
GATEWAY EXPRESS

IRWA Chapter 37, Newsletter, March 2008



2008 Chapter Officers:

President: Gerald Johnson

President Elect: Angela Hagins

1st Vice President: Lou Ann Dollar SR/WA

2nd Vice President: Harvey Allen

Treasurer: Ed Dirck, SR/WA, R/W-NAC

Secretary: Clay Frankenreiter

Director/1 year: Cynthia Gan, SR/WA, R/W-EC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Meetings: March 14, 2008
May 9th
September 12,
November 14

Spring Forum February 29, 2008, Deadwood SD

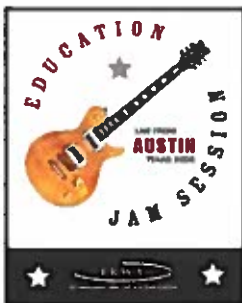
Annual Education Conference: Austin TX, June 22-25, 2008

Day with the Cardinals: August 7th,

Upcoming Classes:

701 Property Asset Management Leasing, April 16
703 Real Property Asset Management, April 18
303 Managing the Consultant Process, September 29
600 Intro to Environmental Issues, November 7

The 54th Annual Education Conference



The 54th Annual Education Conference will be held in Austin, TX, June 22-25, 2008.

Each year, IRWA's Annual International Education Conference provides right of way professionals with unparalleled learning and networking opportunities.

With typically more than 1,000 registrants, attendees have the opportunity to learn about best practices, share project challenges and hear solutions from the industry's leading professionals.



Swearing in of Chapter 37's 2008 Officers at the 2008 Annual Banquet at Favazzas (On the Hill)

2008 Installation Luncheon at Favazzas

January 11, 2008



Jeff Douglass, Manager of Real Estate, AmerenUE & AmerenUE employees accepting award.



Chris Hilson and Renee Reynolds doing a great job helping with Auction.



Chris Hilson, showing off one of the auction items.

Message from our President

Gerald L. Johnson
January 11, 2008

Greetings Chapter 37 members and friends. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve as the President of our Gateway Chapter 37 for 2008.

Our chapter had a great year during 2007 under the leadership of Cynthia Gan. We hosted the Region 3 Spring forum, sponsored many IRWA classes, had several members receive their SRWA designations, had our annual Cardinal ballgame outing with a dinner buffet, and welcomed many new members.

As you know, our chapter offers its members many opportunities for self improvement through its educational courses, networking opportunities at our quarterly luncheon meetings, professional designations to enhance your career, and opportunities for serving on IRWA committees, whether it is chapter, regional, or international. As your President, I challenge each of you to take advantage of these opportunities and become more involved in making our chapter even better during 2008.

Our chapter provides opportunities for you to help with our educational courses, seeks your ideas and assistance for our newsletter and recruitment of interesting speakers for our luncheons. I look forward to you sharing your project experiences with our membership and encouraging your coworkers and other right of way professionals to become new members. I know you will have fun participating in our annual Cardinals ballgame outing, as well as expanding your knowledge of the IRWA by attending the Region 3 Spring or Fall forum or the IRWA annual conference in June. All of your ideas and suggestions to enhance your experience are welcomed. If each of you participates in some way, then you will have a better feeling of ownership in our chapter.

Just remember that our Gateway chapter 37 is an important part of a much larger international right of way professional organization. You can get as much out of it as you put in to it. So let's all get it together and make 2008 one of the best years yet. I thank you all for your participation.

**Congratulations to Cynthia Gan, SR/WA, R/W-EC
2007 Region 3 Professional of the Year**



**Cynthia Gan, SR/WA, R/W-EC
Chapter 37**

**Cynthia's response upon learning she was named the IRWA 2007 Region 3
Professional of the Year:**

Oh my gosh! I just found out this morning about receiving this and I am soooo excited and grateful to have been chosen among so many well deserving individuals. I am sorry I could not attend because I missed something so wonderful and once in a lifetime. It does not at all take away from my appreciation of this special recognition though, and I'm going to have a hard time working this morning.

Please know, it is because of all of you and the IRWA members in our Chapter and Region that made me want to belong to this group of professionals and helped give me a passion for the work we do each day. I value your friendship and cannot thank you enough for choosing me from this group.

Thanks again for all you do and I am truly honored to be a part of Region 3.

Congratulations, Cynthia!

