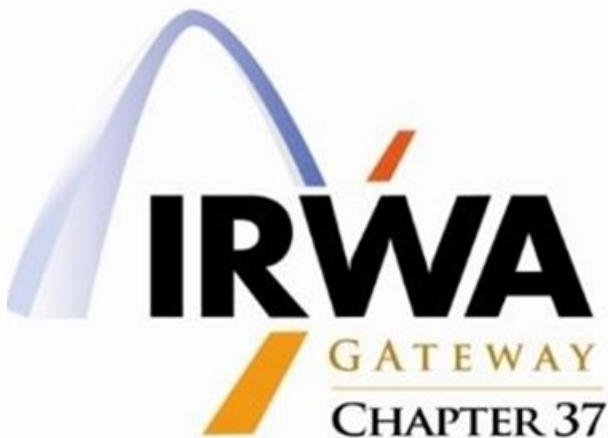


# Chapter 37 Newsletter

Summer 2019 Newsletter  
Issue 4

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## President's Message

*By Teresa McClure*

This past year has been fantastic! I cannot believe it is over! We have had many accomplishments, but the one we are most proud of is that we are a finalist for "Website of the Year". We think we have a winner and can't wait until they announce the winner in Portland - Fingers crossed! We are also extremely excited to have Brett Farner, SRWA, as a Candidate for IRWA International Secretary. Chapter 37 knows firsthand the dedication that Brett has for IRWA; thus, we wish him well in this endeavor to become our next IRWA International Secretary. Good Luck Brett!

We are looking forward to a great 2019-2020 with Chapter 37. Of course, the main focus this year is going to be on the Fall Forum held in St. Louis! We hope to see you all there in September. Thank you for allowing me to serve Chapter 37 as your President. It has been a privilege and an honor! Have a great summer! Teresa

## Upcoming International Education Conferences

2019	June 9 – 12	International Education Conference	Portland, OR
2020	June 21 – 24	International Education Conference	Minneapolis, MN
2021	June 6 – 9	International Education Conference	San Antonio, TX
2022	June 12 - 15	International Education Conference	Cleveland, OH



## International Education Conference-Portland, OR



# JUNE 9-12, 2019

### Conference Location:

**Hilton Portland Downtown  
921 SW 6th Ave  
Portland, OR 97204, USA**



Captain Larry Brudnicki  
Sunday, June 9, 3:00 pm  
Opening Ceremonies



Drew Carney  
Monday, June 10, 11:30 am  
SR/WA Recognition & Awards Luncheon  
Luncheon Emcee

**Captain Brudnicki**— commanded the Coast Guard Ship that performed two dramatic rescues during the worst weather in more than 100 years, which became known as “The Perfect Storm” and inspired the book that was on the NY Times best-seller list and the blockbuster movie starring George Clooney

**Drew Carney**— joined KGW in Portland, Oregon, in September of 2006. He is an anchor of KGW News at Sunrise. His entertaining & community-minded reports can be seen every weekday on “KGW News at Sunrise.”

## 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE



HILTON PORTLAND DOWNTOWN 921 SW 6TH AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97204, USA

## Possible Awards

### Awards and Recognition

Every year at our Annual International Education Conference, we have the opportunity to recognize some of the **industry's finest individuals, companies and IRWA chapters** who have contributed to advancing the right of way profession.

[Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award](#)

[Gene L. Land Award](#)

[Employer of the Year Award](#)

[Government of the Year Award](#)

[Chapter of the Year Award](#)

[Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

[Member Appreciation Program \(MAP\)](#)

[Louise L. & Y. T. Lum Award](#)

[Mark A. Green Award for Excellence in Journalism \(Discontinued\)](#)

[Ronald Jourdan SR/WA Advancement Award](#)

[Chapter Newsletter of the Year Award](#)

[State Association of Real Property Agents \(SARPA\)](#)

[Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation Student Scholarship](#)

[W. Howard Armstrong Instructor of the Year](#)

[Young Professional of the Year](#)

[Website of the Year](#)

## Region 3 Fall Forum

## IRWA Region 3 Fall Forum September 22,23,&24



For any other questions:

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[www.irwachapter37.org](http://www.irwachapter37.org)

**Location: West County**

**Hosted by Chapter 37  
Gateway of the West**



### Schedule

**Sunday-22nd**

Young Professionals Social - Ax Throwing

**Monday-23rd-- Region 3 Fall Forum Meeting and Roundtable**

7:00 am -- Breakfast

8:00 am -- 1:00 pm -- Fall Forum Meeting & Lunch

1:00 pm --4:00 pm - Roundtable and presentations (Hyperloop, Renewables, Local Projects, Generations – Difference)

**5:30 pm -- TOPGOLF**

Plan to join us for TOPGOLF - Looking for Sponsors



**Tuesday-24th 8:00 am -- 5:00 pm--** IRWA Course 902: Property Descriptions. Registration for the class can be done at [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org) . If you have any questions please contact Sandra Rupert ([Sandra.rupert@volkert.com](mailto:Sandra.rupert@volkert.com)) or Jody Harness ([Jody.Harness@spireenergy.com](mailto:Jody.Harness@spireenergy.com))

**Hotel Reservations:** Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis Chesterfield

Address-- 355 Chesterfield Center East. Chesterfield, MO 63017

Phone-- (636) 532-3300

Rate-- Non-Smoking 1 King Bed Deluxe-- \$130.00 per night

Amenities-- Free Hot Breakfast, Free Evening Drinks and Snacks, Free Wi-Fi, Free Soft Drinks and Popcorn, and On-Site Facilities.



**Want to get more involved?**

Chapter 37 has committee vacancies and could use your help! Please contact any board member for more information.

**Fall Forum Committee**

**We need your help!**

The Fall Forum will be held in St. Louis in the Fall. If you want to get involved, please let us know.

**Good Luck Brett Farner!!**

**Brett is a Candidate for IRWA International Secretary**

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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Gerald L. Johnson



## Q. What path did you take to get in the ROW industry?

When I finished college in 1971, the ROW industry was in a growth spurt and the Uniform Act was a year old. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) was hiring ROW Agents out of college for its numerous highway plans. A friend of mine worked in ROW at MoDOT and we talked about it. I interviewed, got a job offer and started work as a ROW Agent in November, 1971. Little did I know going in, how much my degree in Psychology would benefit me throughout my forty year career in various areas of ROW.

## Q. Favorite activity to do outside of work?

Now that I am retired I enjoy being as OASIS volunteer tutor at my local elementary school. My wife and I enjoy our travels throughout the US, Mexico and Canada visiting family and friends.

## Q. Favorite part of your job?

The people (both co-workers and customers) were the favorite part of the job. From the shared stories, good times and bad, as well as being able to assist them through the eminent domain process with successful outcomes.

## Q. Favorite movie?

My favorite movie is "ALI", played by Will Smith as well as the documentary featuring Mohammed Ali, himself.

## Q. What advice would you give to someone new to the ROW industry?

My advice would be to develop a good network among your peers and seek out someone(s) to be your mentor. Become involved in your local IRWA chapter and attend as many of the various conferences as you can. Take the courses offered by IRWA to earn the designations you desire to obtain.

## Q. If Hollywood made a movie about you, who would you like to see cast for you?

Jamie Foxx

## Q. Favorite sports team?

Kansas City Chiefs and Royals



Please contact Sandra Rupert for more info.



**Course 902: Property Descriptions**

September 24th, 2019

St. Louis, MO

**Course Description:** Combines hands-on experience with mentoring to provide participants with information regarding engineering fundamentals the practical applications of information contained in engineering drawings and how to interpret property descriptions.

**Topics:**

- Requirements of a valid description
- Use of the rectangular grid system
- When and how to use the point and centerline method
- Sources of uncertainties
- Subdivision descriptions

Metes and bounds descriptions

**Course Level:**

Advanced

**Course Tuition Includes:**

Participant Manual

Engineering tools (engineering scale, protractor, and straight edge)

**Recommended Materials:**

Financial Calculator

Mechanical Pencil



## Sponsorship Packages 2018-2019

IRWA Chapter 37 is excited about offering sponsorship packages for 2018-2019! Sponsorship of the chapter will give your company a unique opportunity to showcase your services to hundreds of professional in all facets of the right of way industry. IRWA Chapter 37 is only as strong as its members, and your support helps the chapter to provide information to our various members via the website, newsletter and email blasts, as well as hosting social and networking events. We are offering several different sponsorship levels. The term of all sponsorships is one year (July 1 to June 30 annually).

A limited number of packages are available for purchase at the top two sponsorship levels Platinum and Gold. The first company to select and pay for their preferred package is the first to get it so don't miss out!



Please contact **Teresa McClure** for more information [teresa.mcclure@volkert.com](mailto:teresa.mcclure@volkert.com). Checks may be made out to *IRWA Chapter 37* and given/mailed to the Chapter Treasurer, **Matt Hoven**.

	Platinum \$1000	Gold \$500	Silver \$250
Number of packages available	1	2	Unlimited
Engraved plaque of recognition*	1	--	--
Company ad/logo in all Chapter 37 newsletters for 1 year**	Full page ad	½ page ad	¼ page ad
Company spotlight article in one chapter newsletter of choice	1	--	--
Linked company logo on Chapter 37 website for 1 year	Large logo	Med. logo	Small logo
One dedicated e-blast to members advertising company	1	--	--
Opportunity to put out brochures/marketing materials at quarterly Chapter 37 meeting	All (4) meeting	1 meeting	--
Company promotion time at one Chapter 37 meeting of choice (Platinum gets first choice)	10 minutes	2 minutes	--
Job postings on Chapter 37 website JOB BOARD (3 months)	5	3	3
Job postings in Chapter 37 quarterly newsletter (4 issues)	5	3	3



A La Carte Items			
Newsletter Ad – ¼ page	Job Posting - Newsletter	Job Posting - Website	Job Seeker Website or Newsletter
\$100 (2 issues)	\$50 (2 issues)	\$25 (3 months)	\$15 (3 mo./1 issue)

\* Optional; you may donate the cost of this item back to the chapter.  
 \*\* All references to "1 year" are one year from date of paid sponsorship.  
 \*\*\* Vouchers can be used all at once or spread out over several meetings.

Thank you to the following sponsors for supporting Chapter 37!



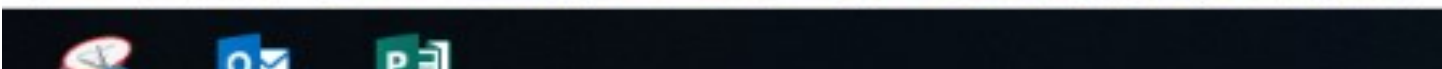
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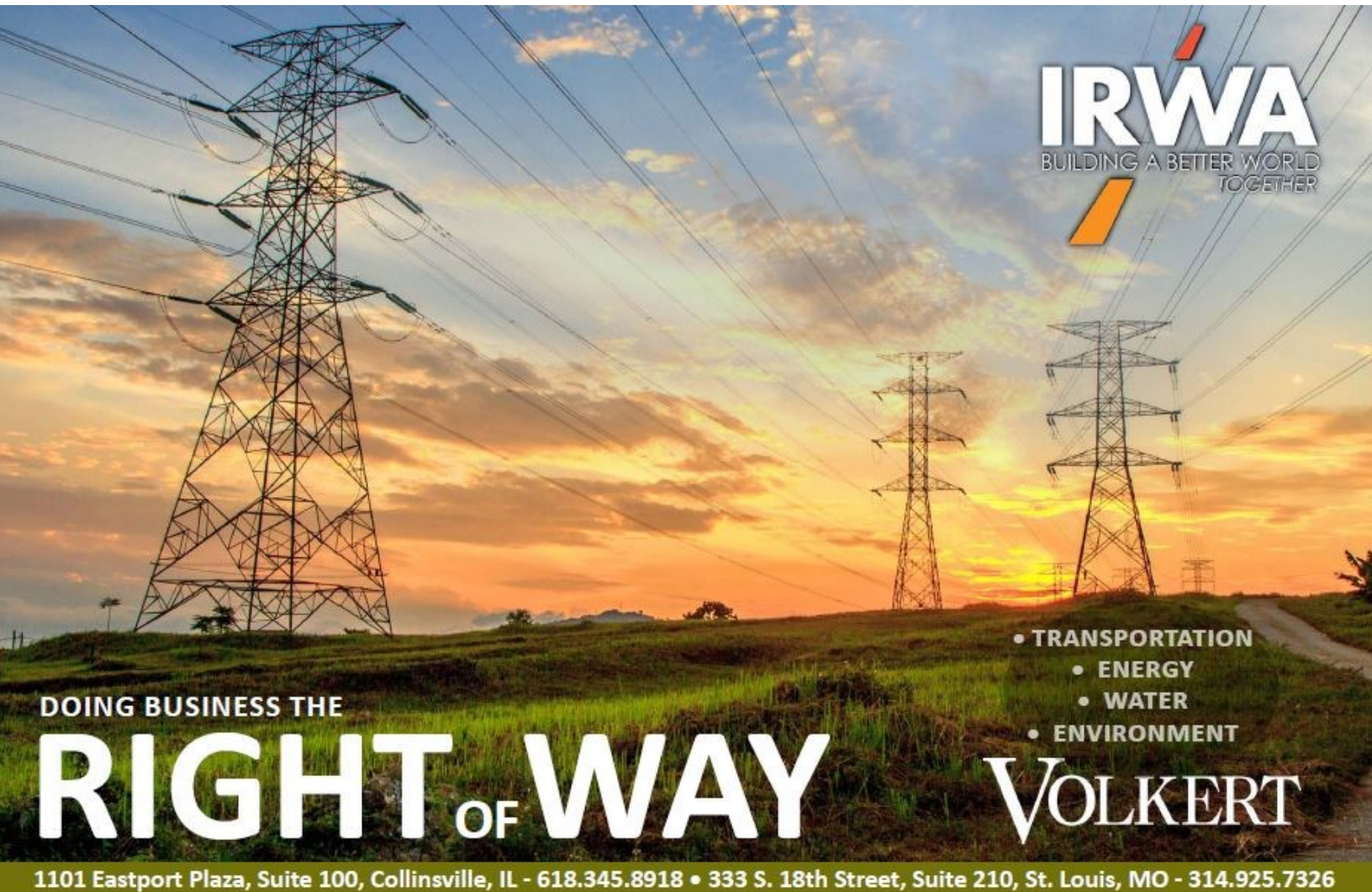


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or what's going on in our **region**...

➔ <http://www.irwaregion3.com/>

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