

# THE CAROLINAS' COURIER

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION - CAROLINAS CHAPTER 31



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## A Letter from President Buster Allen

Are you ready to head to Charleston for our Fall Seminar on October 15-16? I am sure Matt Rhoad will have a wonderful lineup of speakers for us and don't forget to attend Al's Low Country Boil for social on Thursday night. Our education offering on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> will be class 604 Environmental Due Diligence and Liability. I hope to see everyone in Charleston. Bring a friend or fellow coworker to Charleston so they can enjoy what our chapter has to offer.

We had a great turnout for our Summer Seminar in Concord on August 21. Matt had a great lineup of speakers with a technology based theme like Lidar and drones or rather unmanned aerial vehicles. Who would have thought the good ole boy's from NASCAR would use so much technology in their profession. They have come a long way from four barrel carburetors and big block engines to using fuel injection and computers to analyze which lap they will run out of gas.

The times are changing in the right of way business also, we are being asked to secure more easements in less amount of time and the only way we can do this is by using technology to work smarter not harder. Surveys don't take as much time now with the use of Lidar, documents are emailed to right of way agents in the field and electronic signatures are becoming the norm. I have even heard of agents after initial meetings



Buster Allen

with the property owners are using Skype and FaceTime to interact with each other. Who is responsible for bringing in this technology? Why it's the YP (Young Professionals) group, they grew up with iPhones and iPads from an early age and continue to find new ways to use these tools along with Twitter, Facebook, SnapChat and InstaGram. Chapter 31 now has a YP group led by Bonnie Blalock ([bblalock@thcinc.net](mailto:bblalock@thcinc.net)) and she is calling on all 35 and under members to assist in the formulation of this new group.

The IRWA Young Professionals Network is focused on building a strong foundation for the next generation of Right of Way Professionals. Ethics, education & encouragement are the nucleus of their organization. Be a part of the initiative! Please contact Bonnie about this opportunity.

Thank you for your involvement and commitment to the IRWA, we could not be so successful without our hard work and dedication. Remember to register early for Charleston so we can get an accurate headcount and I hope to see everyone in Charleston.

*Buster Allen*

See page 15 for details on the October meetings and Al's Low Country Boil Cookout!

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**FALL SEMINAR, CHARLESTON, SC**

**OCTOBER 16, 2015 at:**

**HOLIDAY INN CHARLESTON—MT. PLEASANT**

250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

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**FALL SOCIAL AND NETWORKING EVENT**

**Thursday, October 15th 6:00pm - until**

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

**EDUCATION**

**C604—*Environmental Due Diligence and Liability***

(Contact Holly Whitley-Cataldo [holly.whitley-cataldo@hdrinc.com](mailto:holly.whitley-cataldo@hdrinc.com))

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**Friday, October 16**

**QUARTERLY SEMINAR—**

**Holiday Inn Charleston—Mt. Pleasant**

7:30a.m.— 8:00a.m.

Registration

8:00a.m. – 8:30a.m.

Welcome/ Announcements/ Sponsors

8:30a.m. – 8:40a.m.

Break

**Presentations**

8:40a.m.—9:30a.m.

***IRWA Young Professionals Program***

Taylor Sass, IRWA Chapter 8 Young Professionals Committee

9:30a.m. - 9:40a.m.

Break

9:40a.m. – 10:30a.m.

***The Quick and Easy Way to Permit and Build Nuclear Plants***

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10:30a.m. - 10:40a.m.

Break

10:40a.m.— 11:30a.m.

***TBA***

11:30a.m. - 11:40a.m.

Break

11:40a.m. – 12:30p.m.

***TBA***

12:30p.m. – 1:30p.m.

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1:30p.m. - 2:30p.m.

**Chapter Business Meeting**

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#### 2014-15 Leadership Directory

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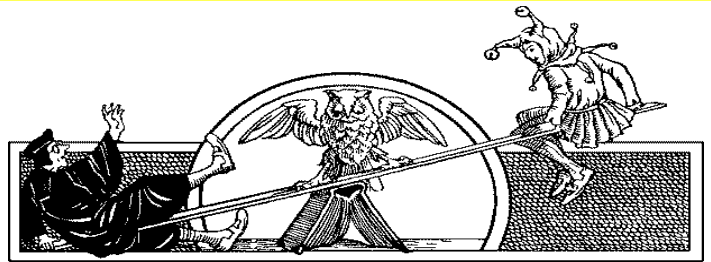
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**MEMBER  
NEWS**



Chapter 31 is adding the SR/WA review and exam course in early December. It will be held in Charlotte, NC. Please watch for the advertisement to be published soon!

## SOS

**Course Coordinator Still Needed for C604 Course to be held on October 15, 2015 in Mt. Pleasant, SC. The Course Coordinator may attend the course for free. Please contact Holly Whitley-Cataldo if you are interested at [holly.whitley-cataldo@hdrinc.com](mailto:holly.whitley-cataldo@hdrinc.com).**

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## CAROLINAS CHAPTER **31**

July 15, 2015 to August 21, 2015

Allover the Carolinas

**Total Membership as of April 15, 2015 297**

**New Members +3**

**Total Membership as of July 15, 2015 300**

**\*\* Based on the most current Roster and various other odd metaphysical equations we have yet to fathom.**

### New Members

## Welcome !

We look forward to having y'all in our Chapter.

**John S. Luntsford Integra Realty Resource—  
Charlotte, NC**

**Jamonica M. Facyson Duke Energy Carolina, LLC**

**Michael G. Know, Sr. Willbros Services (US), LLC**

## Chapter 31 Reconcile Report for CASH & BANK: Savings -Wells Fargo

Report created on 9/11/15

P&L - Fiscal Year to Date

07/01/15 - 09/11/15

Income \$6,433.61

Expenses \$7,419.79

Net (\$986.18)

Balance Sheet

As of 09/11/15

Checking \$23,208.88

Savings \$59,414.94

Total \$82,633.82

*New update coming soon to a gnusletter near you.*



**Attention members and those applying for membership to Chapter 31 – Please email your membership application form to: [irwaonline.org](http://irwaonline.org)**

**Or—email [kdkilpatrick@vaughnmelton.com](mailto:kdkilpatrick@vaughnmelton.com) for info!**



# The Education Corner

by Jane Nelson and/or MR. PDC, Bobby Deal

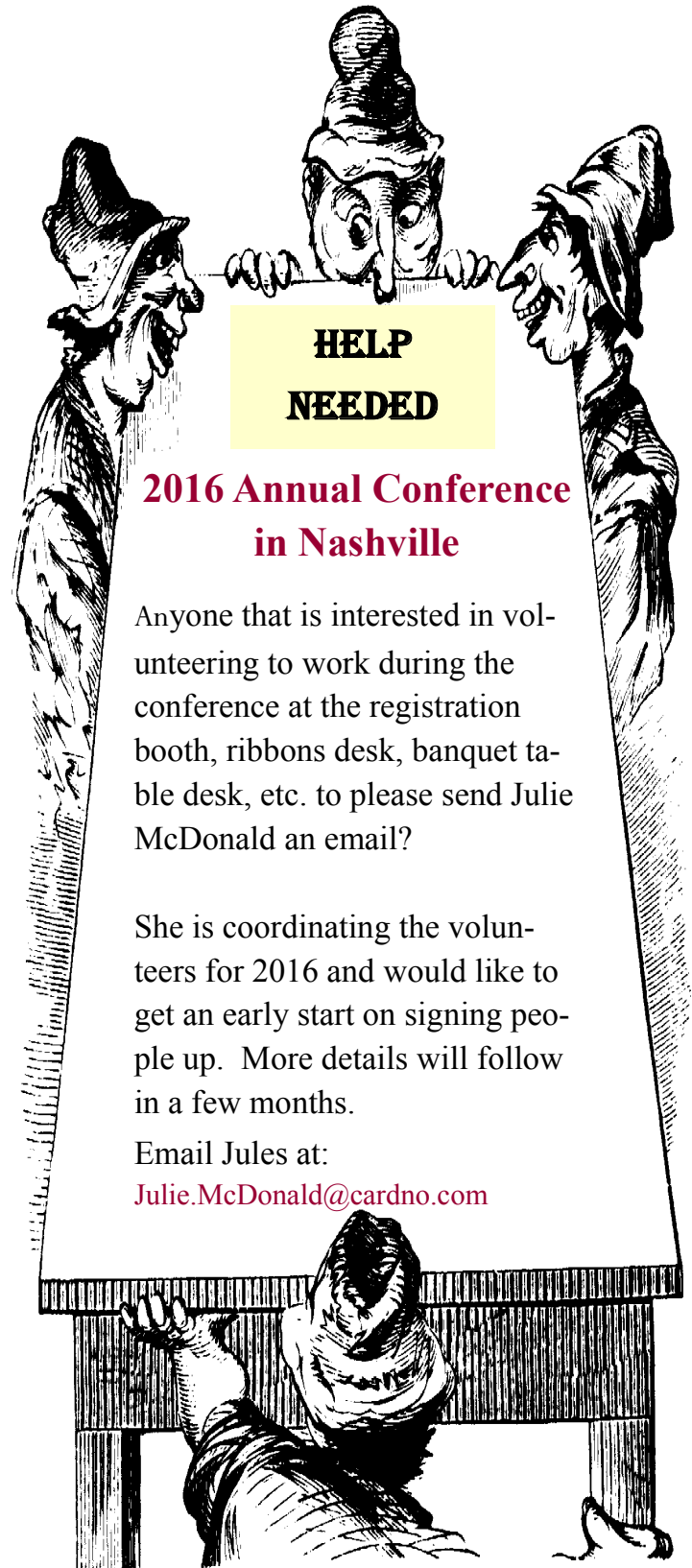
## What We Need In 2015—You!

### UPDATE: IRWA'S INTERIM COURSE COORDINATOR CERTIFICATION TRAINING

#### PROGRAM IS NOW AVAILABLE

- **For New Course Coordinators:** The interim version of IRWA's Course Coordinator Certification Training Program has been posted on the Chapter Leadership page of the IRWA website.
- o While the official training program is being finalized, this interim training program (consisting of a PDF file and a 30-question exam) has been made available to enable new Course Coordinators to become certified.
- o Successful completion of the exam (with a score of 70% or higher) is required to become certified.
- o Completed exams can be submitted to Nathan Cruzado, Education Coordinator & Facilitator Liaison:
  - Email: [cruzado@irwaonline.org](mailto:cruzado@irwaonline.org)
  - Fax: (310) 538-1471
- **Coming Soon:** The official, interactive version of the Course Coordinator Certification Training Program will be made available for those Coordinators who need to re-certify, as well as for new Course Coordinators.
- o Headquarters Education Staff will make an announcement once the official training program has been launched to all Coordinators who need to re-certify, with all applicable information.
- o New Course Coordinators who successfully complete the interim Coordinator Certification Training program will not be required to take the official training program again in order to maintain their certification status. They will need to recertify after two years.

o Everyone's certification status stands until the launch of the official program, regardless of their expiration date.—**Holly Whitley-Cataldo**—704-618-9005



**HELP  
NEEDED**

### 2016 Annual Conference in Nashville

Anyone that is interested in volunteering to work during the conference at the registration booth, ribbons desk, banquet table desk, etc. to please send Julie McDonald an email?

She is coordinating the volunteers for 2016 and would like to get an early start on signing people up. More details will follow in a few months.

Email Jules at:

[Julie.McDonald@cardno.com](mailto:Julie.McDonald@cardno.com)





# THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

*BY Jason Bloch, Telics*

*CHAPTER 31*

The Summer Seminar and business meeting were held on Friday, August 21st, 2015 at the Hampton Inn & Suites Concord/Charlotte at Concord Mills, NC. The meeting was called to order by President Buster Allen at 8:00am.

Thank you to North by Northwest Consulting and TELICS for sponsoring the Thursday evening social and Friday's lunch.

**Board Members Present** – Buster Allen, Matt Rhoad, Jason Bloch, Tim O'Brien, Holly Whitley-Cataldo, Kevin Kilpatrick, Larry Wright, Frank Mundy, Glenn Winfree, Julie McDonald and Paul Thompson.

The minutes from the Spring meeting held April 24<sup>th</sup> in Durham were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Please see the Treasurer's section of the newsletter for details.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Fall Seminar will be held in Charleston with the traditional low country boil at Al's.
- Please let Julie know if you can volunteer at the 2016 Annual Conference in Nashville.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Fall Forum will be October 8-9 in Panama City, Florida.
- Matt Rhoad discussed buying a Square credit card payment system to accept new credit cards.

Tim O'Brien and John Lunsford won the \$50 gift card drawings. Congratulations!

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Bloch  
Secretary, IRWA Carolinas Chapter 31





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shrimp boil.....well, your stomach  
doesn't want to miss it.**



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just consider it holy. Going  
once.....

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*As RWIEF President Carol Croft, SR/WA so aptly described in her address to the IRWA Board of Directors during the 2015 International Education Conference in San Diego, we are family. We gather each year to transact business and there is true affection for our peers. We look forward to catching up with each other -- we know spouses, children and grandchildren. We are truly a professional family.*

*Nowhere is that more apparent than in the way we support education for today's right of way professionals and the next generation to come. The generosity that members and corporate sponsors showed this year was nothing short of amazing. The Foundations' golf tournament raised \$30,000, the auction \$16,000, the Monday night event \$36,850 and donations of \$45,705 were presented at the Board of Directors' meeting. A grand total of \$128,555!*

*RWIEF has funded approximately \$500,000 in education and leadership products over the last three to four years and holds current funding commitments of \$182,031. CRWEF has funded approximately \$158,231 in education products over the last four years and holds no current funding commitments. With IRWA's plans to launch six to ten new and revised courses each year for the next three years, your continued support is critical. This year you have emphatically shown your steadfast commitment and support for our family of right of way professionals. On behalf of all in the industry today, and the next generation to come, the RWIEF and CRWEF are ever grateful!*



# Things you Might have Missed in Concord or Maybe Not.....6/8's serious stuff



Didn't happen there. All the pics are serious. Seriously?



The cold, damp weather...isn't it summer time there? Serious topic.



What's going on here?.....Tonda just wants to smile for the camera. Bill could care less. He's concentrating on the food. Nothing new there, move along. Same old story in October at Als too.



I'm telling you Paul, you don't want to go there!~ Cereally.



Jace, let me tell you about my grandkids. No, wait, I don't have any. Hmmm, how about my Chinchilla farm?





## FALL 2015 COURSE OFFERING

### **C604: ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE AND LIABILITY**

*An overview of the environmental due diligence process and the liability associated with purchasing property*

**Thursday, October 15th**

**HOLIDAY INN CHARLESTON—MT. PLEASANT**  
250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464  
(843) 884-6000

**Register online at [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org)**

**Contact Holly Whitley-Cataldo at [holly.whitley-cataldo@hdrinc.com](mailto:holly.whitley-cataldo@hdrinc.com) for more information**

**Course Level:** Intermediate

**Course Length:** 1 day – 8 AM to 5 PM

**IRWA Credits:** 8 QEU / CEU

**Prerequisites:** IRWA Course 600 “Environmental Awareness” (or equivalent), or have an environmental background.

#### **Course Description**

This course provides the right of way professional with an understanding of the environmental due diligence components. Participants learn to recognize when a due diligence report should be ordered, as well as how reports should be analyzed.

#### **Credentialing**

- **Generalist:** An intermediate course that can be applied towards the ARWP, RWP or SR/WA program.
- **Specialist:** Required course for the R/W-EC program.

#### **Topics**

- Innocent Purchaser Defense
- ASTM Phase I ESA standard
- EPA’s “All Appropriate Inquiry” rule
- Educate attendees about other components of environmental due diligence
- Guidance on how to order due diligence services and establish expectations
- Illustrate how to analyze the reports and their impacts on the proposed project

#### **Who should take this course**

This course is recommended for right of way professionals who have some environmental background, are actively involved in right of way projects, and may encounter environmental issues during their normal duties (e.g., acquisition/relocation, appraisal).



**FALL 2015 SEMINAR AND SOCIAL REGISTRATION FORM**

Thursday Social at Al Oswald's Low Country Boil

**\$10 per person**

# attending \_\_\_\_

Friday Seminar (including lunch)

**\$30 per person**

# attending \_\_\_\_

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