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# IRWA CHAPTER 10 PRESENTS SAFETY DAY

Join Chapter 10 on November 7th, 2024, in Danville, Indiana for a **FREE** half-day program focused on safety.

To register, send an email to <a href="mailto:irwasafety@gmail.com">irwasafety@gmail.com</a> including your name and company name.

# SAFETY SAVES LIVES

IRWA Indiana Chapter 10 Presents Safety Day

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Take part in an afternoon dedicated to exploring safety topics specifically for ROW professionals!

I:00 pm RegistrationI:30 pm Program Begins4:30 pm program ends

At CenterPoint Danville, IN office

Register by sending an email to <a href="mailto:irwasafety@gmail.com">irwasafety@gmail.com</a>

including your name and company name.

# President's Message



Dear Chapter Board and Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoyed their summer and transition into fall weather, NFL football, and Indiana Fever WNBA playoffs.

Unfortunately, I need to start off with some somber news and that we had a beloved member of our Chapter, Stan Ryland, loose a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. I'm fortunate to have had Stan work as a buyer on a project I worked on and if you all know Stan, how could you say no to such a genuine and knowledgeable individual when it comes to the necessities of acquiring land rights for utility projects. Stan also used his professional (and common sense) knowledge to help serve his communities. We will all miss Stan's presence at our meetings and many of our members will miss him as a friend. Obituary can be found <a href="here">here</a>. The Chapter will be making a memorial donation in his honor to the American Cancer Society. Please keep Stan Ryland and all his close friends and family in your prayers.

Secondly, currently the Vice-President role is vacant. Brian Haggard informed me over Labor Day weekend that after a hard decision and consideration for his family and business he is stepping down from the V.P. Role. I'll be scheduling a meeting with the present Board in the near future to discuss the process of replacement as well as reaching out to individuals who might be interested.

I do want to say the Golf Outing was another great event and always looking to grow it! Thanks again to Angela and Cindy for doing a lot of heavy lifting and others that did some lighter lifting in the background.

On the financial side of things, we will be moving forward with transferring money into a CD at Fifth Third. They have some short-term and long-term CDs that are available at rates above 4%.

Other upcoming great events in our Region are the following:

Oct 11th - 12th: Region 5 Fall Forum hosted by Chapter 88 (Pittsburgh, PA)

November 7th: Chapter 10 November Program: Safety Saves Lives (Danville, IN)

December 7th : Chapter 10 Christmas Party at Rathskeller (Hotel Block at Bottleworks)

Luke Jahn, PS Chapter 10, President (317) 504-8792







Wednesday, August 21st, was a most perfect day for this year's IRWA Chapter 10 Golf Outing held at Eagle Creek Golf Club in Indianapolis. A cool morning followed by mild temperatures throughout the day are all any golfer can ask for. While some showed off their skills and ever improving golf game on the Pete Dye Championship Sycamore Course, other's showed how to persevere through frustration.

Congratulations to Luke Jahn's team representing HWC Engineering for taking home the winner's trophy and to Patrick McCallister's team representing WSP with a close 2nd.

Thank you to the golfers who joined, those who participated in our fundraising, and a big thanks to our sponsors and volunteers!

By: Angela Whicker Deddish, SR/WA





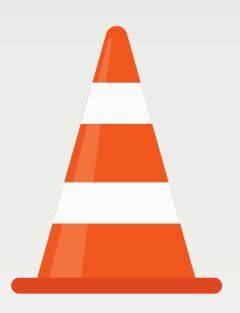






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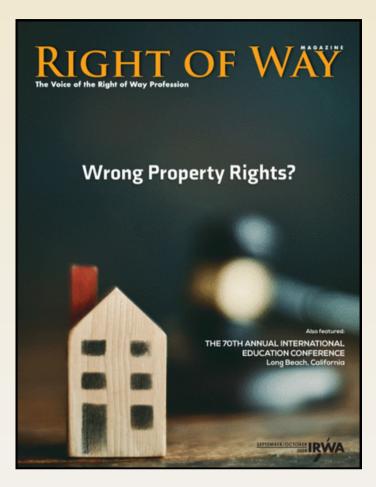
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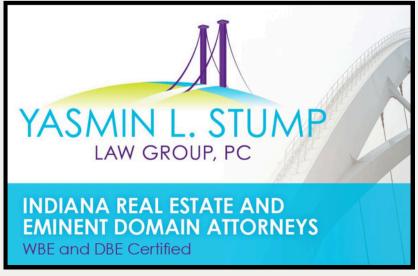
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Click the cone to read more!

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# IRWA REGION 5 FALL FORUM

PITTSBURGH, PA

Oct. 11 & 12, 2024



IRWA Three Rivers Chapter 88 cordially invites you to the 2024 Region 5 Fall Forum in Pittsburgh, PA

Accommodations: Hilton Garden Inn 250 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Link to Reservations:

https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/irwaregion5fallforumoctober2024/

Room Block: Oct. 10-12 at a rate of \$174 + tax/night Self-parking \$40/night if paid through the hotel (not pay station); Valet parking \$50/night

Hotel reservation deadline: **Sept. 20**Gateway Clipper cruise reservation deadline: **Sept. 11**For more information contact:

Jonny Garner, Chapter 88 <u>jonnypermits@gmail.co</u>m or (301) 501-0557

## THURSDAY, OCT. 10

Block of rooms available if you want to arrive early!

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 11

11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - \$50 Lunch at Hilton Garden Inn, The Roost

3-5 p.m. - \$50

Class – "Contaminated Property" - focusing on the history of environmental acts, laws, regulations and cases

Hilton Garden Inn, The Roost meeting room 2 AAPL and Appraisal CE in several states TBD

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Reception with hors d'oeuvres and drinks at Station Square Grand Concourse outdoor patio

8-9 p.m. - \$30 Haunted Gateway Clipper Cruise and Tour (optional)

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

### Region 5 Forum

8 a.m.-4 p.m. - \$100 Hilton Garden Inn, The Roost meeting room Breakfast and lunch included

6 p.m - \$75

Dinner, auction and karaoke Sienna Mercato II Tetto Rooftop Beer Garden





# IRWA Three Rivers Chapter 88 Region 5 Fall Forum 2024 October 11th & 12th, 2024

Where: Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh Downtown

250 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

\$174 per night (plus taxes & fees); to reserve a room:

https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/irwaregion5fallforumoctober2024/

Please join your fellow IRWA Region 5 members in participating in a daylong event of fun and festivities along with a little business thrown in.

Thanks to our corporate sponsors, we are able to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday along with a "Meet & Greet" Social on Friday night and Saturday night.

Name			
Company/Agency	IRWA M	IRWA Membership No.	
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Phone/Work	E-mail Address		
Spouse/Guests			
Registration – Saturday Forum	\$100.00 \$ 50.00 \$ 50.00 (in person) or	\$	
Chapter 88 Luncheon (Friday)	\$25.00 (virtual) \$ 30.00 \$ 75.00	\$	
Course "The Contaminated Property" (Friday)		\$	
Gateway Clipper Cruise (Friday)		\$	
Saturday Night Party		\$	
TOTAL		\$	
PLEASE NOTE IF YOU HAVE DIETARY RES	TRICTIONS	····	
If you have any question	ns inlease contact: Johny Garner (301) 501-0	1557	

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DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: CRUISE SEPT. 11, 2024; HOTEL SEPT. 20, 2024

Please make checks payable to: IRWA Chapter 88 IRWA

Mail registration to: Chapter 88

> Attn: Mark Smeltzer 114 Whitetail Drive Harrison City, PA 15636

## IRWA REGION 5 FALL FORUM - OCTOBER 11-12, 2024

#### **EVENT DIRECTIONS:**

Hilton Garden Inn (1) to Station Square / Grand Concourse – If you don't have your own vehicle, the best route is to take the "T". When you exit the Hilton, turn left onto Forbes Avenue, continue through Market Square and then back on Forbes. At the intersection of Forbes and Stanwyx Street, turn right. The Gateway "T" Station (2) will be nearby in a glass bubble on the left. Take the Southbound train. (This is a 10-minute walk from the Hotel.)

Exit the train at Station Square / Grand Concourse (3). The outdoor patio space will be beside the Gandy Dancer.

After the reception, take the Northbound "T" to return to the Hilton, or walk the Station Square Trail to the Gateway Clipper (4) onboarding entrance. (This is a 5-minute walk.)

After the Cruise, take the Northbound "T" from the Station Square Station.



#### PLACES TO SEE

Duquesne Incline

The Point / Point State Park

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Mount Washington

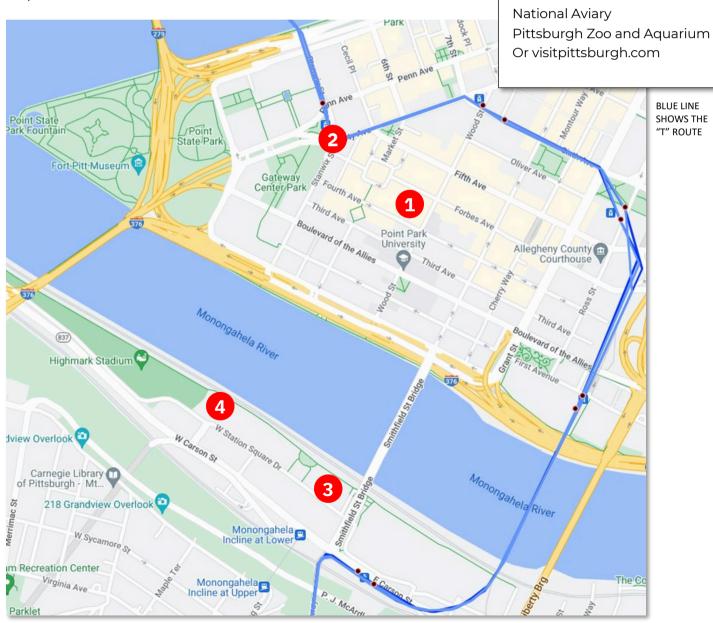
Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Carnegie Museum of Art

Carnegie Science Center

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and

MuseumLab





ABOVE, THE POINT -WHERE THREE RIVERS MEET

AT RIGHT, SIENNA MERCATO THIRD FLOOR II TETTO ROOFTOP BEER GARDEN







AT LEFT, OUTDOOR PATIO AT GRAND CONCOURSE / STATION SQUARE HILTON GARDEN INN

AT RIGHT, THE ROOST MEETING ROOM, HILTON GARDEN INN





# **IRWA REGION 5 FALL FORUM 2024**

# October 11th & 12th, 2024

IRWA Western Pennsylvania Chapter 88 will be hos ng the Region 5 Fall Forum at Hilton Garden Inn Pitsburgh Downtown on October 11th & 12th, 2024.

This will be Chapter 88's first forum and we want to put on the best forum possible and we cannot do that without your help. Our plans will be to have a Chapter luncheon on 11th (11:30am to 1:00pm). Later that a ernoon we will be hos ng a 2 hour course on "The Contaminated Property" that addresses the history of environmental acts, laws, regula ons and cases. Saturday forum a endees will be provided con nental breakfast and lunch. A er Saturday's forum, we will be hos ng dinner and a karaoke party.

To be able to keep the registra on cost reasonable for the Forum a endees we are searching for Corporate Sponsors. Below is a breakdown of the different levels of dona ons.

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Please send all dona ons by mail to:

**Mark Smeltzer** 

a n: IRWA 88

114 Whitetail Drive

Harrison City, PA 15636

Thank you in advance for your con nued support of the IRWA and Chapter 88.

If making a dona on, please send an electronic copy of your company logo to <a href="mailto:pitrowgroup@gmail.com">pitrowgroup@gmail.com</a> for the adver sing. Please call Jonny Garner (301-501-0557) with any ques ons.



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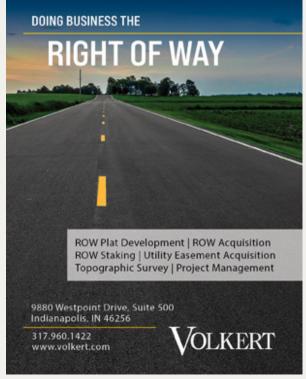


# ARMY CORPS ISSUE A CEASE AND DESIST!

New Albany Mayor Jeff
Gahan was ordered to stop
"emergency" work on Silver
Creek Dam as they did not
obtain a permit from the
Army Corps of Engineers. A
death at the dam in May of
this year prompted the
action by the city.

Click the dam to read more!







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# Member SPOTLIGHT

Name: Katie Repp

Employer: Repp Real Estate Services, LLC

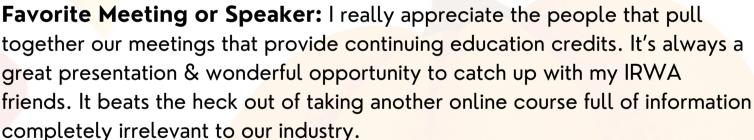
Time in Industry: 20 years

How long have you been a member of IRWA:

It's complicated. Just kidding. © I first became a member in 2013 but then accidentally let my membership lapse a couple of years ago & rejoined again earlier this year.

How did you hear about IRWA: My mentor,

Steve Klineman, is a member.



# What you have learned since being a member of the IRWA:

So many things! IRWA has given me so many opportunities to both learn new things & meet new people from all walks of life in this business. I started my career primarily acquiring land for transportation projects, but IRWA exposed me to many different functions within our industry and gave me the opportunity to work with people I never would have gotten the chance to work with otherwise.

What do you do in your free time: I love to travel & make fun, new memories with my family! I checked a box on my bucket list this summer & saw my first concert at Red Rocks with my daughter.



# Scholarship Applications Being Accepted Now!

Since 2021, when the Scholarship and Sponsorship Committee Implemented the Corporate Sponsorship, Chapter 10 has awarded fourteen - \$1,000 scholarships to be used for IRWA Education Classes! In the last year Chapter 10 was also able to award two - \$1,000 scholarships for Post Secondary Education. The chapter would not be able to give back to our members without the generous support of our sponsors and we want to say Thank You! This year we are approved to award up to five - \$1,000 IRWA Education Scholarships and two - \$1,000 Post Secondary Education Scholarships. Fill out your application today! Applications are located on the IRWA Chapter 10 website.

Scholarship Applications are due by October 15th, 2024. All Applications should be emailed to Cindy Candler at clcandler@schneidergeomatics.com

If you would like to be a Corporate Sponsor for 2025 watch for details coming out in our November Newsletter.



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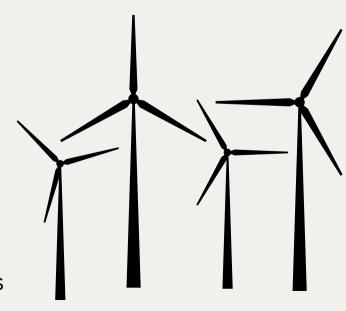
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# IEA Energy Business Council

The IEA Energy Business council had their largest meeting ever, which was attended by over 100 executives of 80 leading global companies. Topics included oil and gas supply and demand, renewables, and clean energy.

Click the windmills to read more about the global energy concerns that were discussed.



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

# **Professional Right of Way Certification Program**

The Professional Right of Way Certification Program is a three-level program that begins with the Right of Way Agent (RWA) certification, progresses with the Right of Way Professional (RWP) certification, and culminates with the Senior Right of Way Professional (SR/WA) designation.

Those who hold the SR/WA have achieved the most prestigious professional designation in the right of way industry through experience, education, and examination. They represent the most seasoned professionals who have acquired the highest level of knowledge and expertise within all the major disciplines of the right of way industry. Together with the RWA and RWP, earning the SR/WA designation can help create employment opportunities, career advancement, salary increases and professional development growth.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions to get a better understanding or for help in laying out a plan on how to achieve one of these certifications and designations. You can also go the IRWA website and visit the Credentialing Concierge at

<u>https://eweb.irwaonline.org/eweb/dynamicpage.aspxsite=IRWA2018&webcode=116</u>

# Professional Right of Way Certification Program Guide

# **Professional Right of Way Certification Program FAQs**

You can also go the IRWA website and visit the Credentialing Concierge by clicking the SR/WA logo =>.

Michelle Sechman, SR/WA Chapter 10 PDC Chair



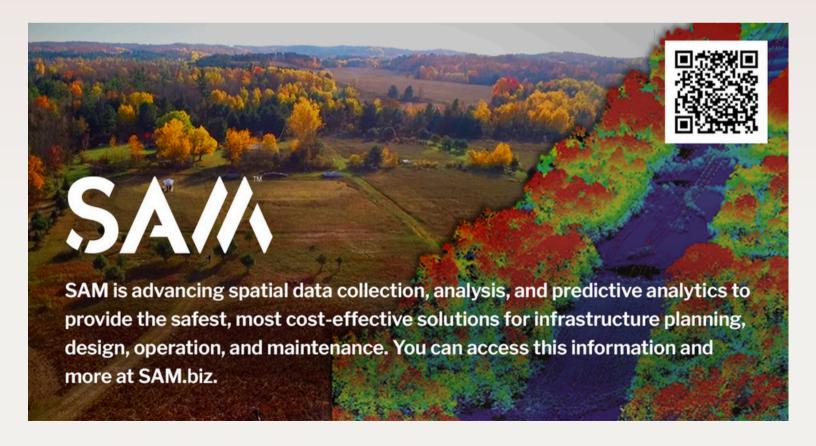
# **Congratulations Jamie Henry, RWP-TN**



Congratulations to Jamie Henry, RWP-TN for successfully meeting the requirements for obtaining the RWP-TN (Right of Way Professional – Transportation) certification.

The RWP certification reflects evidence of professional accomplishment in the right of way profession through experience and education and reflects Jamie's dedication and commitment to professional growth.







Put on you Santa hat and go grab some toys to donate to the Riley Cheer Guild! Donations are being collected again this year at the Chapter 10 annual Christmas Party on December 7th, 2024.



# COLD WINTER WEATHER & GAS SUPPLIES

NERC has warned consumers that they are concerned about maintaining natural gas supplies this winter.

Click the gas tank to read more.





Do you have a list of IRWA Education Courses that you have identified that you want to take over the next couple of years?? Send your list to Education Chair, Patrick McCallister, SR/WA so that he can get these courses worked into the Chapter's course schedule. Click the orange text above to get his email link.

# **DID YOU KNOW.....**

......by taking IRWA education courses you can earn IRWA Certifications/Designation that are looked at as marks of excellence in the Right of Way Industry.

.....that Chapter 10 awarded \$7000 in education scholarships to be used during 2024. Don't miss out on your chance to apply for a scholarship for 2025.

If your company would like to learn more about hosting specific courses onsite, please reach out to Patrick McCallister, SR/WA, Chapter 10 Education Chair.

# UPCOMING COURSES

Click on any square for online registration!

Principles of Real
Estate Law
Course 800
Merrillville, IN

October 10th - 11th

Communications in Real Estate
Acquisition
Course 201
Indianapolis, IN

May 7- 9, 2025

# Principles of Real Estate Appraisal

Course 400 Indianapolis, IN

August 20-21, 2025

Property Descriptions

Course 902 Indianapolis, IN

October 14, 2025

Engineering Plan
Development and
Application

Cours 901 Indianapolis, IN

October 13, 2025



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