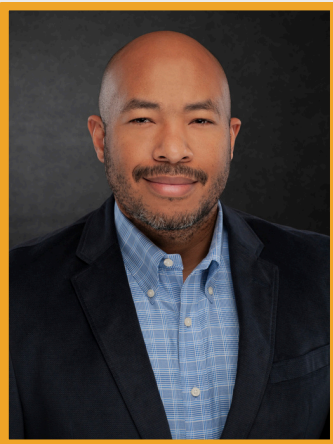


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Chapter 8,

So... that little event was something! I've been told at least a couple of times from different individuals that that was the best symposium that they have been to. I don't disagree. Congratulations Chapter 8 and the Oil & Gas Pipeline Symposium Committee on a very successful event!

A special thank you to everyone on that Oil & Gas Pipeline Symposium Committee for their hard work and dedication to that event. Additionally, thanks again to all of the speakers, sponsors, and everyone who attended the event. I believe that the event sold out twice, so the demand was overwhelming.

If you happened to miss the 2026 Oil & Gas Pipeline Symposium, we had keynote presentations by **Dr. Dawn Buckingham** (Texas Land Commissioner), and **Rep**

Michael Schofield (Texas House of Representatives) that were both phenomenal. Additionally, we had excellent presentations by **John Baker** (Baker Moran); **Vanessa Burgess** (Texas Real Estate Commission), **Kyle Reynolds** (AAPL President), **Dave Scallan** (Spoken Word Communications), **Charles McConnell** (University of Houston), **Matt Simone & Tom Zabel** (Liskow & Lewis, APLC/Zabel Freeman) and **Matt Dunne** (FBI). I'm already looking forward to the 2028 symposium.

Please remember to mark your calendars for the upcoming Spring Joint Regional Forum (Regions 2, 6 & 9) and Transportation Symposium in South Padre, TX on April 30 and May 1 and the Dan Ewing Memorial Golf Tournament on May 7 at Wildcat Golf Club. 2026 is turning out to be an amazing year and, of course, we hope that this is being backed up by everyone's project activities and work schedule.

I hope everyone enjoys any activities that you may have during this Spring break time. If you don't have any activities scheduled, then maybe you can unwind for a bit, try to catch spring trailing ball, or March Madness, or NFL free agency madness, or USA baseball madness, or even NBA scoring madness. March 2026 is certainly a month to remember.

We will be back to our regularly scheduled monthly chapter meetings at the Ballroom at Tanglewood next month on April 2, 2026. I look forward to seeing you all there.

~Chico Negual



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Young Professionals Happy Hour
Kirby Ice House
5:00pm - 7:00pm
1015 Gessner Rd
Houston, TX 77055

Dan Ewing Memorial Golf Tournament
Wildcat Golf Club
12000 Almeda Rd
Houston, TX 77045



May Chapter Meeting
11:00am
The Ballroom at Tanglewood
5430 Westheimer Rd
Houston, TX 77056

International Education Conference
Omaha, Nebraska



UPCOMING EVENTS

IRWA's 72ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

WHEN: Friday, June 26–Monday, June 29, 2026
WHERE: Omaha, Nebraska
FULL REGISTRATION COST*: Member Rate: Members: \$675 Non-Member Rate: \$975
(*must be an IRWA Member and register by March 20, 2026)

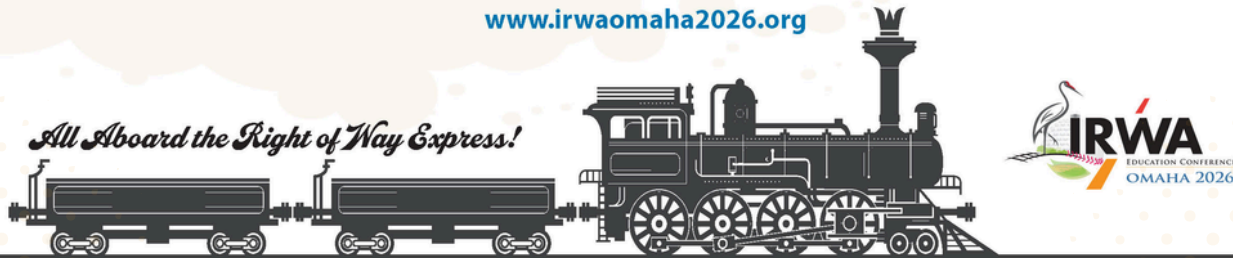
50+ education sessions on key right of way topics, including:

- Electric & Utilities
 - Environment
 - Ethics
 - International Relations
 - Marketing & Membership
 - Oil & Gas Pipeline
 - Professional Development
 - Project Management
 - Public Agencies
 - Real Estate Law
 - Real Property Asset Management
 - Relocation
 - Surveying & Engineering
 - Transportation
- **Learning That Reflects the Industry's Future:** Sessions are led by respected IRWA members and industry experts who share current insights and proven strategies to today's evolving right of way environment.
 - **Education That Delivers Real Results:** With more than 50 sessions across key right of way disciplines, attendees will gain immediately applicable knowledge that improves project outcomes and decision-making. Members can apply continuing education hours toward recertification for IRWA credentials including the SR/WA recertification.
 - **Join More Than 1,000 Professionals:** Build valuable relationships and gain a global perspective from professionals around the world who bring diverse solutions to shared infrastructure challenges.
 - **Engaging Events and Networking Opportunities:** Enjoy a variety of signature events including the Opening Ceremony, Exhibit Hall, Awards Luncheon and Closing Gala.
 - **Actionable Takeaways:** Return with ideas, templates and insights that immediately strengthen teams and enhance project outcomes.

The 2026 International Education Conference isn't just four days of learning, it's an investment in your people, your projects and your future. Attendees return more informed, better connected and equipped to deliver results that matter. Make the investment today and empower your team to deliver results that matter.

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



The Young Professionals are currently seeking sponsors for our 2026 Happy Hours! Please contact Tori Moses at tmoses@weissereng.com for more information!



2026 SCHEDULED COURSES

	Date	Course	Location
	1.21.2026	200 Principles of Real Estate Negotiation	Virtual
	2.3.2026	501 Residential Relocation Assistance	Virtual
	2.4.2026	901 Engineering Plan Development & Application	CenterPoint
	2.12.2026	700 Introduction to Property/Asset Management	Virtual
	2.19.2026	800 Principles of Real Estate Law	Virtual
	3.2.2026	215 Right of Way Acquisition for Pipeline Projects	CenterPoint
	3.18.2026	203 Alternative Dispute Resolution	Virtual
	3.18.2026	303 Project Management & Consultant Hiring Process	Virtual
	3.27.2026	102 Elevating Your Ethical Awareness	Virtual
	4.7.2026	421 The Valuation of Partial Acquisition	Virtual
	5.26.2026	105 The Uniform Act - Executive Summary	Virtual
	5.28.2026	203 Alternative Dispute Resolution	Virtual
	8.24.2026	900 Principles of Real Estate Engineering	Virtual



FURTHERING YOUR EDUCATION

421 - The Valuation of Partial Acquisitions

Start Date: 4/7/2026

End Date: 4/9/2026

No. of Days: 3 Days

Course Level: Advanced

CEU Credit: 24.00

Class Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm Eastern

Tuition: \$565 Member/\$765 Non-Member

Sponsored By: Chapter 8



Course Description: This three-day, advanced-level course deals with the valuation of partial acquisitions. The course includes in-depth discussions, exercises and case studies related to the Federal (Before and After) Rule and the State (Summation) Method. The components of compensation (i.e., value of the part taken, damages to the remainder, benefits to the remainder and cost to cure) and methods to quantify each impact are analyzed. Various easement types and valuation methods are examined. Finally, the appraiser, as expert witness, is discussed.

Instructor: Dalton Vann, MAI, SR/WA, R/W-AC the IRWA in a number of roles including on the executive board, education committee, and as newsletter editor of the North Texas Chapter. Mr. Vann has instructed a number of IRWA appraisal courses for the Chapter and across the country. Mr. Vann was 2015 Young Professional of the Year and 2022 Professional of the Year for Chapter 36. In his professional career, he has worked as an appraiser in right of way for Integra Realty Resources - DFW, JLL Valuation & Advisory Services. He is currently the national Director of Right of Way for CBRE Valuation and Advisory Services where he coordinates training, quality and risk management, and software development. He has been an active appraiser in right-of-way since 2007 with several years of residential appraisal prior to that. Mr. Vann is a graduate of Texas A&M University with Bachelor of Agricultural Economics and Master of Real Estate. He is also a veteran of the US Navy as a Seabee, providing public works services and infrastructure maintenance. Mr. Vann is also an active member of his local church and 4-H program.

Facility Information:

Virtual

Participant Capacity: 20

[Click to Register: Course Description](#)

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Congratulations!

Chris Gossett, SR/WA

On your SR/WA certification!



FURTHURING YOUR EDUCATION



Gain prestige. Over 87% of IRWA's agency partners and 75% of its corporate partners say SR/WA agents overall bring more value, skills and knowledge to projects.*

Stay relevant. Required continuing education and ethics course every 5 years ensures SR/WA agents maintain the highest level of industry expertise.

WHY SR/WA ?

- ✓ Highest level of competency in the right of way industry
- ✓ Accepted by public agencies as proof of qualifications
- ✓ Held to highest of ethical standards of professional practice

"Credibility with benefits."



More than 71% of IRWA members who possess the SR/WA say that it has increased and enhanced their professional reputation in the industry.*

HOW IS IT EARNED?

Required: 5+ years in right of way or infrastructure real estate. Relevant experience and education may also qualify.

Plus: 4-year degree or 2-year degree + 128 IRWA credit hours or 2 years of right of way experience.
Without a degree: 256 IRWA credit hours or 4 years of right of way experience.

Contact IRWA's Credentialing Manager, Francis Vicent at vicente@irwaonline.org for more info.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

272 credit hours from various right of way disciplines and relevant subject matters, including but not limited to:

- Ethics
- Eminent Domain Law
- Land Acquisition Negotiations
- Dispute Resolution
- Property Management
- Environmental Contamination
- Appraisal
- Real Estate Engineering
- Federal Relocation Entitlements

Capstone Exam — Intensive and comprehensive final assessment designed to ensure that participants have mastered and retained the critical knowledge and skills they've acquired while taking IRWA education courses.



READY TO GET STARTED?



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*Data collected from survey sent July 2024 by IRWA via email to its members.



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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

IRWA Luncheons Approved for SR/WA Rectification Credits

As you may know, the IRWA International Credential Committee has moved to a “Self Reporting” model. Meaning, IRWA members simply report that they attended X amount of meetings for X amount of hours on their CE forms. Each luncheon attended will earn you one (1) hour re-certification credit. Be sure to pick up a form you can fill out and retain for your records at our next IRWA Chapter 8 Meeting!

Want a Free Lunch?

The Chapter 8 Board has decided to offer its members the opportunity to receive a free lunch for the submission, acceptance and publication of a newsletter article.

To Qualify:

1. You must be a current IRWA Chapter 8 Member (Chapter Chairs and Executive Officers excluded)
2. Submit a newsletter article and have it published in the Award-Winning The Centerline
3. You receive a free lunch voucher for one of the regularly scheduled lunch meetings.

Submit articles to Karla Breitinger via email at kjbreitinger@eprod.com



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About the IRWA

Since its inception as a not-for-profit association in 1934, the IRWA has united the efforts of its members toward professional development, strong ethics and improved service to employers and the public, along with advancements within the right of way profession. IRW is the unsurpassed sources of right of way educational programs and professional services world wide.

Our Members

Dedicated exclusively to the right of way profession, IRWA has nearly 10,000 members throughout the US, Canada and Africa. Our members are multi-disciplined professionals employed by private industry and government agencies as Acquisition Agents, Appraisers, Environment Professionals, Engineers, Lawyers, Property Managers, Relocations Assistance Agents, Surveyors and Title Experts.

Welcome New Members!

Jessie Brantley
Elizabeth Hilton
Robert Moorman
Brent Straub
Amanda Winter

