

# THE CAROLINAS' COURIER

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION - CAROLINAS CHAPTER 31



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## Letter from President Bill Christian

### Happy New Year !

We are now in a new IRWA year having installed new officers and participating in the Spring Region 6 Meeting and the Annual International Education Conference. The last couple of months have flown by. As the new leader for Chapter 31 one quick observation is just how strong our Chapter is; not only within our Region but among all chapters. I literally stand on the shoulders of giants as I have come to realize how much time and effort have been put into this organization by leaders past and present. We are blessed to have the continuing participation and on-going involvement by so many that have served before. I particularly notice this as other Chapters are "recycling" their leadership or leaving voids for lack of involvement. Let me start my brief term with a sincere "Thank You" to all of you that actively participate in our Chapter by serving on the board, participating in a committee, sponsoring an activity, attending meetings, or just networking within our profession. If you are not now involved, come join us.

There are several goals I have for us this year. Some of these are a continuation of the work started by John Gaffney, Dan Rushing, and the previous leaderships.

1. Provide interesting and valuable quarterly seminars where members can enhance their professional careers through education and networking. We will strive to offer significant certification credits and make these seminars accessible by holding them in various places between our states. They will need to be fun, as well, right Buzz? The should also **offer 12 to 15 hours of certification credit annually through seminars. In addition, they provide networking functions that promote positive business relationships.**

2. Offer and promote educational opportunities for the professional development of our membership. The IRWA is the premier educational provider for our profession with increasing on-line offerings to supplement our classroom and semi-

nar sessions. We'll coordinate these to help our members grow in their careers. Please provide feedback and course interests to Clark Hooper, our Education chair, so that we may program our offerings in the near future. **Promote on-line opportunities and offer four to six classroom sessions each year in support of desired certifications and designations.**

3. Make membership in the IRWA and particularly Carolinas Chapter 31 a valuable proposition for our professional community in the Carolinas. We have one of the largest chapters with only a portion actively participating. Our Chapter has a lot to offer and we need to make others aware of the benefits of membership. New and active members are the lifeblood of our association. **Increase membership greater than 5% to over 200 members.**

Major Activities in Progress – We are working on an agreement with the NCDOT to provide IRWA courses to over 450 employees over the next several years.

This is a major effort that will also lead to hopefully many new members as well. Several of our members will be participating in a SCDOT sponsored "Symposium" in September where we may highlight the educational opportunities of the IRWA and again hopefully add some members. A "blue ribbon panel" has been appointed to investigate and update our Website. More to come on this.



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# REGISTRATION

Carolinas' Chapter 31 Summer Seminar  
Winston-Salem, NC August 24, 2012



Hampton Inn and Suites– Winston Salem/University  
309 Summit Square Road  
Winston Salem, NC 27105  
(336) 377-3000

Room Rate: \$109.00 plus taxes

Please contact the hotel directly. Ask for the **IRWA** rate.

**Reservations must be made by August 8<sup>th</sup> to secure this rate.**



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## SUMMER SEMINAR - 2012

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name(s)/ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form along with \$30 registration fee (to IRWA Chapter 31)

**By Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> to**

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***DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR CHAPTER PIN FOR THE DRAWING!***



SUMMER SEMINAR – AUGUST 24, 2012

**Hampton Inn – Winston Salem /University**

309 Summit Square Road, Winston Salem, NC 27105

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**Thursday evening, August 23rd**

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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**Friday morning, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Summer Seminar Registration

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Committee Reports

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

**“GPS & the NC/SC Real-Time Networks”**

Frank Mundy-Director of Geomatics STEWART Engineering

9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Break

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

**“NC Railroad Company– Corridor Management Program”**

Kristian Forslin – GIS coordinator, NC Railroad Company

10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

**“Dealing with Dead People and Faceless Corporations”**

Matt Rhoad – Partner, Smith Anderson Law firm

11:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Break

11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

**“The Climate of Renewable Energy and Development in the USA & the Carolinas”**

Joel Olsen- President O2 energies

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH

1:30 p.m. – Until

Chapter 31 Board of Directors and Chapter Business Meeting

## Carolinas Chapter 31

### International Right of Way Association

#### 2012-13 Leadership Directory

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## WEBSITES



*A committee is working on updating our website. If you have some experience, or know someone who is an expert in that art, please let us know. You may respond to my email address lower on this page. All suggestions will be heard. We'd like to make a great website for our Chapter. Thanks for your assistance!!*



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# Chapter 31 Schtuff

## ROW Trivia—IRWA Style

Apparently **Bobby Deal, SR?WA** has set a new IRWA record by attending EACH and EVERY class that was available during this summer's IRWA Edumavacation Seminar in Seattle. His feat was almost tarnished when he was told that a homeless person outside the hotel wanted one of the 8,437 **Duke** pencils Bobby had brought from Charlotte. However, he made it back in time! (only 23 trees were cut for this effort, as well as 41 pounds of lead mined from Leadville, CO)

**Angle Banks**, she of aria-esque fame, sang the Canadian National Anthem at the Seminar. Who knew that such a little thing could belt out such? WOW.....

**During** the five days we spent in Seattle, only one day was rainy. The rest were either fair or only partly cloudy. Who said Seattle's weather stunk all the time?

## Chapter 31 Proposed Bylaws Change

With the advent of the internet, cell phones, black-berry, iPhones, Live Meeting, conference calling, etc. we are no longer constrained in how and where we communicate in order to do business. For our chapter to take advantage of these new tools a change in our Bylaws is required for our executive board to conduct business with this new technology. Please review this change or amendment for consideration:

### ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

**Section 6. Any meetings as described in Article 3 may be held and business may be conducted by digital and/or electronic means.**



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CAROLINAS CHAPTER **31**

IRWA SUMMER MEETING

July-August , 2012

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**Total Membership as of April 28, 2012** **193**  
**New Members** **+6**  
**Total Membership as of July 17, 2012** **199\***

- Based on the most current Roster

## New Members

*Debi Wilcox, M.A., CCTMC, Murrells Inlet, SC*

*Lisa M. Lama—Percheron Acquisitions, Fayetteville, NC*

*Rebecca A. McMahan - Gulf Coast, LLC, Belmont, NC*

*Gregory P. Kolat - Gulf Coast, LLC, Fort Mill, SC*

*Dennis Wyatt - Telics, Traufelers Rest, SC*

*Bruce DeHaven - SCDOT, Anderson, SC*

# Welcome !

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

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

HERE ARE SOME  
NUMBERS FROM  
OUR TREASURER  
OF WHICH YOU MAY  
HAVE SOME  
INTEREST

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

Report created on 07/08/2012.

### Summary

Opening Balance  
50,936.75

Ending Balance of Statement  
50,945.12

Register Balance as of Statement  
50,945.12

Register Balance as of Reconcile  
50,945.12

## Chapter 31 Reconcile Report for :Checking - Wachovia

Report created on 07/08/2012.

### Summary

Opening Balance  
34,915.73

Ending Balance of Statement  
17,617.61

Register Balance as of Statement  
17,197.49

Register Balance as of Reconcile  
17,197.49



# Nothing happening in your life that gets you excited any-more? Tired of the same old Rut?

( don't you even hate this boring font?)

Now, you too can get that excitement back into your life. How, you ask? Bobby Deal, SR/WA, former Ronco exec, has come across a development so exciting, so scintillating, that after seeing it, even Tim O'Brien could support paying a past president's yearly dues!!

**Bobby Deal, SR/WA**, is now the Chapter PDC. I haven't told him yet what that acronym means, but he is so excited he asked me to put this ad in the newsletter advertising for.....HELP!!!!

We all love Bobby and his antics. However, Bobby Deal, SR/WA has a serious side too. His task is to assist Chapter members in their 'development' as IRWA members, helping them decide what courses to take and guiding them in reaching the new designations leading up to the coveted SR/WA. Join Bobby in assisting your fellow Chapter members and get a new lease on life while helping out. **Robert.Deal@Duke-energy.com -828-342-7066**

## Chapter 31 Course and Quarterly Meeting Schedule for 2012

Course	Course Name	Location	Date	Instructor
800	Prin. of Real Estate Law—W/S seminar	Winston-Salem	August 22-23	Ted Williams
X	SR/WA Review & Exam	Charlotte, NC	Sept. 19-21	Clyde Johnson
902	Engineering Plan Development & Applications—Charleston Seminar	Charleston, SC	Oct. 18	Allen Armstrong
100	<b>Principles of Land Acquisition</b>	<b>Chlt ? TBD</b>	<b>Jan. 2013</b>	<b>Bill Christian</b>
421	Valuation of Partial Acquisitions	? Rock Hill ?	Feb. 19-21	TBD
103	Ethics	TBD	April 25, 2013	TBD

# The Education Corner

by Clark Hooper or Kent Winslow and/or MR. PDC, Bobby Deal

**SIGN UP FOR THE**

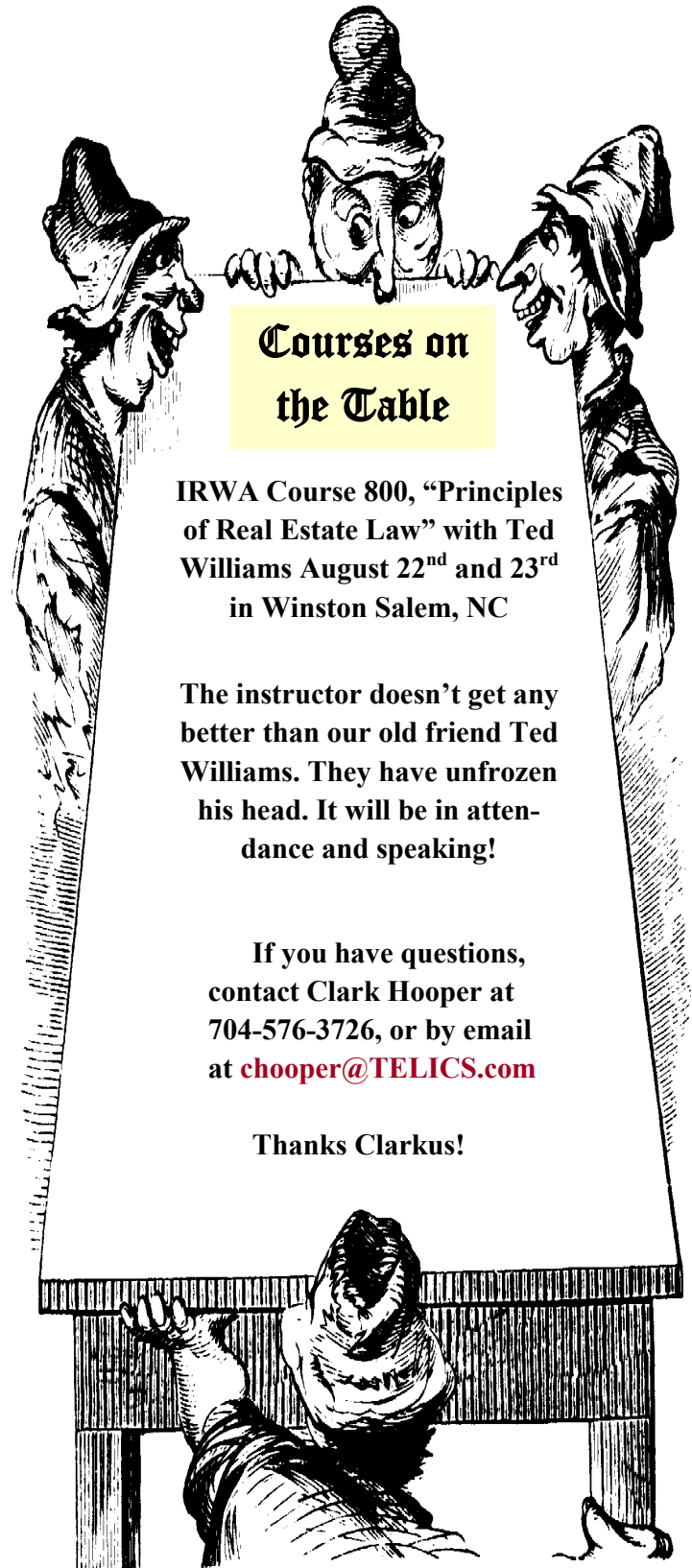
**SR/WA REVIEW  
AND EXAM THIS  
SUMMER**

Several people have expressed interest in taking the SR/AW review and exam this Summer.

We are looking a some time in August or early September. It is 2 ½ days of review and a half day for the exam.

This will be held as shown on the next page. Slide down to see, but it will be held in

Charlotte. Contact Clark Hooper at 704-576-3726, or [chooper@TELICS.com](mailto:chooper@TELICS.com)





## **EDUCATIONAL EVENTS**

### **AUGUST**

Now is time to sign up for IRWA Course 800 – Principles of Real Estate Law. It will be held in Winston Salem on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This is a great opportunity to learn the Fundamentals of Real Estate Law as it applies to Right of Way from one of the Best Facilitators in the Business. Mr. Ted Williams who will be Facilitating this course is an Attorney and PE. He has been in the Right of Way business for over 35 years and was previously the Legal Counsel for the International Right of Way Association.

Two or more participants will get a discount on tuition. To get the discount you will need to sign up through the Chapter. E-mail Clark at: [chooper@TELICS.com](mailto:chooper@TELICS.com)

**Location information:** Hampton Inn and Suites University  
309 Summit Square  
Winston Salem, NC 27105  
Phone: (336) 377-3000

You will need to call the Hotel before August 1st to get the discounted hotel rate

### **SEPTEMBER**

#### **SR/WA Review and Exam**

The SR/WA Review and Exam will be held in Charlotte Sep 19 -21. If you are candidate and have completed most of your course requirements it is not too late to sign up. Some rooms (approx. 5) have been set aside for this event. Call the number below to reserve your room.

**CLASS LOCATION:** Fairfield Inn & Suites

8540 East Independence Boulevard  
Charlotte, NC  
(980) 245-9200

### **OCTOBER**

Course 902 – Property Descriptions will be held in Charleston on October 18<sup>th</sup> in Charleston

**CLASS LOCATION:** Spring Hill Suites  
98 Ripley Point  
Charleston, SC 2940  
843-571-1711

### **FEBRUARY, 2013**

Course 421 – Valuation of Partial Acquisitions is tentatively scheduled for February, 2013. It is a three day course and it will be held in the Rock Hill area.



# THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

*BY OTTIS "BUSTER" ALLEN, PHD*

*CHAPTER 31*

Bill Christian proposed for business at the next meeting a bylaw change to conduct business electronically or over the phone as opposed to waiting for quarterly meetings. (More on this on page 5, top right)

Summer Seminar—Social networking location will be at Foothills Brewing Company in downtown Winston-Salem on Thursday evening, August 23, 2012. Hampton Inn at Summit Square in Winston-Salem will be the host hotel. Look for the hotel information in the newsletter later this month.

Winter Seminar will be held in Charleston, SC on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Hotel information is forthcoming. Education classes will be held prior to the quarterly meeting and will be announced in the newsletter.

SCDOT Symposium—IRWA Chapter 31 members will conduct 8 hours of presentations for the symposium over 2 days. Bill Christian, Angel Banks, Frank Mundy and Bob Merryman from OR Colon will be speakers on behalf of the chapter. Presentations will be broken into four, two hour sessions on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

NCDOT Training—Working on memorandum of understanding to support major training initiative with Florence Greene of NCDOT. It involves over 450 employees and potentially over 30 classroom sessions supported by International. Our chapter will receive an honorarium for each participant and receive a \$30 membership fee from each participant that attends at least four training sessions. There will be some administration on our part but very minimal. Bill Christian will sign the memorandum of understanding on behalf of the chapter.

Website—we would like to develop a new website to have a link to International and a link from International's website to our website. Possible ideas for our website would be for it to have the capability to register for quarterly seminars, easy to update and user friendly. Frank Mundy to investigate securing an entity to design the website.

Membership--International set a membership goal of 5% growth for our chapter, with the potential participation from the local DOT's we have the potential to easily surpass 5% growth for the year and potentially become the largest chapter in Region 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Buster Allen, Secretary, Chapter 31 IRWA



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## ADVERTISEMENTS

There, we said it. Our newsletter committee has been working feverishly getting this issue out for your inquiring minds. We have some ads in this issue. Along the way, you've seen some advertisements from some of the folks you've met at meetings. Their companies have joined the IRWA in hopes of making new friends, but also making business connections. So, in order to further that, we're happy to help out with some (dirty word here) ADVERTISEMENTS.....and, we believe them to be decently inexpensive. So, dig down a bit and put your name or company name (camera ready of course) in print.

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