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# IRWA Chapter 10 Award Ceremony and Holiday Party!

Are you in need of a night with good food and even better company? Then join IRWA Chapter 10 on Saturday, December 7th, for the Award Ceremony and Holiday Party!

Details about registration, hotel booking and more can be found on the following pages!



#### CHAPTER 10 AWARDS CEREMONY AND HOLIDAY PARTY

# Sponsorships



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## President's Message



Dear Chapter 10 Members,

On November 7th, we held an incredible event centered around jobsite safety, utility damage prevention, and confined spaces. A heartfelt thank you to CenterPoint Energy for hosting and providing a presenter. We also extend our gratitude to Indiana Contractors, Inc. and Safety Resources for their exceptional presentations. I am hoping to see you all at our Holiday and Awards Program on December 7th. If you plan to stay overnight, please remember to book your hotel rooms at your earliest convenience.

In addition, I'd like to announce that I have nominated Curt Candler for the Vice President role. A special in-person meeting has been scheduled at 4:45 PM on December 7th at the Rathskeller (just before the Holiday Awards Banquet) to elect Curt Candler as Vice President on that day.

Also, the Board Members would like to thank Michelle Sechman for serving as in the Assistance Treasurer (or Treasurer) role since 2016. Michelle has also been serving on the PDC Chair and we will be searching for a Chairperson who has received their SR/WA as well. She will be stepping down effective January 1st of 2025 to focus on a new position outside of the Right-of-Way industry. Anyone who is interested in serving the role of Assistant Treasurer, please contact John Petkovsek or myself.

I would also take a quick second to congratulate five of our members for achieving additional certifications (see Page 19).

Thank you again for being part of Chapter 10!

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







## Nominations and Elections Committee

The Vice President
Election for nominee
Curt Candler will be
held on December
7th, 4:45 pm at the
Award Ceremony
and Holiday Party.

The Chapter 10
Award Nominations
deadline has been
extended to
November 15th.
Click <u>HERE</u> to make a
nomination!

The committee is
looking for an
individual who would
be interested in filling
the position of
Assistant Treasurer.
Contact President Luke
Jahn if interested.

The committee is
looking for an individual
who would be
interested in chairing
the Professional
Development
Committee. Contact
President Luke Jahn if
interested.

# SAFETY SAVES LIVES

On November 7th, Chapter 10 members met in Danville, IN at the CenterPoint office to participate in the Safety Day program. Speakers included Kyle Paddock with Safety Resources, Jim Wood with Indiana Constructors, Inc., and Lee Werking with CenterPoint Public Awareness.



Jim Wood with Indiana Constructors, Inc.



Lee Werking with CenterPoint Public Awareness



Kyle Paddock with Safety Resources



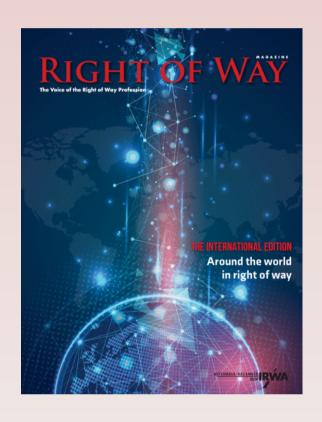
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# IRWA INTERNATIONAL

The November/
December 2024
edition of the Right of
Way Magazine is now
available! Click the
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The countdown is on for the IRWA 71st International Conference! If you haven't registered already, click the image below and get signed up!





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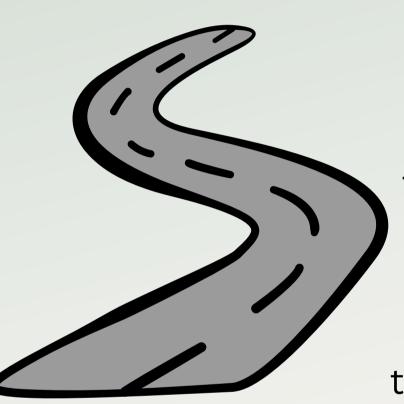
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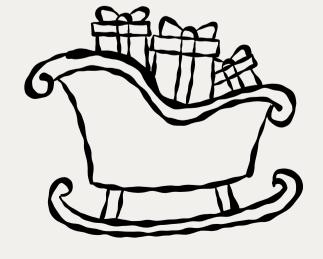


# Big Awards for Southern Indiana



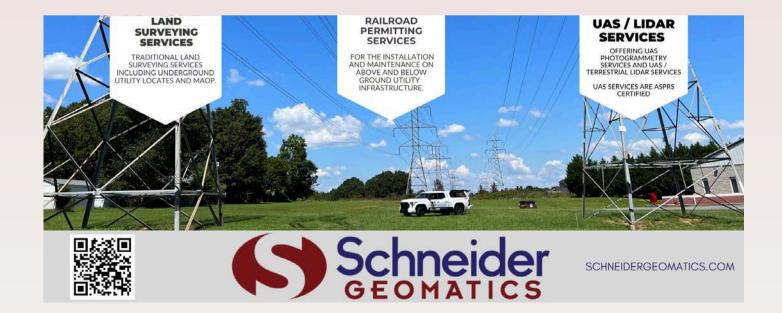
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- Amber Marshall, Indiana Department of Transportation
- Heather Jonhson-Greene, Indiana
   Department of Transportation
- Matthew Lantz, CenterPoint Energy
- Eric Knipe



# Member SPOTLIGHT

Name: Wm. Todd Clift

**Employer:** CMK Real Estate Services, LLC

**Time in Industry:** 29 years working at INDOT in the Real Estate Division and 2

years as a RW Consultant.

How long have you been a member of IRWA: I just recently joined IRWA this year.

How did you hear about IRWA: Over my years in the RW industry I was aware of IRWA and have taken several IRWA courses.



**Favorite Meeting or Speaker:** I've always enjoyed the RW courses and the instructors. I always learned something new and enhanced my RW knowledge.

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

Since I am a recent member, I am looking forward to future meetings and the opportunity to network with other RW Agents. In my time in the RW industry, I have found that it is one large family of amazing people that are always willing to provide assistance when needed.

What do you do in your free time: I enjoy being semi-retired, golfing, e-biking and spending time with family. I am a big Disney fan and enjoy visiting the parks when possible.

## Scholarship and Sponsorship Committee

This year, the five scholarship recipients from IRWA Chapter 10 received a total of \$5,000 to support their education in IRWA classes. Thanks to our chapter's contributions, these recipients have successfully completed 112 credit hours of coursework. Notably, one recipient began their first class this year and achieved their RWA certification! The \$1,000 scholarship covered nearly all the classes required for this certification.

We will reveal this year's scholarship winners during the Holiday Awards Banquet. We invite you to join us for this exciting event on December 7th!



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# 2025 Corporate and Newsletter Sponsorships are Now Available!

## Right of Way Agent \$1,000 includes:

- Up to 1/4 page size newsletter advertisement\*\*
- Website advertisement
- Annual Spring Program silver sponsor
- Annual Fall Program silver sponsor
- Annual Christmas
   Party/Awards Banquet silver sponsor
- 2' x 5' logo banner displayed at the Annual Golf Outing
- Logo on sponsor boards or digital PowerPoints for abovementioned events displayed at lunch and breaks
- Logo on Event Program for the Spring and Fall programs
- Individual sponsorship post on Chapter 10 social media once a year\*\*

## Jr. Right of Way Agent \$1,500 includes:

- Up to 1/2 page size newsletter advertisement\*\*
- Website advertisement
- Annual Spring Program gold sponsor
- Annual Fall Program gold sponsor
- Annual Christmas
   Party/Awards Banquet gold sponsor
- 2' x 5' logo banner displayed at the Annual Golf Outing
- Logo on sponsor boards or digital PowerPoints for abovementioned events displayed at lunch and breaks
- Logo on event program for the Spring and Fall programs
- Individual sponsorship post on Chapter 10 social media once a year\*\*

<sup>\*\*</sup>Advertisement and social media ad graphics to be provided by the corporate sponsor, not Chapter 10.

## 2025 Corporate and Newsletter Sponsorships are Now Available!

#### Sr. Right of Way Agent \$2,500 includes:

- Up to 1/2 page size newsletter advertisement\*\*
  Website advertisement
- Annual Spring Program Break/Lunch sponsor
- Annual Golf Outing Cart Sponsor
- Annual Fall Program Break/Lunch Sponsor
- Annual Christmas Party/Awards Banquet sponsor
- 1 free attendance at the April Program, October Program and Christmas Party/Awards banquet
- 2' x 5' logo banner displayed at the Annual Golf Outing
- Logo on sponsor boards or digital PowerPoints for above-mentioned events displayed at lunch and breaks
- Logo on event program for the Spring and Fall programs
- Individual sponsorship post on Chapter 10 social media once a year\*\*

#### **Newsletter Ads**

- This newsletter advertisement is \$250 per year and your preferred logo/information would be up to the size of a 1/4 page.
- This newsletter advertisement is \$500 per year and your preferred logo/information would be up to the size of a 1/2 page.

Registration is open on the IRWA Chapter 10 website under the support tab.

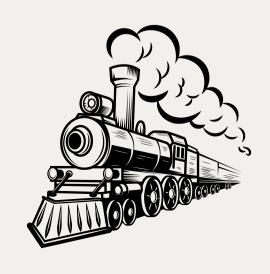
If you have any questions please contact Cindy Candler at Clcandler @schneidergeomatics.com

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# CYBER SECURITY MANAGMENT PROGRAMS FOR PIPELINE AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

TSA has asked for public comment on proposed cyber security management regulations for pipeline and railway companies. These requirements have been made a priority after the 2020 Sunburst attacks and the 2021 attack on Colonial Pipeline. Click the train to read more!



### 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 <a href="https://eweb.irwaonline.org/eweb/dynamicpage.aspxsite=IRWA20">https://eweb.irwaonline.org/eweb/dynamicpage.aspxsite=IRWA20</a> <a href="https://eweb.irwaonline.org/eweb/dynamicpage.aspxsite=IRWA20">18&webcode=116</a>

#### 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 Coralina Candler, RWA-GN**



Congratulations to Coralina Candler, RWA-GN for successfully meeting the requirements for obtaining the RWA-GN (Right of Way Agent – Generalist) certification.

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

#### **Congratulations Curt Candler, RWA-GN**



Congratulations to Curt Candler, RWA-GN for successfully meeting the requirements for obtaining the RWA-GN (Right of Way Agent – Generalist) certification.

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

#### **Congratulations Bradley Wayne Kleaving, RWA**



Congratulations to Bradley Wayne Kleaving, RWA for successfully meeting the requirements for obtaining the RWA (Right of Way Agent) certification.

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

#### Congratulations Stacy L. Green, RWA-TN



Congratulations to Stacy L. Green, RWA-TN for successfully meeting the requirements for obtaining the RWA (Right of Way Agent – Transportation) certification.

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

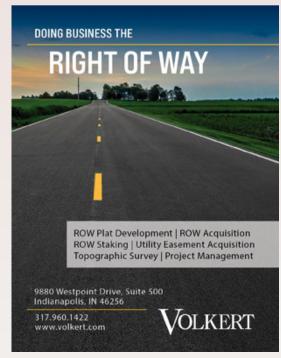
#### Congratulations Timothy J. Atkinson, RWP

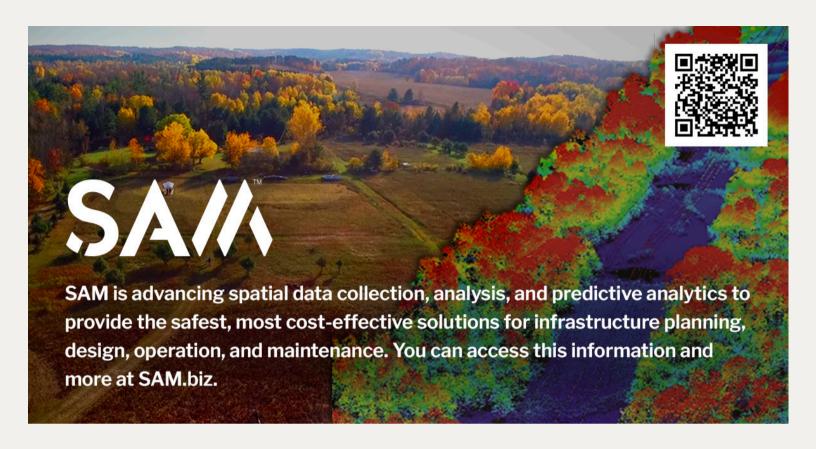


Congratulations to Timothy J. Atkinson, RWP for successfully meeting the requirements for the RWP (Right of Way Professional) recertification.

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







### **IURC**

#### WINTER RELIABILITY FOURM

The Indiana Regulatory Commission will be holding their Winter Reliability Forum on November 22nd, 2024. Large investor- owned electric and gas utility companies will be briefing the board on their preparations for the 2024/2025 winter season. Click the IURC logo to access the agenda or watch the forum live on the 22nd!





Thank you for a great year for Chapter Education. We successfully put on a total of six courses which gave industry professionals the opportunity to take 88 hours of IRWA education.

2025 will be another big year for education in the chapter, as we have seven courses scheduled, offering industry professionals the chance to take another 88 hours of education.

Here are Chapter 10's upcoming courses. Visit the Chapter 10 website to see the full list of courses the Chapter has scheduled through 2026, with more to be added.

Course 801 – United States Land Titles March 6-7, 2025 – NIPSCO Southlake Campus, Merrillville, Indiana Ray Howd – Instructor

Register HERE!

Course 201 – Communication in Real Estate
Acquisitions
May 7-9, 2025 – Schneider Geomatics, Indianapolis,
Indiana
Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA – Instructor
Register <u>HERE!</u>

Course 303 – Managing the Consultant Process May 15-16, 2025 – NIPSCO Southlake Campus, Merrillville, Indiana Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA – Instructor Register <u>HERE!</u>

Course 400 – Principles of Real Estate Appraisal August 21-22, 2025 – NIPSCO Southlake Campus, Merrillville, Indiana Smed Bernard, SR/WA, MAI – Instructor Register <u>HERE!</u>

Course 105 – Uniform Act Executive Summary October 3, 2025 – NIPSCO Southlake Campus, Merrillville, Indiana Lisa Harrison, SR/WA – Instructor Registration: Coming Soon! Course 901 – Engineering Plan Development & Application
October 13, 2025 – WSP USA, Indianapolis, Indiana Gary Kent, PS – Instructor
Register <u>HERE!</u>

Course 902 – Property Descriptions October 14, 2025 – WSP USA, Indianapolis, Indiana Gary Kent, PS – Instructor Register <u>HERE!</u>

#### AND MORE STILL TO COME!!!!

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 (Patrick.McCallister@wsp.com) so that he can get these courses worked into the Chapter's course schedule.

#### **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.

Be sure to check out the Professional Development Committee section of this newsletter for more information, or reach out to PDC Chair Michelle Sechman, SR/WA (Michelle.Sechman@duke-energy.com) or Education Chair Patrick McCallister, SR/WA (Patrick.McCallister@wsp.com) for more information on how we can help you achieve these certifications/designation.





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