate Negotiation
Sutton, WV
- December 4, 2018 Course 400: Principles of Real Estate Appraisal
Madison, WI
- December 12, 2018 Course 802: Legal Aspects of Easements
Aurora, IL
- January 22, 2019 Course 203: Alternative Dispute Resolution
Downers Grove, IL
- January 24, 2019 Course 804: Skills of Expert Testimony
Downers Grove, IL
- February 22, 2019 Course 403: Easement Valuation
Indianapolis, IN
- March 5, 2019 Course 200: Principles of Real Estate Negotiation
LaCrosse, WI
- March 18, 2019 Course 421: The Valuation of Partial Acquisitions
Springfield, IL

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