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October Transportation Day

You won't want to miss the October Transportation Day on October 28, 2025! It's being held at the Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis, IN. Registration will be limited, so sign up today!

Details about registration are available on the next page and on the chapter website. Scan or click the QR code to go straight there.





IRWA 2025 TRANSPORTATION DAY

You won't want to miss the 2025 Transportation Day being held in at the Government Center in Indianapolis, IN. Spend the day hearing informative presentations and enjoying an included breakfast and lunch. Sponsorship opportunities are available!

OCTOBER 28, 2025



THE INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH

Room 22
302 W Washington St,
Indianapolis, IN 46204



8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

8:00 am - 9:00 am: Registration
& Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Program
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: Lunch
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Program



REGISTRATION

\$100 per person
Registration will be limited due
to room size.

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reserve street parking ahead of time.

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Register at the Chapter 10 website.
<https://www.irwachapter10.org/>

President's *Message*



Dear Chapter 10 Members,

As we transition from the heat of summer to cooler temperatures, I want to express my gratitude to all our corporate sponsors, members, and executive board members. Our chapter wouldn't be able to organize fantastic events and provide valuable content without your support.

Earlier this month, we had a wonderful time at the annual Golf Outing held at Eagle Creek Golf Course. The weather was perfect, and the golfing was enjoyable for most participants. Many attendees left with prizes thanks to the generous donations from our sponsors this year.

In October, we will be hosting an event at the Government Center in downtown Indianapolis, in collaboration with INDOT, featuring insightful discussions on the topic of Transportation.

We are also continuing to offer and schedule educational classes, so please keep an eye out for those emails or visit our website for specific dates and class details.

Your involvement is what makes our chapter thrive, and we are eager to hear your ideas and suggestions for future events. Whether you're interested in volunteering, sponsoring, or simply attending, your participation is invaluable to us.

Remember to follow us on our social media channels for the latest updates and connect with fellow members. Let's continue to build a strong network that supports not only our professional growth but also fosters friendships and community spirit.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and thank you once again for being an integral part of IRWA Chapter 10.

Curt Candler, PS, RWA-GN
Chapter 10, President
(317) 826-7168



IRWA Chapter 10 Golf Outing

WHAT A DAY!

IRWA Chapter 10 Golf Outing was held on Wednesday, September 3rd at Eagle Creek Golf Club in Indianapolis. We had a beautiful day for golf, networking, and socializing.

Congratulations to Banning Engineering for taking home the winner's trophy and to those who represented Volkert's team with a close 2nd.

Thank you to all the sponsors, participants and volunteers that made this year's golf outing such a success. Looking forward to next year!

Written by Angela Deddish, SR/WA.



Opening Remarks from Chapter President
Curt Candler.

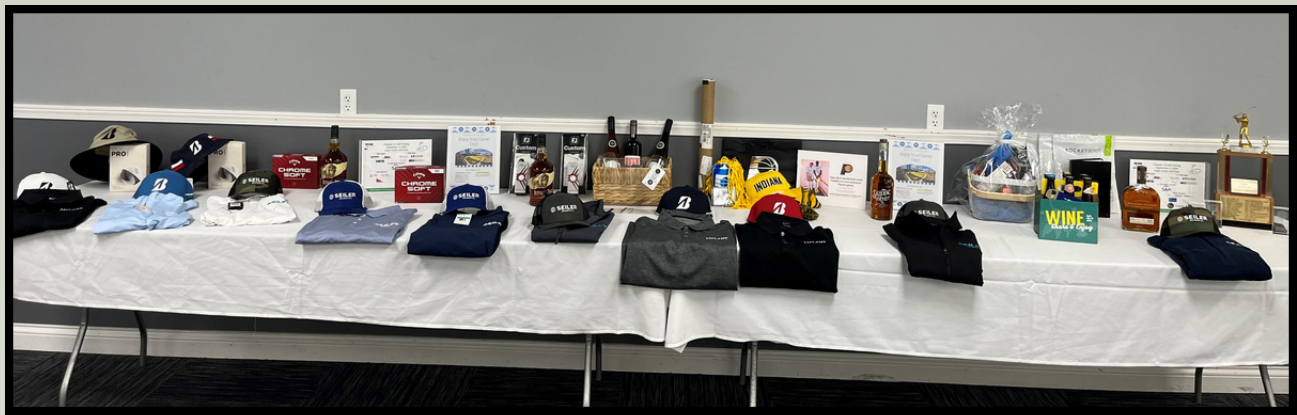


The Banning Engineering Team.

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ACTION SHOTS!





Raffle Prizes!



Chapter 10 Golf Outing September 3, 2025 Eagle Creek Golf Club



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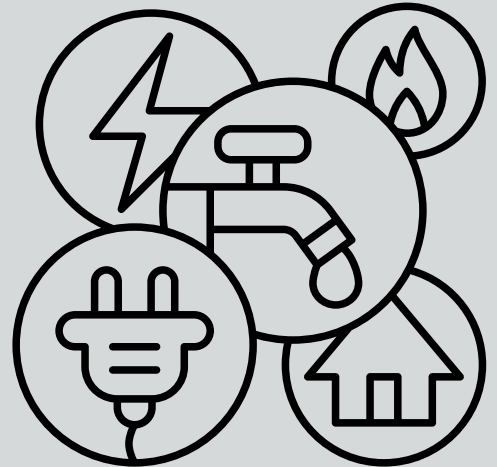


IRWA Chapter 10 Golf Outing Sponsors – Thank you for your support!



Indiana Creates Office to Fight Utility Rate Hikes

Governor Mike Braun has launched a new office to push back against rising utility bills in Indiana. Abby Gray will lead the effort, aiming to hold utility companies accountable and find ways to reduce costs for residents.



Click the image to read more!

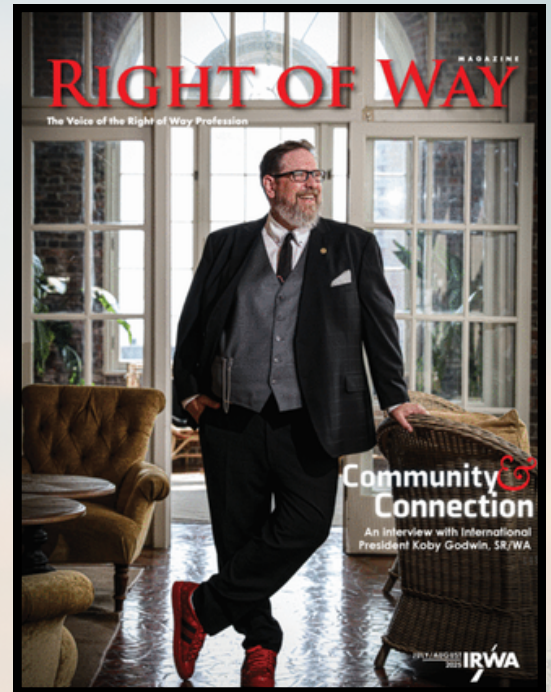


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IRWA INTERNATIONAL

The July/August edition of the Right of Way Magazine is now available! Click the cover photo on your right to access the digital copy.



For more information on the 2026 International Education Conference in Omaha Nebraska, follow the [Facebook Group!](#)

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INTERNATIONAL SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

On September 9, 2025, the International Surveying and Engineering Committee, in collaboration with IRWA Chapter 13 (Buckeye Chapter), hosted a Surveying and Engineering Symposium. Rick Nichols, PS, Chair of the International Surveying and Engineering Committee, served as our seminar coordinator, leading a fantastic lineup of speakers who addressed topics including railroads, safety claims, NCG Datum updates, and survey requirements for right-of-way and easement acquisitions.

The event attracted 95 attendees, among them Tim Drennan, CAE, Executive Director of IRWA; Daniel K. Bucan, SR/WA, IRWA President Elect; and Past International President Robert L. Art, SR/WA (1982-1983).

The goal of the International Surveying and Engineering Committee is to promote awareness of the R/W-SEC Surveying & Certification Program. If you're interested in learning more, please feel free to contact Rick Nichols, PS, Committee Chair, or Cindy Candler, PS, Vice Chair.

For additional information, here is a link to the program guides for the certificate programs:

[Program Guides for Certificate Programs](#)

Written by Cindy Candler, PS.



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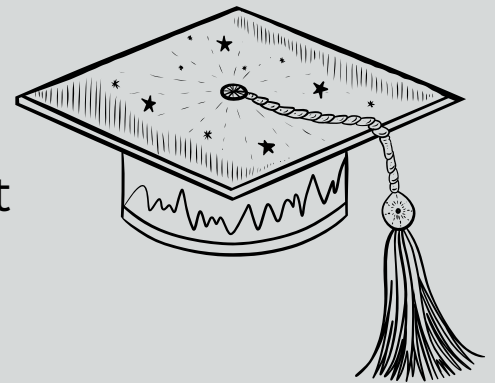
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INDOT ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

INDOT is offering scholarships for Indiana students pursuing Civil Engineering degrees at ABET-accredited schools. Recipients get up to \$3,125 per semester plus paid summer jobs and full-time employment after graduation. Applications for the 2026–2027 school year are due by December 31, 2025.



Click the graduation cap to learn more!

The background of this section is a photograph of a landscape with rolling hills and trees in autumn colors (yellows, oranges, reds). In the foreground, there is a large, stylized white logo for 'SAM' with a trademark symbol. To the right of the logo is a square QR code. Below the logo and QR code, there is a block of text.

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YP Corner

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



My name is Dallas Sharpe, I began my career in advanced manufacturing learning Kaizen, 5S, along with other lean manufacturing principles. I decided to make the switch to INDOT when I moved to Indianapolis, where I started in the concrete lab. A year later I was interested in Real Estate and was thankful enough to land a job as a real estate specialist at INDOT Central office where I eventually became the supervisor. Once I felt I was competent enough in the Real Estate space I applied for a job with Volkert where I work currently, I take care of Volkert Real Estate in Indiana. My main focus is to provide continue support for my employees, project management services, and growth for Volkert Indiana Real Estate.

My statement about why I wanted to join comes from a family friend reaching out to me and asking if I had ever thought about the industry, at the time I knew nothing about it but after some research, I got excited that I could blend some of my lean practices with the passion I have for Real Estate.

Welcome New Members

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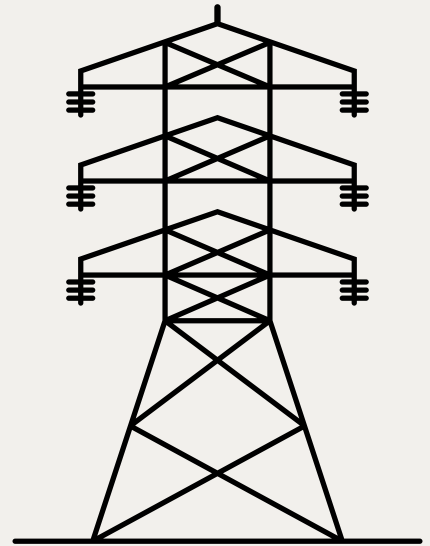
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ASHBURN RESIDENTS PUSH BACK ON POWER LINE PROJECT

Ashburn residents are opposing Dominion Energy's plan to build tall transmission lines through their neighborhood to support data centers. They're concerned about property values, safety, and quality of life. A state hearing is set for September 18.

Click the tower to read more!



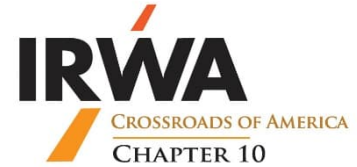
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

It is time to once again recognize those Chapter 10 members and companies who are making an impact on our chapter through their support and engagement. Please take some time and nominate those that are truly deserving to be recognized with the highest honors in our Chapter.

Application forms can be found on the following pages or on the Chapter 10 Website. Click or scan the QR code to go straight there!



2025 Chapter 10 Employer of the Year Nomination Form



Description: The IRWA Chapter 10 Employer of the Year recognizes a company, firm or agency in the right-of-way profession that has contributed to the advancement of the right-of-way industry by exemplary support of its employees in their involvement in the Chapter, as well as donated resources to positively impact Chapter 10 through active participation in Chapter programs, events, education and other activities,

Requirements:

The nominated company, firm or agency must be located, headquartered or have an active location in Indiana.

The nominated company, firm or agency must have IRWA Chapter 10 members as employees and be an active supporter of the Chapter.

This completed nomination form must be received by 11/07/2025 at 12:00 PM ET.

Nominated Company, Firm or Agency: _____

Company, Firm or Agency's Representative Name: _____

Number of employees: _____

Percentage of employees that are Chapter 10 members: _____

Please explain how you are acquainted with the nominee.

Please explain why the nominee should be considered for this award and include information about the nominee in the two categories below, if applicable, during the past year. The list below is not exhaustive, and information about the nominee in every category is not required for the nominee to be considered for the award.

Encouragement and support of its employees in their service to the Chapter and attendance and/or participation in Chapter education, professional development, activities and events and IRWA forums and conferences, IRWA sponsorships and other financial and in-kind contributions and support:

Please provide any other information about the nominee's participation in, and support of, IRWA-related activities, which you believe is significant.

Nominated By: _____

Nominator's Company, Firm or Agency: _____

Nominator's Telephone No. _____

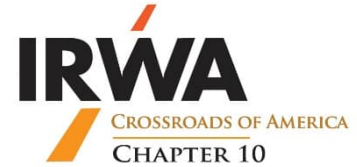
Nominator's Email Address: _____

Signature of Nominator

Date: _____

***Return completed form to Chapter 10 Nominations and Elections Committee
Chair, Patrick McCallister, SR/WA, R/W-NAC at
Patrick.McCallister@wsp.com***

2025 Chapter 10 Professional of the Year Nomination Form



Description: The IRWA Chapter 10 Professional of the Year recognizes a right-of-way industry professional who has contributed to the advancement of the right-of-way profession. This award honors an individual who has demonstrated exemplary support to the Chapter and has positively impacted the Chapter through leadership, educational courses, professional advancement and/or active participation in the Chapter.

Requirements:

The nominee must reside and work in Indiana.

The nominee must be a Chapter 10 member.

This completed nomination form must be received by: 11/07/2025 at 12:00 PM ET.

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Employer's Name: _____

Years in the right-of-way industry: _____

Please explain how you are acquainted with the nominee.

Please explain why the nominee should be considered for this award and include information about the nominee in the categories below, if applicable, during the past year. The list below is not exhaustive, and information about the nominee in every category is not required for the nominee to be considered for the award.

IRWA and other professional designations and/or candidacies, Professional licenses, educational degrees, IRWA (International, Regional and Chapter 10) offices held, IRWA professional development assistance with organizing, presentation and attendance, attendance at and participation in IRWA conferences, meetings and events, as well as contributions to IRWA and other industry or professional publications, IRWA sponsorships and other financial and in-kind contributions and support:

Please provide any other information about the nominee's accomplishments and/or participation in IRWA-related activities, which you believe is significant.

Nominated By: _____

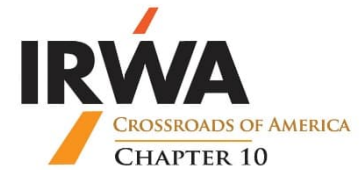
Nominator's Telephone No. _____

Signature of Nominator

Date: _____

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2025 Chapter 10 Project of the Year Nomination Form



Description: The IRWA Chapter 10 Project of the Year recognizes a right-of-way industry project with a team exemplifying outstanding right-of-way industry standards and exceptional project delivery. The Project of the Year is unique and/or has innovative attributes and has overcome obstacles or challenges to successful completion.

Requirements:

- The project must be in Indiana.
- The project must be completed (right-of-way must be clear for construction) in the calendar year of the nomination.
- The nominator must be a Chapter 10 member and key project team member.
- The nomination must include:
 1. The project description along with any unique project attributes
 2. Originator(s) of the project, agency or utility
 3. The agency or utility project manager
 4. The Project Manager(s) for right-of-way services or consulting firm(s), if applicable
 5. The key members of the project team
 6. A narrative of why the project is worthy of the award (to be provided on second page)

Awards will be given at the Chapter 10 Annual Holiday Party/Awards Banquet to:

1. Originator(s) of the project
2. The Project Manager(s) for right-of-way services or consulting firm(s), if applicable

This completed nomination form must be received by 11/07/2025 at 12:00 PM ET.

Project Name: _____

Project Location: _____

Project Originator(s): _____

Agency or Utility Project Manager(s) _____

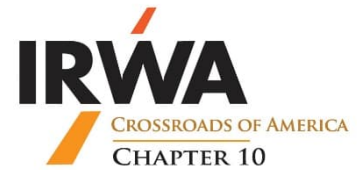
Right of Way Services/Consulting Firm, if applicable: _____

Right of Way Project Manager(s), if applicable: _____

Right of Way Project Completion Date: _____

Please describe the project in detail (on next page)

2025 Chapter 10 Young Professional of the Year Nomination Form



Description: The IRWA Chapter 10 Young Professional of the Year award recognizes a young professional in the right-of-way industry. This award honors an individual who has demonstrated exemplary support for the Chapter and has positively impacted the Chapter through leadership, educational courses, professional advancement, active participation in the Chapter, and/or recruitment of other young professionals at the Chapter level.

Requirements:

Nominee 35 years of age or younger or who has been in the right-of-way industry for less than two years.

The nominee must reside and work in Indiana.

The nominee must be a Chapter 10 member.

This completed nomination form must be received by: 11/07/2025 at 12:00 PM ET.

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Employer's Name: _____

Date of birth and/or years in the right-of-way industry: _____

Years as a Chapter 10 member: _____

How do you know the nominee, and how long have you known the nominee?

Please explain why the nominee should be considered for this award and include information about the nominee in the categories below, if applicable, during the past year. The list below is not exhaustive, and information about the nominee in every category is not required for the nominee to be considered for the award.

IRWA and other professional designations and/or candidacies, Professional licenses, educational degrees, IRWA (International, Regional and Chapter 10) offices held, IRWA professional development assistance with organizing, presentation and attendance with meetings, attendance at and participation in IRWA conferences, meetings and events, contributions to IRWA and other industry or professional publications, recruitment efforts of other young professionals for the Chapter, examples of leadership within the Chapter, IRWA sponsorships and other financial and in-kind contributions and support:

Please provide any other information about the nominee's accomplishments and/or participation in IRWA-related activities, which you believe is significant.

Nominated By: _____

Nominator's Company, Firm or Agency: _____

Nominator's Telephone No. _____

Nominator's Email Address: _____

Signature of Nominator

Date: _____

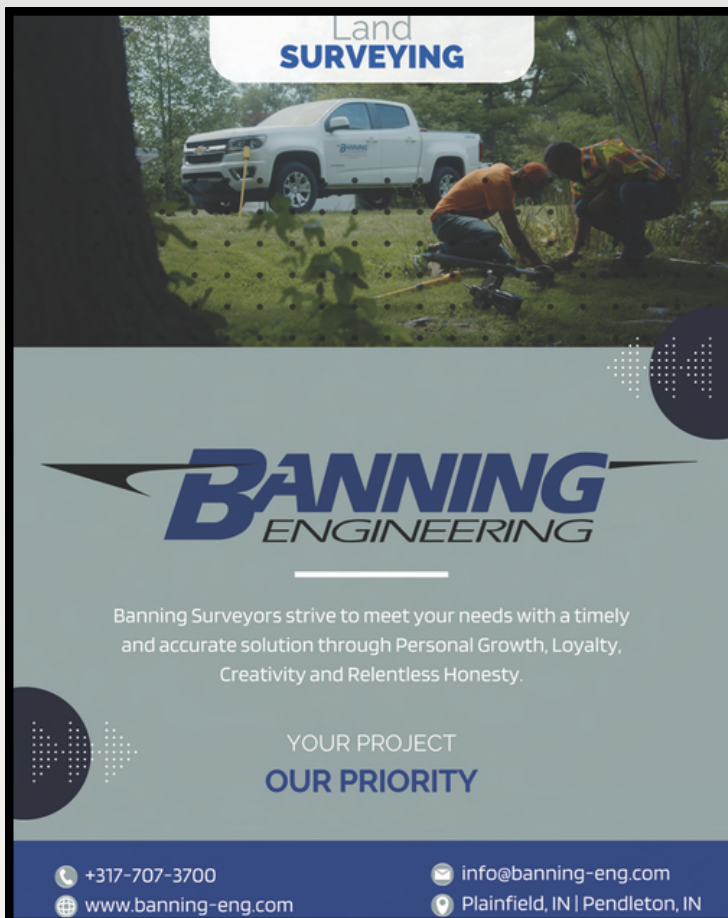
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SPONSORSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE

Make sure to get your applications submitted for the Chapter 10 Scholarships. **Applications are due October 15, 2025!**

- IRWA Chapter 10 Ron and Cynde Barker Education Scholarship: \$1,000.00 for IRWA Education.
- IRWA Chapter 10 Postsecondary Education Scholarship Program: \$1,000.00 for a student who is entering a course of study in any of the various fields related to the right of way profession.

Click [HERE](#) for the applications or see the following pages.



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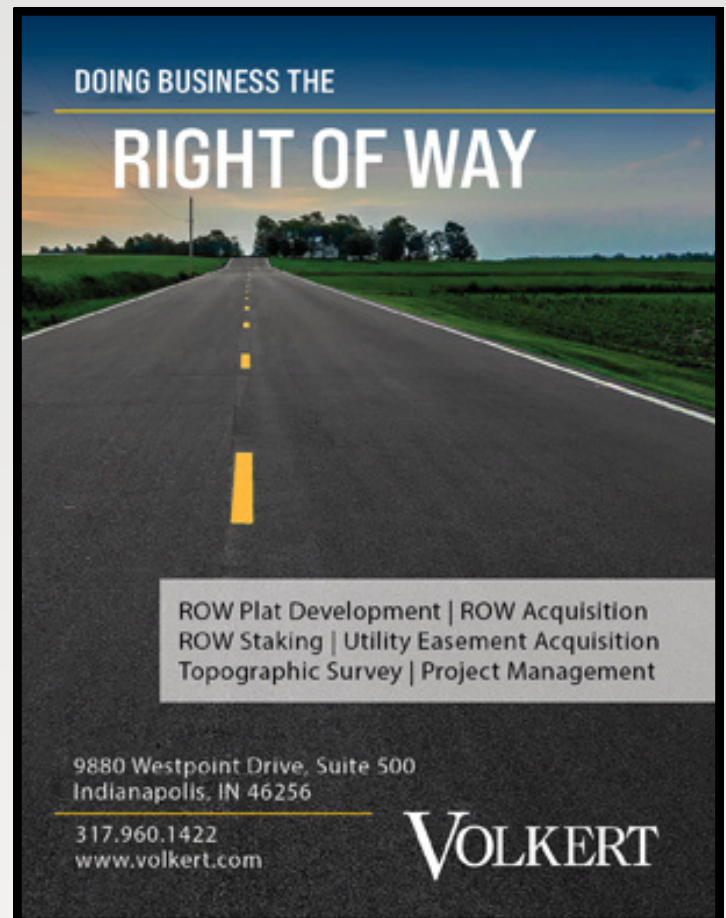
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Eligibility:

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Deadline is October 15, 2025

Distribution:

The selection committee will be the Sponsorship/Scholarship Committee with final approval by the Chapter 10 Board of Directors. All application materials are confidential and only the applicants referred for award are presented to the Chapter 10 Board of Directors approval.

Requested Scholarship (Select One)

\$1,000 Scholarship

SR/WA Exam & Application

Applicant's Name:

Member Number:

Address:

City:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Phone:

Chapter #:

Years as Member:

E-mail

Certification:

RWA

RWP

Other

Industry Path:

Selection Criteria:

Commitment to IRWA's Purpose and Mission:

Selection will be based on a minimum 250 word essay outlining how the scholarship funding will enable you to contribute to IRWA's Purpose & Mission, and for the applicants personal growth.

Questions?

Have questions about your eligibility? Please contact Cindy Candler clcandler@schneidergeomatrics.com

IRWA's Purpose:

We improve people's quality of life through infrastructure development.

IRWA's Mission:

We empower professionals by elevating ethics, learning, and a standard of excellence within the global infrastructure real estate community.

Essay Question:

Explain the reason for applying for this scholarship and how this scholarship funding will enable you to contribute to Chapter 10 and IRWA's Purpose & Mission.

Essay:

IRWA Chapter 10 Postsecondary Education Scholarship

Funded by Indiana Chapter 10 of the IRWA

Eligibility:

Chapter 10 of the IRWA welcomes applicants to apply for a postsecondary education scholarship. Applicants must be a student enrolled at an accredited postsecondary education institution, maintain at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and use the scholarship for a course related to the right of way industry, such as law, surveying/GIS, engineering, planning, real property appraisal/management, public administration, environmental studies.

Schedule:

Applications must be submitted to the Sponsorship/Scholarship Committee Chair. The deadline for application is October 15, 2025 . Grantees will be notified by December 1, 2025

Distribution:

The selection committee will be the Sponsorship/Scholarship Committee with final approval by the Chapter 10 Board of Directors. All application materials are confidential and only the applicants referred for award are presented to the Chapter 10 Board of Directors approval.

Selection Criteria:

Selection will be based on meeting criteria of minimum grade point average and course of study and a maximum 500 word essay detailing how your proposed are of study relates to the right of way industry and how you hope to contribute to the right of way industry in the future.

I have been accepted to a postsecondary institution?

Applicant's Name:

Name of Postsecondary Institution:

Address:

City:

State/Province/Zip Code::

Program:

Phone:

Grade:

E-mail

Declaration:

I hereby apply for the IRWA Chapter 10 Postsecondary Education Scholarship and agree if selected as the recipient I will comply with all terms and conditions concerning its use.

I further agree that if selected as the recipient I will allow the IRWA to publish my name in its literature press releases along with my picture and bio.

I acknowledge and agree that if selected, payment of the scholarship will be directly to the institution of study.

I hereby certify that all information in this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Questions?

Have questions about your eligibility? Please contact Patrick McCallister, SR/WA Patrick.McCallister@wsp.com

Submit this form and all supporting materials to Cindy Candler, PS at ccandler@schneidergeomatrics.com

Essay:



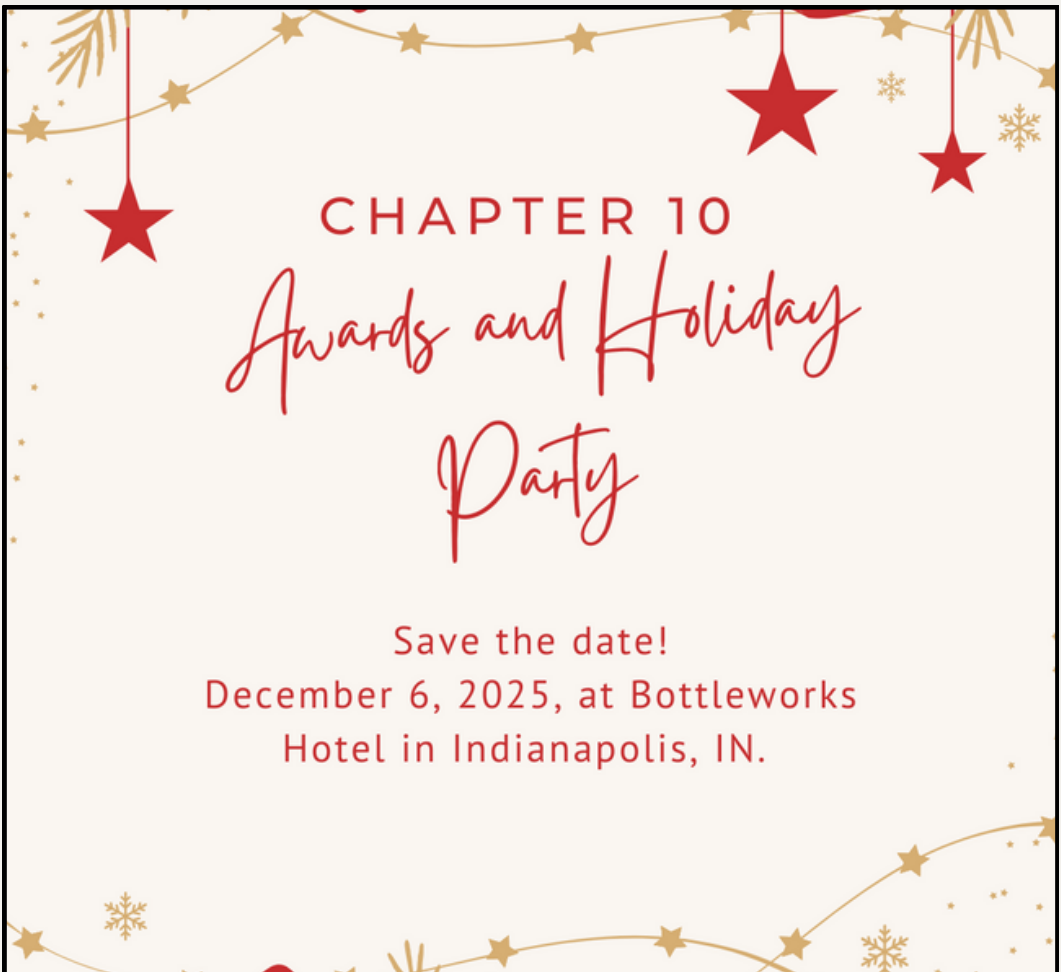
2025 IRWA REGION 5 FALL FORUM

HOSTED BY CHAPTER 13
The Buckeye Chapter

OCTOBER 3-4
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Region 5 Chapters: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky



CHAPTER 10 *Awards and Holiday Party*

Save the date!
December 6, 2025, at Bottleworks
Hotel in Indianapolis, IN.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

As we begin another IRWA year, your PDC Committee would like to thank each of you for your support, hard work, and amazing success in obtaining designations, certifications, and taking part in our educational offerings. We hope you will continue to approach learning with curiosity, open minds, and a desire for growth. For any questions on obtaining a certification or designation, or if you have any other questions about your Professional Development goals, please contact us.

Your 2025-2026 PDC Is:

Steve Knies, SR/WA-EU, Chair

Members: John Alexander, SR/WA

Patrick McCallister, SR/WA-TN, R/W-NA

Cynde Barker, SR/WA

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES

The Chapter 10 Newsletter archive folders have been updated to include newsletters from the past years. Both the current and archived editions are available on the Chapter 10 website.

Click the newsletter to go straight there!



Education

Here are Chapter 10's upcoming courses. Visit the Chapter 10 website to see the full list of courses the Chapter has scheduled through 2026, with more to be added.

Course 105 – Uniform Act Executive Summary
October 3, 2025 – NIPSCO Southlake Campus, Merrillville, IN
Lisa Harrison, SR/WA – Instructor
Register [HERE!](#)

Course 901 – Engineering Plan Development & Application
October 13, 2025 – WSP USA, Indianapolis, Indiana
Gary Kent, PS – Instructor
Register [HERE!](#)

Course 902 – Property Descriptions
October 14, 2025 – WSP USA, Indianapolis, Indiana
Gary Kent, PS – Instructor
Register [HERE!](#)

Course 700 – Introduction to Property and Asset Management
March 5-6, 2026 – NIPSCO Southlake Campus, Merrillville, IN
Mike A. Penick, SR/WA – Instructor
Register [HERE!](#)

Course 209 – Negotiating Effectively with a Diverse Clientele

March 26-27, 2026 – Schneider Geomatics, Indianapolis, IN

Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA – Instructor

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Course 901 – Engineering Plan Development & Application

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AND MORE STILL TO COME!!!!

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Send your list to Education Chair Patrick McCallister, SR/WA (Patrick.McCallister@wsp.com) so that he can get these courses worked into the Chapter's course schedule.

DID YOU KNOW.....

.....by taking IRWA education courses you can earn IRWA Certifications/Designation that are looked at as marks of excellence in the Right of Way Industry.

Be sure to check out the Professional Development Committee section of this newsletter for more information, or reach out to Education Chair Patrick McCallister, SR/WA (Patrick.McCallister@wsp.com) for more information on how we can help you achieve these certifications/designation.

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