

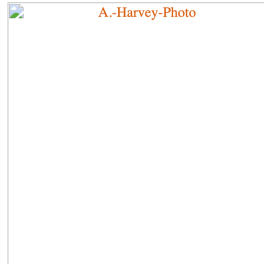


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## CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



**April C. Harvey, President**

### President's Message

The Chapter has been working hard to onboard new members, award 2 Education scholarships, provide course offerings, recognizing recipients of professional designations and hearing from members about upcoming projects throughout the region!

The Board is dedicated and committed to planning for the rest of 22/23 FY.

There are excellent opportunities ahead for members!

The Chapter recently hosted a Happy Hour event and SoFi stadium tour with members and their families. All who attended enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the Board for planning this event and thank you to All Participants

A few important email reminders were sent by the Chapter and Headquarters announcing membership renewal season, open registration for the upcoming IRWA Annual Conference in Denver, CO and the Leader's Light the Way 2.0 Scholarship.

Please take a look at the Right of Way Education Foundation's website, <https://www.rwief.org>, which is available to any member with at least two years of IRWA membership.

Chapter 1 is looking forward to the holidays and to our next event in 22/23 where we hope to see you all in person!

We hope you all have a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year!

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### You're almost due for a renewal!

Thank you for being a part of our community and your support over the last year! It's about that time...time to renew that is...so we thought it was a good idea to give you a heads-up your membership is due to expire on 12/31/22.

By renewing your IRWA membership, you can take your professional development to the next level through access to a growing list of member benefits, including:

- [IRWA Weekly Buzz](#) — weekly updates about the latest right of way industry news
- [Right of Way Magazine](#) — bimonthly magazine on all things right of way
- [Member Network](#) — our members-only social network; start connecting and sharing ideas with peers
- Discounted tuition on courses
- Discounted registration rates on events, including the Annual International Education Conference

[Click here to renew and stay connected at any level of your career!](#)

If you need assistance with renewing your membership or have questions, please email [membership@irwaonline.org](mailto:membership@irwaonline.org).

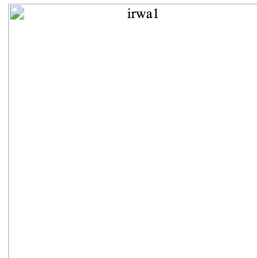
We look forward to being your partner in professional growth and serving your membership needs!

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**Professional Development Update By: Neidy Pinuelas**

**Chapter 1 Members' Linda Barras and Aaron You Awarded  
IRWA CHAPTER 1 — 2022-2023 EDUCATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP**

IRWA Chapter 1 congratulates Linda Barras and Aaron You on being awarded the 2022-2023 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS. The Scholarship will assist them as they work to achieve their Senior Right of Way Professional (SR/WA) credentials. The program is a valuable benefit to Chapter 1 members who utilize the voucher as a tool to offset some of the cost of the educational requirements to pursue their professional development goals. To apply, Linda and Aaron each submitted essays about how the scholarship would enable their pursuit of IRWA certification requirements and detailing their plans on how they plan to complete it. Here is some background on the 2022-2023 Educational Scholarship recipients:



"I am involved in the Land Profession because I love people. From 2003 to 2016, I had my own abstracting business researching surface and mineral title from Land Patent. I began my career with Caltrans in 2017 and joined the Right of Way Property Management team. I was then rotated to the Condemnation Unit in 2020 a week before the pandemic lock down. My education and training in this unit happened via email, Zoom and phone calls. I am a member of the AAPL and an active member in the Los Angeles Association of Professional Landmen and recently accepted the Membership Chair position.

I am a member of the International Right of Way Association and will complete my SR/WA-TN certification in February 2023. I look for the best in people, and I understand that failure is an opportunity to learn. I have had many failures in my life, but in each of those things that happened, I learned valuable lessons. It has made me wiser and more compassionate towards others." Linda Thibodeaux- Caltrans District 7.

"Hi, my name is Aaron and I am a Land Advisor for SoCalGas' Land and Right-of-Way department. My job is to provide assistance to our clients related to all matters of land rights and compliance. I am a licensed Certified General Appraiser with expansive knowledge and experience in right-of-way valuation. My unpaid profession, but the most rewarding, is being a loving husband and father to my wife and two beautiful, intelligent, and charismatic daughters. I am an avid Lakers fan and enjoy playing any competitive sport, especially basketball, billiards, and golf. I would like to thank the IRWA Chapter 1 for the scholarship and wish everyone a Holiday season filled with love, health, and happiness. Cheers to a prosperous 2023!" Aaron S. You- SoCalGas



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**Leader's Light the Way 2.0 Memorial Scholarship**

Funded by the Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF)

This scholarship offers an impactful way to combine the RWIEF's mission and the values of past IRWA leaders.

One \$2,500 scholarship toward IRWA education courses will be available to each of IRWA's 68 Chapters within the 10 Regions.

**Scholarship candidates must have the following to qualify:**

- An active, good-standing IRWA membership for at least two (2) years
- Submit an essay of 300 words or less describing
  - 1.) what they see as their strongest or current potential contribution to the IRWA and how this scholarship would enhance their capacity to make contributions
  - 2.) what excites them about IRWA's future and that of the right of way profession, and
  - 3.) what role they want to have in the future of the profession and IRWA

**Applications available December 1, 2022**

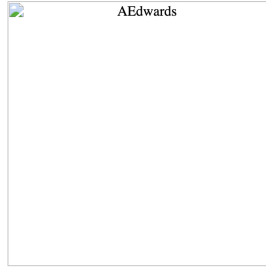
- Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2023
- Applications selection by April 1, 2023
- Grantees will be notified by June 1, 2023
- Scholarship awards must be used within two years from June 1, 2023
- All courses may be taken in person, on demand or virtually

**To learn more about this scholarship and other ways the RWIEF supports IRWA's**

mission, visit <https://www.rwief.org>

To apply, visit [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org) and click on "Leaders Light the Way 2.0 Memorial Scholarship" under the education tab.

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## Education Chair

By: **Alana Edwards**

Hello Chapter 1 members!

As a Chapter 1 Member You are Eligible to take up to two FREE Two-Day Chapter 1 IRWA Class!  
This is a wonderful opportunity for all Chapter 1 members to help fulfill your IRWA educational requirements for certifications:

### Courses for February – July 2023

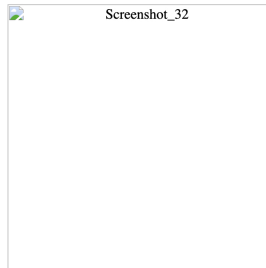
2/2023 – C102 Elevating Your Ethical Awareness (rescheduled from 12/15/2022)  
3/2023 – C900 Principles of Real Estate Engineering  
4/2023 – C203 Alternative Dispute Resolution  
5/2023 – C400 Principles of Real Estate Appraisal  
6/2023 – C603 Understanding Environmental Contamination in Real Estate  
7/2023 – C201 Communication in Real Estate Acquisition

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Valuation Committee Update By: **Ryan Hargrove and Paul Norlen**

## Upcoming Events Save The Date



May 25, 2023

The 31st Annual Chapter 1 Valuation Seminar

An In-Person, Full-Day Event

Covering Valuation Topics Important

To Right of Way Practitioners

at a To Be Determined Los Angeles County Location

More Information to Come

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## Save The Date

### Annual Conference 2023 Location - Denver, CO

Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center

650 15th Street

Denver, Colorado, United States 80202

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