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Hello Chapter 12 Membership,

I hope all is well with you and your families during this unprecedented time in our lives. Honoring the stay at home order can be trying, but please remain safe and healthy!

Due to the pandemic, our scheduled classes have been put on hold until further notice. An attempt to reschedule will resume upon the all clear from the Health Department.

The Region 5 Spring Forum hosted by Wisconsin Chapter 17 in Green Bay, Wisconsin will still be held on April 25th but now via virtual meeting.

The Chapter Spring Business & Education Meeting scheduled to be held at Pinstripes in Oak Brook on May 21st has not been canceled as of yet, but we plan on including a virtual meeting also at this point in time, please mark your calendar and plan on joining! A revised email was sent to the membership for nominations and elections on April 15th. Please take a few minutes to minutes to review and submit nominations by May 9th. The Chapter is looking for a volunteer for the position of Treasurer and for Professional Development Committee Chair.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 the 2020 International Education Conference scheduled for June 21-24 in Minneapolis, MN has been canceled. A shout out to the Minnesota North Star Chapter 20 Conference committee and volunteers for all their efforts to host the conference. It is a great disappointment for all, but the best decision based upon current health concerns.

We did host our Chapter 12 Winter Business & Education Meeting on February 20th at Baxter's American Grille in Bloomington. Wheatland Title Company did an excellent presentation on Title Industry Trends. Thank you!

A special Thank You to Wheatland Title, Shawnee, Volkert and ERM for their sponsorship of Chapter 12 for 2020.

On behalf of the Chapter executive board, Rob Kirkpatrick, Laura Moonshower, Don York, Dan Olson and myself, thank you for your participation in this great organization. Again, please stay safe and healthy! Feel free to reach out to any of us for any reason. You are the reason we are here!

Regards,

Patty Bajt
Chapter 12 President

SAVE THE DATE!

Chapter 12 Spring Business & Education Meeting

When: Thursday, May 21st
Where: Pinstripes
7 Oakbrook Center Mall
Oak Brook, IL

A virtual meeting will also be made available to the chapter membership.



3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report 2020

Balance on 01-01-2020:	\$17,942.12
Total Expenses:	\$ 6,190.42
Total Income:	\$14,719.62
Balance on 03-31-2020:	\$26,471.32



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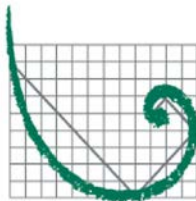
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Hello Chapter 12 Members,

Each Spring, IRWA Chapters hold their nominations & elections meeting of incoming Chapter officers. We would like to announce nominations are open for anyone interested in becoming an officer for Chapter 12.

Current Nominees:

President Elect – **Laura Moonshower**

Vice President – **Don York**

Secretary – **Dan Olson**

Treasurer – **N/A**

International Director – 1 year term – **Rob Kirkpatrick**

International Director – 2 year term – **Laura Moonshower**

Professional Development Committee – **Robin Upchurch**

If you are interested or have a nominee in mind, please email requests to Don York, dyork@ameren.com by May 9, 2020.

Additional information on upcoming elections:

May 9th: Nominations are closed

May 11th: Election voting opens

May 25th: Election voting closed

May 26th: Announcement of new 2020-2021 officers

Due to recent events, this year we will be voting electronically. An email will be sent out with instructions on how to cast your votes.

For questions, feel free to contact me at the email above.

Sincerely,

Don York
IRWA Chapter 12 Secretary



IRWA Chapter 12 2020-21 Officers Nomination Ballot

Ballot must be returned by May 9, 2020

Please indicate your nomination(s) for the following 2020-21 officer positions.

President Elect _____

Vice President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

**Professional Development
Committee** _____

**International Director
(1-year term)** _____

**International Director
(2-year term)** _____

Nominated by: _____
 IRWA Member #: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email: _____

Date: _____

Please Email Completed Form To:

Don York
dyork@ameren.com

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY!

Thanks to the success of the 40 for 40 Program, the Right of Way International Education Foundation is pleased to announce a new scholarship: The 2020 Vision Scholarship Program! This scholarship is targeted to new professionals in the infrastructure real estate industry seeking to advance their careers through IRWA credentialing. Applicants must be committed to achieving the RWA and/or the RWP credential, and funding can only be used towards eligible course registration fees.

20/20 VISION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

For more information, visit www.irwaonline.org and click on "20/20 Vision Scholarship Program" under the Education tab. Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2020 and grantees will be notified by June 1, 2020. Awards will begin on July 1, 2020.

March 2020

IRWA News and Updates

Education

- Electronic copies of all IRWA course materials are now available to those who have registered online on the IRWA website or directly through IRWA Headquarters, or have previously taken an IRWA class.
- All class registrants will receive a link in their registration confirmation email that will point them to their [education history](#) where they will be prompted to log in to their IRWA account and can download and print PDF copies of their course materials.

Credentialing

- SR/WA candidates under the new program now have the option of taking the old comprehensive exam or taking the new pathway specific exam. Students wishing to take the old comprehensive exam may now take the SR/WA Review and Study Session and sit for the comprehensive exam for credit. Attendance at the Study Session is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.
- Students seeking to take the new pathway specific exam must make separate arrangements for a proctor.
- IRWA's Course 230 - Oil and Gas Land Basics & Related Surface Rights Issues will be removed from the list of required classes for the Oil and Gas Industry Pathway under the RWP program and replaced with an 8-credit unit elective course.

Instructor Development

- Want to add a class? The PIPE has new [course specific qualifications](#), as well as a new [policy](#) and [application](#) form for instructors to add new courses to their teaching portfolio. These documents can be found on the [Instructors' page](#) of the IRWA website.
- An Instructor Performance Management process has been approved by the International Governing Council (IGC) and will be implemented in the coming months. This will allow PIPE to monitor instructor performance and provide instructors with support and feedback needed. The PIPE's next step will be to complete all supporting documentation. Look for more communication in the coming months.

PIPE Committee Structure and Name Change

- The IGC agreed with the PIPE and Credentialing Committee's recommendation to restructure the PIPE and Credentialing Committees by making Credentialing a subcommittee of the PIPE for better communication and interaction.
- The IGC also agreed with the PIPE's proposed committee name change from the Partnership for Infrastructure Professional Education (PIPE) to the International Professional Education Committee (IPEC).
- There will be a resolution for both these items to either approve or disapprove of these proposed changes at the Board of Directors Meeting during the Annual Education Conference in Minneapolis, MN on June 24.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

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| April 25, 2020 | Region 5 Spring Forum
Green Bay, WI **Virtual Meeting** |
| May 21, 2020 | Chapter 12 Spring Business & Education Meeting
Oak Brook, IL |
| June 21-24, 2020 | International Education Conference
Minneapolis, MN **Canceled** |

Upcoming Courses – Region 5

****Scheduled courses are on hold until further notice****

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| June 8-9, 2020 | Course 200: Principles of Real Estate Negotiation
Springfield, IL |
| June 10-11, 2020 | Course 207: Practical Negotiations for U.S. Federal Funded Land Acquisitions
Springfield, IL |

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

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