

BLUEGRASS BULLETIN



IRWA Bluegrass Chapter 25

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*Happy New Year Chapter 25 Members and Friends,
We welcome you into 2018 with the hope of a
prosperous year and the promise to serve and
support you in your professional endeavors. First
up, we are offering Course 200 in April, as well
as hosting the Region 5 Spring Forum later that
month. Unfortunately, it is with great sadness
that we must report the loss of a long-time
member and friend. We dedicate this Newsletter
to Don Brent for his many years of contribution
to the Chapter and the association.*

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

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

ACCEPTING BOARD NOMINATIONS!

We are accepting nominations for professionals interested in serving the board in the approaching 2018-2019 term. In June, we will compile all nominations and vote on a new slate of Officers. Committee chairs do not need a vote, however, we welcome new volunteers who would like to either steer a committee or serve under an existing chair as a committee member (i.e. the Newsletter Committee).

Reasons to join the board: Meet other Chapter members, network with like-minded professionals, make contributions to your profession, gain leadership experience, impress your boss AND more!

Contact **Mike Penick** for information on available opportunities.

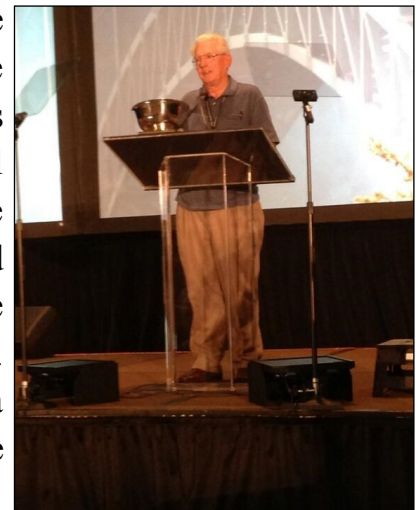
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To submit an article, picture or noteworthy mention, send an email to
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James Donald “Don” Brent, SR/WA, passed away on January 10, 2018, in Frankfort, KY. Don originally served in the U.S. Air Force, where he made it to Major. He then worked for the Kentucky Department of Transportation for 38 years, before retiring and working for PEH-Strand Engineers. All the while, Don was a loyal and faithful member of IRWA’s Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter No. 25, having served in all capacities since 1960. Don attended and advised the chapter, the Region Five Forums, and the annual IRWA Education Conferences. He was also a past recipient of the chapter and regional’s “Professional of the Year” Awards, and he received the IRWA’s Lifetime Achievement Award in June 2013. Don was also an avid supporter of the RWIEF, and in 2014 he donated \$5,000 to the fund, for \$100 of every year he’s been a member of IRWA. Don never knew a stranger and always stepped up to lend a hand to anyone who needed one. He leaves a legacy of service and support that will be a tough act to follow; we will surely, deeply miss him.



Don Brent accepting the IRWA Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the association and his profession.

- Contributed by Mike Penick







40 FOR 40 Scholarship

Matt Chapman, International Director, MAI

Hello Chapter Members and Friends! I have a quick announcement that I would like to share with everyone. I was recently awarded the 40 for Forty Scholarship through IRWA. This is the first offering of this scholarship and it was created to help assist various IRWA members to advance to their RWA and/or RWP certifications.

As background, the scholarship itself is thanks to a generous donation from the Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF) of \$185,000. Forty IRWA members throughout the country won this scholarship and it includes full fee tuition to all courses to get RWA and/or RWP certified. Thank you RWIEF!

I received the email from Mark Rieck, our CEO of International Right of Way Association, just after Thanksgiving. Of course, I was ecstatic! I emailed him back a Huge Thank You and let him know how much this opportunity will mean to me professionally and personally.

As I stated in my scholarship application, my goal is to take most if not all of the courses in the classroom. I believe there is a huge benefit to classroom learning as it is a more personal experience and there is networking value. Lastly, and most importantly, I learn the best when I am forced to sit in a classroom and listen.

The other IRWA members who received this scholarship are shown below. I am grateful for this opportunity and hopefully I, as well as the other scholarship winners, set a positive example, and are able to give back to the organization and membership as a whole. Thank you.

The Association is happy to announce its first cohort of 40 scholars, pursuing either IRWA's Right of Way Agent and/or Right of Way Professional Certification. These scholarships were made possible by a \$185,000 gift from the Right of Way International Education Foundation.

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Region 10, Chapter 66

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Region 9, Chapter 6

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Region 2, Chapter 74

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Region 3, Chapter 41

Charmaine Williams
RSA, Chapter 83

Andrew Wilson
Region 8, Chapter 65

Dawna Leigh Woytowich
Region 10, Chapter 62

SAVE the DATE

24 APR

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 24-25th

Principles of Real Estate Negotiation—Course 200

Attend this 2-day class in Louisville, KY that will cover types of negotiations, negotiation styles, tips for communicating effectively, common issues, pitfalls and more. This course is necessary for RWA certification and credit hours can be counted towards SR/WA recertification. Hosted by Chapter 25. See attached Registration form.

27 APR

Friday and Saturday, April 27-28th

IRWA Region 5 Spring Forum, hosted by Chapter 25

Chapter 25 invites you to attend the Regional Spring Forum in the Bluegrass! The Forum will be held at Louisville's Crowne Plaza—Airport/Expo Center in with an optional Friday Night Event. See attached Registration form or go to www.IRWAreion5.org/Forums

24 JUNE

Sunday to Wednesday, June 24-27th

64th Annual International Education Conference—Edmonton, Canada

Attend the Annual Education Conference in Alberta. Many registration packages are available for those wanting to spend the whole conference, or just one-two days. For the full schedule and to register, go to IRWAonline.org

2018 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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| ♦ MARCH 2ND | ♦ AUGUST 3RD |
| ♦ APRIL 6TH | ♦ SEPTEMBER 7TH |
| ♦ MAY 11TH | ♦ OCTOBER 5TH |
| ♦ JUNE 8TH | ♦ NOVEMBER 2ND |
| ♦ JULY 13TH | |

* See website for most up-to-date time and place.