

The Award Winning Beaver Tales



April 2014

Newsletter for Beaver State Chapter 3 serving Oregon and SW Washington since 1950

Chapter 3 meeting Friday April 11th at Ernesto's

Board Meeting: 10:30am
Meeting: 12:00pm
Speaker: 12:15pm

8544 SW Apple Way
Portland, Oregon 97225
LUNCH: \$14

IRWA Chapter 3

Please RSVP
Diane McLaughlin at
dianemcirwa@hotmail.com

ASSESSING TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR CONTAMINATION

Heidi Yantz is an Oregon Registered Geologist and member of our local IRWA chapter. She has agreed to be our lunch speaker at our next meeting (April 11th). Heidi manages the Portland area Geo-Environmental group at PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc and serves as a senior technical resource for assessment and remediation projects. She has performed approximately 100 Phase I ESAs and has reviewed dozens of others for colleagues.



Heidi will discuss the current guidance and standards for conducting environmental due diligence on properties. These assessments, known as Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESA), Level I ESAs, or hazardous materials corridor studies, can be handled in a variety of ways depending on the project objectives. Examples of environmental conditions that could impact the acquisition and/or construction schedules will be provided, along with a few highlights from recent projects.

Environmental issues are always an area of concern, and we look forward to hearing how Environmental Site Assessments help us to understand a property.

March 14th

Prize Drawing Results

Lewis Benedict, SR/WA was present to win the \$225 jackpot drawing.

Jeff Nakken, SR/WA won the attendance free lunch. Congratulations!

Jacilyn Margeson won the potential new member free lunch drawing.

**April Lunch
Jackpot is \$50
Good Luck!**

IRWA Events

Chapter 3 and ODOT
Right of Way Symposium
May 14 & 15, 2014

2014 IRWA Conference
June 22-25

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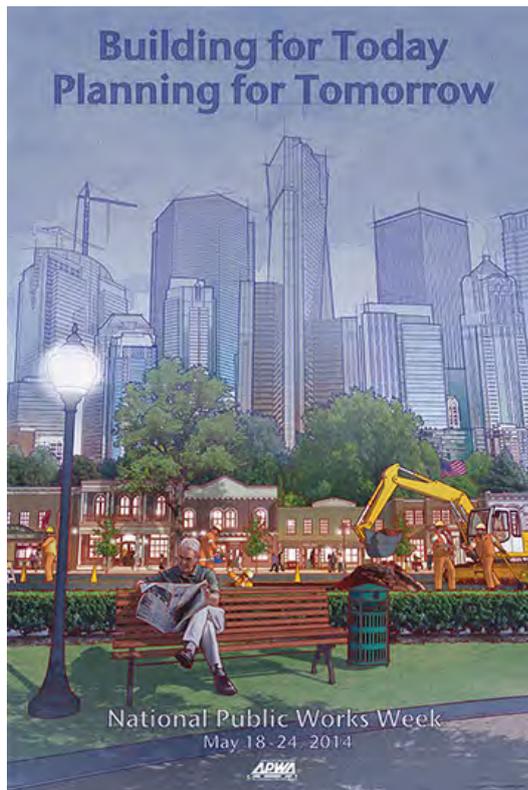
There is still time to sign up for the

Joint Chapter 3 and ODOT
Right of Way Symposium
May 14 & 15, 2014

Embassy Suites Hotel - PDX
**DISCOUNT RATES end on
APRIL 22nd, 2014**

Make sure you sign up today and
don't miss this exciting Event

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National Public Works Week
May 18-24, 2014



Hello Chapter 3!

People have always said, "Avoid stepping into a great person's shoes." It's good advice, especially if one is trying to make their own mark in the world. In my case, when I assumed the role of President of Beaver State Chapter 3, I chose to interpret that advice in a different way, to continue the momentum, to continue to build upon the solid base left by my predecessors; in this case, Jim Lingeman, SR/WA.

Jim has worked tirelessly to promote the IRWA and Beaver State Chapter 3 not only on the Chapter level, but the Region and International level as well. This hard work was not overlooked when, last Friday at the Region 7 Spring Forum in Spokane, WA, Jim was presented with the Region 7 Professional of the Year Award. I was fortunate enough to be sitting next to him when the award was given, and he accepted it with the same humble demeanor and grace that we've come to know from him. He was thankful but quick to deflect credit, acknowledging the hard work of others represented in the award. Like me, Jim chose to build on the foundation created by others when he stepped into the role of President, a role he inherited from the hard-working Dawneen Dostert. I'm so proud of Jim and I'm excited to think what lay ahead for him beyond his current position on the IRWA International Nominations and Elections Committee. Congratulations Jim!

Speaking of congratulations and dedicated hard work, Leslie Finigan, SR/WA is one of four people nominated for the prestigious Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award. This annual award is given to the nominee who makes contributions through leadership positions at the chapter, region and international levels; fulfills educational courses and activities; participates in IRWA regional and international activities; and achieves IRWA professional designations. This is an incredible honor for her and the Association would be hard-pressed to find another individ-

ual as dedicated to the IRWA as Leslie. We're lucky to have her and we're all pulling for you in Hartford, CT!

For Leslie however, it doesn't stop there. Universal Field Services from Chapter 3 has also been nominated as Employer of the Year with more than 20 employees! Leslie's passion for the industry has cascaded down to her employees, and that has made Universal a standout acquisition and relocation company. Continued success to Leslie and Universal!

Although Chapter 3 was ineligible to submit for the Newsletter of the Year Award (recent winners must wait 3 years before submitting again) based on our resounding win in 2011 (Next year Barry, next year!), we ARE nominated for Website of the Year Award. The website doesn't just "happen," it's managed by none other than Jim Lingeman, SR/WA with contributions from several others. As good as our website is currently, Jim and Newsletter Editor extraordinaire Barry Bliss have some new format changes coming which should make our site even better! But it doesn't stop there...

Drum roll please!

Beaver State Chapter 3 has been nominated for outstanding Chapter of the Year!! (I know! Can you believe this?!) It's such an honor just to be nominated and I might fall over dead if we won. This nomination solidifies to me, the strength and determination of all of our members and is representative of the vast array of talent we together, possess. Regardless what happens in June at the Education Conference, we're winners. But we shouldn't be content with this. We should always be striving to better ourselves and our chapter which is why I'm so confident in our incoming President, Regina Thompson, SR/WA. Will she chart a new course or continue to build upon this foundation? I don't know, but all of the tools are here for our continued growth and success.

As if all of these accolades weren't enough, Region 7 has two



Matt Gossett, President

nominated Instructors of the Year. Anyone who has taken classes with Dan Beardsley and Faith Roland know that they are truly knowledgeable about the industry and fantastic instructors. I'd also like to give a shout out to another notable nominee, Carol Brooks of Region 1.

The good news keeps coming as our Symposium in May continues to take shape. This may be one of the most well attended and most anticipated Right of Way seminars in recent memory. Take a moment now to sign up by filling out the registration in the newsletter and send to Lori Hathaway R/W-RAC, Universal Field Services, PO Box 2354, Salem, OR 97308-2354. Then you can either remit a check payable to IRWA Chapter 3 or pay via PayPal on our Chapter 3 website.

Please be aware that this month at our general membership meeting on April 11 at Ernesto's, we'll be voting on officers and, have a few Chapter awards to hand out as well. Our speaker this month is Heidi Yantz, an Oregon Registered Geologist who will be discussing the current standards for conducting environmental due diligence on properties. RSVP to Meeting Coordinator Diane McLaughlin.

So, so proud to be a part of this incredible association and chapter!

Matt Gossett

"Volunteer Spotlight"

Bob Finnigan Beaver Tales Assistant and Go-To Writer

Note from the Editor, Bob Finnigan has been assisting with the Newsletter since I took on this position over three years ago. He is an integral part of this effort and quietly adds a lot without taking credit. He is not an IRWA member yet, but volunteers his time and skills of which we all are appreciative. Though he was reluctant, I feel he deserves a spotlight for his efforts – thanks Finni, you are the best!

You know what desperate looks like? If you're reading this, you do now... You see, when your award-winning newsletter has trouble coming up with a member to profile in its monthly Member Spotlight feature, Editor-In-Chief Barry Bliss pans the basement office he and I share.

And there, on the far side of the cellar (Universal team mate Lori Hathaway calls us, 'the people under the stairs') sits me.

"Hey, Bob," starts Mr. Bliss, who likes us to call him that... really likes it. "You're our Member Spotlight for this edition."

"Hey, Mr. Bliss," I retort, "I'm not a member."

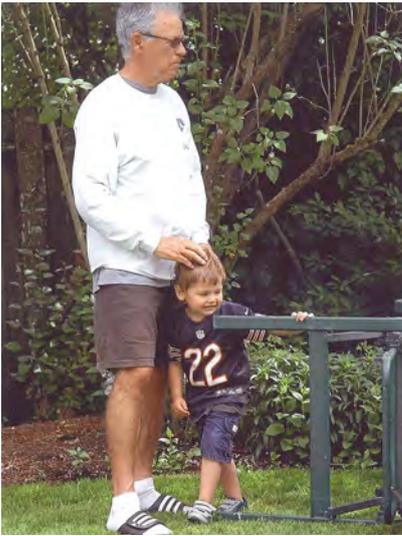
"A mere technicality," Mr. Bliss re-retorts. "We're desperate... Hey, that didn't come our right..."

I choked back my umbrage at being regarded thusly, and fell back on, "No..."

Then Mr. B dropped the hammer. "Leslie," he said, "thinks it's a good idea." While he did not specify whether that would be Leslie, my boss, or Leslie, my wife, our much-loved EIC implied that this would be both of them.

Mr. Bliss went on to explain we were in need of a profile, and that my profile, as the aforesaid Mr. B's faithful one-man staff, would be a good way to explain my part in Beaver Tales as well as my path to Right of Way work.

"So, it's come to this".



Bob and grandson Grant

My background: I was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, as outcome of my parents reunion after WWII, where my dad spent several years in the in the Indian Ocean in the Royal Navy. With my mum's two brothers already in the USA and urging us to emigrate for the children (big sis Betty and me) we wound up in Boston.

I grew up there, pretty much an inner city kid, went to a fine high school and underwent my first career change during my Northeastern University admissions interview when I was told my dream of being an engineer would require more physics – in summer school. Ten tics later I was a journalist.

I worked for two papers in Boston, covered a number of Boston Marathons, the Olympics, Patriots, Bruins, Whalers, and wound up as Red Sox beat man in the mid-1970's. I was offered a job by the Seattle Times in 1982. I was looking for a change and took the job. I covered the Seattle Mariners for 25 years, from the terrible 1980's through the terrific 1990's and into the new century.

One day in spring training in 2004, after a Cactus League game, I was among a group of writers who went to a local sports bar to watch a UW basketball game – when a waitress dumped my Guinness Stout in my lap. A solicitous lady from the next table offered napkins to help dry me off and she turned out to be a friend of this woman with a gorgeous smile and joyous laugh. I introduced myself and she said she was Leslie. End of story.



Well, not really. We dated up and down I-5 for a year or so, and one day, whether she sensed how tired I was of travel 50,000-70,000 miles a year and daily deadlines and the on eternal alert for scoops and stories, she did not say. But she asked me if I ever would consider changing careers. Being a beat-up beat man, I said something clever like, "How'd you guess?" She said she had been thinking how good I was with people and how this would work so well in the right of way business.

So here I is (see how my writing skills have eroded), for about six years now. I have to say I could not be happier about any part of my life, a good job with a superb company (I do NOT get any bennies for saying that) surrounded by a great family.



Follow Finnigan.

He covers ALL the
Mariner bases in

The Seattle Times

Bob Finnigan, 1985

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March Lunch Meeting

Thank you to Jill Gelineau for coming to talk with our group at the March lunch meeting. She gave a very thoughtful presentation to help us understand the property owner's perspective during a Right of Way project. It's served as a good reminder that we need to make every effort to communicate clearly and with as much detail as possible about how the project will impact the property owner. Incorrect or inconsistent information about scheduling and project details can lead to mistrust between the agency and the property owner. We also need to be considerate in our timing of when we talk to tenants, and be clear about the property owner's rights to representation. Thanks again to Jill Gelineau, attorney at law.

IRWA Conducts Hill Briefing in Washington, DC

On March 25th, Lee Hamre, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC, IEC President-Elect, and Leslie Finnigan, SR/WA IPAC Chair addressed the Ways and Means Committee and made a presentation promoting IRWA and the need to have trained right of way professionals involved in all infrastructure projects.

On March 26th, IRWA presented "Successful Delivery of Infrastructure Projects in Today's Economy" to Congressional staff. Rodney Davis, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, emphasized that infrastructure is the key to job growth and reinforces the need for increased funding.

Pictured below are: Wayne Goss, SR/WA, IEC Vice President, Lee Hamre, SR/WA, IEC President-Elect, Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA IEC Treasurer, and Leslie Finnigan, SR/WA IPAC Chair at the Hill Briefing March 25th in the House Ways & Means Committee Room in Washington DC.



Welcome Chapter 3 New Members

Larissa A. Hammond - Epic Land Solutions, Inc.

Benjamin Garcia - HDR, Inc.

Brian G. Howell - HDR, Inc.

Anna M. Michalski - HDR, Inc.

Darcy E. Broughton - HDR, Inc.

Hannah A. Halpenny - HDR, Inc.

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Volunteer Spotlight Continued...

It actually took about a year to adjust from being a quasi-public figure in Seattle – I was once referred to as one of the Times' brand names – with something like 400-500 bylines a year – to becoming Citizen Plain.

Part of it all is the fun and enjoyment me and Mr. Bliss – did I mention he really likes that? – get from producing Beaver Tales. Barry (gosh, I hope he does not mind the familiarity) does virtually all the work. I do a smidgen of editing and work on the Spotlight when we get a member to submit to our torture. And we combine on some truly clever headlines. Every now and then I get to missing writing, so this helps me a lot.



I do not miss sports coverage. My old boss, Cathy Henkel, told me in the year after I retired from the paper that I would never have done all they do now, blogging and tweeting, etc. I enjoy the change in work, and I'm not just talking about tasks. Whereas I used to deal with pro athletes making much money and often more of themselves than was their due (I have explained many times that I handled their salaries as just another number attached to them, like their batting average on W-L pct.). Some stayed real, but most went big league to one degree or another.

Sports, for me, has been reduced to playing senior softball, and if I do say, I am still mobile and agile enough to do a fair job at shortstop for several teams. The difference is that now I'm working with real people, home, property and business owners with real concerns that we tried to answer and alleviate. The job as right of way agent, to me, is sort of daily problem solving. And I'm never alone in this puzzle work, nor is anyone else at Universal. Everyone pitches in, with Regina (Thompson), Seth (Hemelstrand) and Lou (Schwab) project managers who are always supportive and quick with a resolution, With them and Lori, longtime acquisition agent gone to re-location stalwart, Deb Rich, our go-to on title and documents, and admin Nick Phillips, so willing to do whatever asked of him, I feel like I have two families now.

Leslie is part of both, of course. A huge part. She runs two offices for Universal, California, as well as the Lower Pac-NW from Salem, and I am not lying when I say I have no idea how she keeps energized and so, so upbeat. She just never stops and this is not lost on any of our staff, who in turn, just keep feeding off Leslie's go-get-em.

As to home family, Leslie's daughters are maxing out their own lives. Michelle is an executive at Boeing in Seattle. Mandy (and the aforementioned Seth) have five kids: Chloe, who just turned 11, twins Ben and Kyler, 8, Granners (Grant), 5, and Sam Finn (named in part for me, ta-da), closing fast on 2. They are simply wonderful and special people, well-raised. Les and I just keep marveling at how well they do at school and activities, including arts and sports, and how full our lives are trying to keep up, how much fun it is to watch them develop as people.



MacNab and MacKay

And I cannot talk of family without including our critters. MacNab and MacKay, our two Golden Retrievers, keep me going – literally – 4-5 miles a day. And the cats, old Joe and purr machine Molly.

We have cats at UFS (a fat cat in our office named Ufis and a sweet little girl named Re-lo), and Lori's pups, Ice in the AM and Trek in the afternoon.

I will stop boring you now. In closing I must point out I am not too far from re-retiring. And here's a truth – one of the things that keeps me working is the people I work with. For all my communication abilities, I have never made friends easily. Yet, I am so surrounded by them at Universal, that when I do finally hang 'em up, on many days I will probably stop by the office for a cup of coffee and a chat.

Even with Mr. Bliss, the big teddy bear of a pal who is so much fun and has become an ace agent and actually does allow folk to call him Barry.



Bob and MacKay



IRWA

EDUCATION CONFERENCE

HARTFORD 2014

JUNE 22-25

Start planning today!

Welcome to the International Right of Way Association's 60th Annual International Education Conference held in Hartford, Connecticut, at the Connecticut Convention Center. We invite you to attend this valuable industry event and take advantage of the many educational and learning opportunities, as well as the networking events that have been planned just for you. Please feel free to contact us if you have any specific questions regarding the annual conference, and check our website often for updates regarding our plans as we continue mapping out your educational event of the year!

Sincerely,

Your 2014 Conference Planning Committee

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Chapter 3 2014 Education Schedule

| <u>Course Date</u> | <u>Course #</u> | <u>Course Name</u> | <u>Facilitator</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| April 17, 2014 | C431 | Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions | Jeff Swango, SR/WA, R/W-AC. RW-NAC | Radisson, Portland |
| May 14 & 15 | IRWA Chapter 3 Education Symposium | | | Embassy Suites at PDX |
| June 12 & 13 | C203 | Alternative Dispute Resolution | Carol Brooks, SR/WA | Double Tree Hotel, Salem |
| July 14 -16 | SR/WA | SR/WA Study Session | Joe Pestinger, SR/WA | Double Tree Hotel, Salem |
| September 9 | C213 | Conflict Management | Carol Brooks, SR/WA | Radisson, Portland |
| October 2014 | C504 | Computing Replacement Housing Payments | Brad Thomas | TBD |
| November 2014 | C506 | Advanced Business Relocation Assistance | Leslie Beaird R/W-RAC | Radisson, Portland |

Please watch Chapter 3's and IRWA's websites for more information about these classes as it becomes available. To register, please visit irwaonline.org.

Respectfully submitted by Seth Hemelstrand, Chapter 3 Education Chair, 3/4/14.

Bucky's Election Coverage

Officer voting to be held, April 11, at the Chapter 3 Lunch Meeting at Ernesto's

Slate of Officers for 2014 - 2015 are as follows

Pres. Elect – Jo Ellen Jarvis, R/W-AC, RWA

Vice Pres. – Dan Benson, SR/WA

Secretary – Kari Lowe, SR/WA

Treasurer – Lori Hathaway, R/W-RAC, RWA



Bucky want's to remind you that this election is not just for our chapter its for AMERICA! Please come and join your members and vote.

We are also voting for...

Chapter 3 Professional of the Year: Nominee's are: Matt Gossett, Barry Bliss, Lori Hathaway or Joe Gray

Chapter 3 Employer of the Year– Multnomah County, ODOT or WSDOT

The voting results of Employer of the Year and Professional of the Year to be announced at the symposium. New officers sworn in at the Symposiums, Thursday luncheon.

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C-431 Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions

April 17, 2014

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Or, to mail or fax:

Course Registration Form (U.S.)

Course Registration Form (Canada)

Start Date: 04/17/2014

End Date: 04/17/2014

No. of Days: 1 day

Course Level: Intermediate

CEU Credits: 8.00

Class Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuition:

- **Early Registration (on or before 3/18/14):** \$250.00 Member / \$315.00 Non-Member (includes \$35 facility fee)

- **Standard Registration (on or after 3/19/14):** \$300.00 Member / \$365.00 Non-Member (includes \$35 facility fee)

Prerequisites:

IRWA Course 401 or Course 421 "The Valuation of Partial Acquisitions"

Course Description:

This course presents more complex partial acquisition valuation problems and offers opportunities for the participants to understand better the possible applications of appraisal theory to specific partial acquisition appraisal situations

Topics:

- Before Acquisition Valuation

- Highest and Best Use as Assemblage with Adjoining Owner

- After Acquisition Valuation

- Benefits

- USPAP and the Uniform Act

- Larger Parcel

- Consistent Use and Interim Use

- Comparable Sales

- Zoning

- Cost to Cures

- Profits a Prendre and the Unit Rule

FACILITATOR:

Jeffrey D. Swango, SRA, SR/WA, R/W-AC is a certified general, senior real property appraiser with the Real Property Services Dept. of Pima County in Tucson. A third generation appraiser, he earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona in 1990 and has been appraising for 18 years 11 of which were in private practice in a family run appraisal company begun in 1959 by his grandfather, Vern W. Swango, MAI, SRA, CRE and continued by his father Dan L. Swango, Ph.D., MAI, SRA, CRE, FRICS.

Regular assignments include right of way appraisals for a variety of properties throughout the county including single family residences, land, and commercial parcels, review appraising, and budget projections. Jeff has authored several articles that have appeared in Right of Way magazine and other related professional appraisal publications. He enjoys the tremendous variety and the more difficult assignments where theory and methodology are often challenged.

Who should take this course:

This course is designed for appraisers and users of appraisal services who have some partial acquisition appraisal experience.

COURSE COORDINATOR:

Jim Lingeman, SR/WA

7810 NE 64th

Vancouver, WA 98662

Phone: (360) 909-0855

Email: jim.lingeman@gmail.com

CLASS LOCATION:

Radisson Hotel

6233 NE 78th Court

Portland, OR 97218

Phone: (503) 408-3672

Fax: (503) 408-3678

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Please contact the Course Coordinator for suggestions regarding local hotel accommodations.

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Credentialing

Generalist: An intermediate course that can be applied towards the ARWP, RWP or SR/WA program.

Specialist: An elective for the R/W-NAC program.



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Two full days of Right of Way Training and Fun!**

- Irrigation/Water Rights - Do You Have them and What are they Worth
- Relocation Benefits – What are they?
- Digital Mapping & 3d Modeling Tools, an Introduction
- Map 21 & Relocation Plans
- What is the Condemnation Process
- How do you Clear Title?
- Acquisitions – DO this – NOT this
- Residential Relocation – The Nuts & Bolts
- Business Relocation – A Lot More Nuts & Bolts
- Appraisals From A Right of Way Agents Point of View
- Access Management
- Appraisal Report Writing for Eminent Domain
- Appraisals – Government Employees Working With Appraisers
- Tools for Effective Negotiations
- Timberland Appraisals –Real Estate Versus Chattel
- Federally Funded Projects – Interface Between LPAs and ODOT/WSDOT
- The Right of Way Game Show
- Intent of Civil Rights Law
- What’s New in Outdoor Advertising
- Utility Issues
- Other Surprises & Events!!



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One Day Registration: Member: \$200.00 Non-Member: \$250.00 \$ _____ (Wed __ Thurs __)

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Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Phone: 503.460.3000 - Fax: 503.460.3030

www.portlandairport.embassysuites.com



Room rate (with government ID): \$126.00/night, includes parking

Negotiated Room Rate: \$144.00/night, includes parking

For Reservations:

Please use the following code: **IRO** to make your reservations by calling reservations at: 1-800-821-5879.

For **Government Employees** use the following code: **IR1** to make your reservations by calling reservations at 1-800-821-5879.

All reservations are due by **4/22/14 to get the discount rate**. Please contact Kina Salas directly if you have any questions. 503-460-3000

Directions for making a reservation on-line (vs. calling the hotel direct)

*Go to www.embassysuitesportlandairport.com

*Select your Stay Information. NOTE: You must select **check in: 05/13 & check out: 05/16**. If you select a different date(s) you will not be able to make a reservation since rooms have only been blocked for the night of 05/13-05/15.

* Click on "Add special rate code", fill in the Group Code box with your group code **IRO** Click on "Check Availability"

* From there you can select the room type/rate and complete the rest of your reservation.

Highlights

- Located at the entrance to the Portland Airport (PDX); on-demand airport shuttle
- Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast and Evening Reception*
- All-suite Portland airport hotel including on-site dining, saltwater pool and fitness center
- Business amenities including 24-hour business center, free photocopying, etc.
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For questions or additional information contact Leslie Finnigan, SR/WA at (503) 709-1916 or email lfinnigan@ufsrw.com

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**Beaver State Chapter 3, International Right of Way Association
Board Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2014
Ernesto's Restaurant – 8544 SW Apple Way, Portland, Oregon**

Call to Order 10:43 AM: President, Matt Gossett

Roll Call - Determination of Quorum: (yes)(13 present)

Officer Reports

- President – Under New Information
- Pres. Elect - Regina: see below.
 - * HQ is getting continuing education credits for Appraisers from Oregon ACLB on the three upcoming classes.
 - * Owen Bartels' appraisal topic: "The appraisal community and IRWA's appraiser members would like the formal job description from which an administrator is hired to include the requirement that the Administrator have appraisal experience." Jo Ellen Jarvis is reviewing a document to give "the IRWA Board's support in relaying this preference to the ACLB chair."
 - * Do we still want to discount registration for classes for early registration...tabled for future meeting. We are still gathering data concerning if the monetary reduction for early sign ups results in higher attendance and/or provides monetary benefits to Chapter by allowing the ordering of materials earlier.
- Vice President - Jo Ellen Jarvis: \$475 deadline March 21 for Hartford Connecticut Conference.
- Secretary's Report/Minutes from previous month: Ken Hoffman prepared Feb. 14, 2014 minutes: approved, board consensus without objection.
- Treasurer's Report - Lori Hathaway: February Report: a motion was made to approve and seconded, board approval without objection.

OLD BUSINESS

- Symposium Update: Lori Hathaway reported that we have over 60 registrants for the symposium already. Lori passed out the most current schedule, which is not finalized yet. The speakers are nearly completely lined up and Leslie Finnigan will be sending out another e-blast about the symposium within the next week. Matt Gossett will formally welcome the new ODOT Chapter 3 members at social hour, Wednesday.
- Regina Proposed logo vote – I have been unable figure out how to upload into Survey Monkey so we will send out in email form.
- May Chapter Meeting at Symposium, Thursday rather than May 9 meeting at Ernesto's. board consensus without objection.
- Region 7 Spring Forum reminder: in Spokane, WA, March 27 & 28

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports

- Membership Report: via Vera Anderson email. Benjamin B.K. Garcia from HDR, Inc; Brian G. Howell from HDR, Inc; Anna M. Michalski from HDR, Inc and Darcy E. Broughton from HDR, Inc; Hannah A. Halpenny from HDR, Inc.; Larissa A. Hammond from Epic Land Solutions, Inc., Consensus board approval without objection.
- Discussion raised about Committee chairs communicating with Region 7 committee chairs, "Community of practice"
- Chapter 3 Slate of Officers: Notification to general membership of the voting for the 2014-2015 board on April 11th:
 - o Pres. Elect – Jo Ellen Jarvis, R/W-AC, RWA
 - o Vice Pres. – Dan Benson, SR/WA
 - o Secretary – Kari Lowe, SR/WA
 - o Treasurer – Lori Hathaway, R/W-RAC, RWA
 - o PDC – Eileen Gehrke, SR/WA

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Board Briefs Continued...

- o Chapter 3 Professional of the Year – Matt Gossett, Barry Bliss, Lori Hathaway or Joe Gray
- o Chapter 3 Employer of the Year– Multnomah County, ODOT or WSDOT
- o The voting results of Employer of the Year and Professional of the Year to be announced at the symposium.
- o New officers sworn in at Symposium, Thursday luncheon.

- Matt Gossett: IRWA Conformity with IRS Requirements from Daniel Stekol shared.
- Supreme Court Ruling, Matt Gossett...Jerry Swan shared the decision.
- Via March 24 email from Seth Hemelstrand: "request approval from the board to offer a onetime deal of the IRWA member rate to the Oregon chapter of the Appraisal Institute members for our course 431 (Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions) on April 17th. (\$300 vs \$365)...Board approval via email.

Committee Reports

- Diane: meeting coordinator is open to continuing for the 2014-2015 year.
- John Deyo: recognize designations...get email from John of list of folks.
- Steve Fox: LPA chair, WSDOT training was intense...
- Relocation: Jean Celia, Map 21 reminder....
- Rod Bliss: APWA week in May
- Leslie to speak in front of congress....email Lori Hathaway.

11:45am Adjourned

Luncheon Speaker:

Jill Gelineau, attorney with Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt presented:
'What Property Owners Hate About Right of Way Agents'

Jackpot 03-14-14:

Jeff Nakken, SR/WA, Washington County, was the winner of the free lunch. Jacilyn Margeson, BPA, won a free lunch for bringing a potential new member. Lewis Benedict, SR/WA, Clark County, was the \$225 jackpot name drawn and was present to win (attendance required). Next month's jackpot is \$50.00. Draft

Dates & Events

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| APRIL | |
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| 1 | April Newsletter Information Deadline |
| 11 | IRWA Chapter 3 Board Meeting and General Meeting at Ernesto's |
| 17 | C-431 Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions Facilitator: Jeffrey D. Swango, SRA, SR/WA, R/W-AC Site: Radisson Hotel Coordinator: Jim Lingeman, SR/WA *** Class starts at 8:00am |

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| May 18 - 24 APWA National Public Works Week | | | | | | |
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| 18-24 | APWA National Public Works Week |

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