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A Letter from President Buster Allen

As the start of a new year in the IRWA and I look forward to being your President for the coming year! Quite a few Chapter 31 members made it out to "chilly" San Diego for the International Conference. I say chilly because I was expecting mid to upper 70's during the day but endured mid 60's until Tuesday afternoon when the temperature soared to 73, while our members in the Carolina's were sweltering with triple digit heat. There were some great classes this year like Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Industry Impact, Challenges with Underground Electric Transmission Lines and How Early Acquisition Can Minimize Risks and Reduce Cost. Next year the conference will be in our own backyard, Nashville, Tennessee. They are seeking assistance from our chapter members so here's your chance to participate and attend.

An item presented at the Region 6 meeting in April was a pilot program being proposed in Region 6 for SR/WA Generalist. A team was assembled to explore the possibility of offering the necessary coursework to obtain your SR/WA designation within our Region. From beginning to end it would take 3 years to complete all coursework needed for your SR/WA. You would still need to meet other requirements and pass your exam to qualify for your SR/WA designation. The cost (\$4950) normally \$6500, is required to be paid up front and the deadline for enrollment is August 1st. We need participation from 10 people throughout the region to make this happen. If anyone is interested in more information about this opportunity let me know and I will provide you a contact person.

We continue to hold excellent seminars and topics for our members continuing education. Our next meeting will be at the Hampton Inn & Suites at Concord Mills on August 21st. Matt Rhoad our new VP will be sending out all the information about the social on Thursday night along with hotel information soon. The education offering on August 19-20 will be Course 700, Introduction to Property Management. This class will be held at the hotel. Our Fall seminar will be in Mt. Pleasant, SC again this year at the Holiday Inn on October 16th. Our education class, Course



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604, Environmental Due Diligence & Liability will be held on October 14th at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Pleasant. Kudos to Jane Nelson for offering excellent classes for our members. Of course our time in the Charleston area would not be complete without the Low Country Boil at Al's on October 15th so mark your calendar for this event. Membership is holding steady at 287 members. Let's push to get our total to over 300 members this year. Asking someone to become a member is all it will take to achieve this goal. Thanks Kevin Kilpatrick for continuing to do a great job as membership chair.

At our Board of Directors meeting in June we discussed adding a couple of new committees Local Public Agency Committee, Awards Committee and start a Young Professional Committee. The YP committee is for members 35 and younger. More about these committees at the next seminar. If you have an interest in serving on one or all committees please contact me. Please welcome Anthony Alderman as our new Treasurer for the next two years and Jason Bloch will serve his last year as Secretary for the Chapter. Our business meeting will end by three o'clock this year so if you stay around till the end we will have a drawing to give away two \$50 gift certificates. Must be present to win.

Last but not least, I want to thank Julie McDonald for her great leadership this past year along with John Yeagley who served as our one year Director. Thank you committee members, we would not exist without your dedication and participation. I appreciate all your efforts and hope to continue the tradition of great leadership for our chapter. If you have a concern or opportunity for our chapter please get in touch with me. See you in August in Concord!

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HAMPTON INN & SUITES CHARLOTTE—AT CONCORD MILLS

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.

Use of Drones in Surveying, Utilities, and Right of Way - Part I

Kyle Snyder, NCSU NextGen Air Transportation Program

9:40a.m. – 10:30a.m.

Use of Drones in Surveying, Utilities, and Right of Way - Part II

10:40a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Economic Impact of the Charlotte Motor Speedway

Tim Hagler, VP Community Relations, Charlotte Motor Speedway

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

Break

11:40a.m. – 12:30p.m.

Tree Trimming Under ANSI Standards

Duane Dickinson, Vegetation Management Specialist, Duke Energy

12:30p.m. – 1:30p.m.

LUNCH sponsored by TELICS

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

Chapter Business Meeting

1:30 p.m. – until

Chapter 31 Business Meeting

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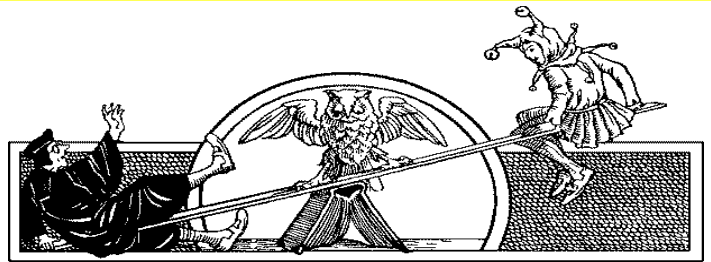
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**MEMBER
NEWS**



C. Jack Baldwin, SR/WA died on July 4, 2015, at his home in Raleigh, NC due to idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, at the age of 80. Jack served as Chapter #31 President, International Director and chaired many committees within the chapter. He was a strong supporter of the IR/WA and encouraged all of his personnel to become members and attain a SR/WA designation and to serve the chapter in any way possible. Prior to his retirement he was the Manager of the NCDOT R/W Branch and because of his dedication to the R/W profession, he left a great legacy for all of us to follow. He served in the US Army and was a graduate of Western Carolina University. Rest In-Peace Jack.

Please keep Donna Crosby and her family in your thoughts and prayers as her Granddaughter, Karlee Williams has passed away recently.

If you have news for the *Carolinas' Courier* please contact:

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CAROLINAS CHAPTER 31

March 15, 2015 to July 15, 2015

Allover, Carolina

Total Membership as of April 15, 2015	285
New Members	+12
Total Membership as of July 15, 2015	297

** 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.

Jonathan T. McCarter—Self Employed—Charleston, SC

Laura A. Gourlay—The Palmer Company—Asheville, NC

John S. Luntsford—Integra Realty Resource – Charlotte

M. Scott Smith - Integra Realty Resource – Raleigh

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Raymond A. Klepar - 8 Douglas Drive - Little Falls, NJ

Russalle J. Anthes - Western Land Services - Ludington, MI

Donna E. Lunsford - Town of Cary, NC

Melvina Motley - SummitIG, LLC - Stalling, VA

Douglas C. English - Western Land Service - Ludington, MI

Attention members and those applying for membership to Chapter 31 – Please email your membership application form to: irwaonline.org

Or—email kdkilpatrick@vaughnmelton.com for info!

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

Report created on 3/5/15

Profit & Loss - Fiscal Year to Date (7/1/14-3/5/15):

Income: \$65,230.39

Expenses: \$76,906.68

Net: (\$11,676.29)

(Yikes!! - no worries though, Permboy to the rescue!)

Balance Sheet:

Checking: \$530.27

Savings: \$63,636.74

Total: \$64,167.01

New update coming soon to a gnu's letter near you.



Mark your calendars now for the Fall Seminar in Charleston on October 15-16th. You don't want to miss Uncle Als's Low Country shrimp boil.....well, your stomach doesn't.

The Education Corner

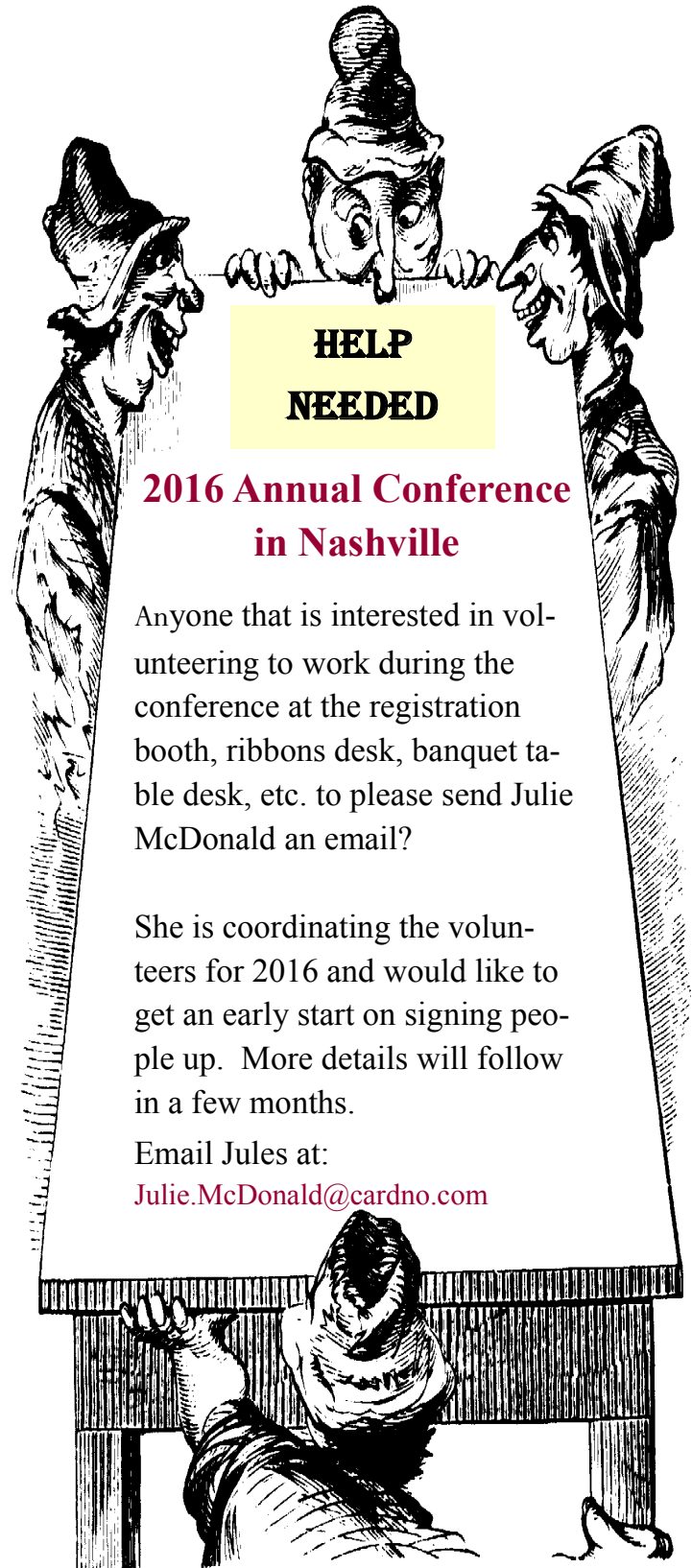
by Jane Nelson and/or MR. PDC, Bobby Deal

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
 - 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**



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



THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

BY Jason Bloch, Telics

CHAPTER 31

The 2015 Board of Directors meeting was held on Friday, May 15th, 2015 at the offices of Parker Poe in Charlotte, NC. The meeting was called to order by President Buster Allen at 10:15am.

Thank you Parker Poe for providing the meeting space.

Board Members Present – Julie McDonald, Buster Allen, Matt Rhoad, Jason Bloch, Tim O'Brien, Jane Nelson, Bobby Deal, Kevin Kilpatrick, Buzz Prescott, Frank Mundy, Glenn Winfree, John Yeagley and Paul Thompson.

The minutes from the Spring meeting held April 24th in Durham were approved and Committee Reports were given verbally. Please see the minutes posted on the website for details.

OLD BUSINESS

Future seminar locations were reviewed.

Chapter 31 volunteered to host the Fall Forum in Charleston.

NEW BUSINESS

- Region 6 has volunteered to try new SR/WA career path initiative, \$4950 for the entire package.
- Education Conference in 2021? If so we need to start working on a booth for Nashville.
- Dues increase? Really no reason to make it higher.
- Local Public Agency committee is needed.
- Discussed YP committee.
- Discussed upcoming meeting format.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Bloch
Secretary, IRWA Carolinas Chapter 31





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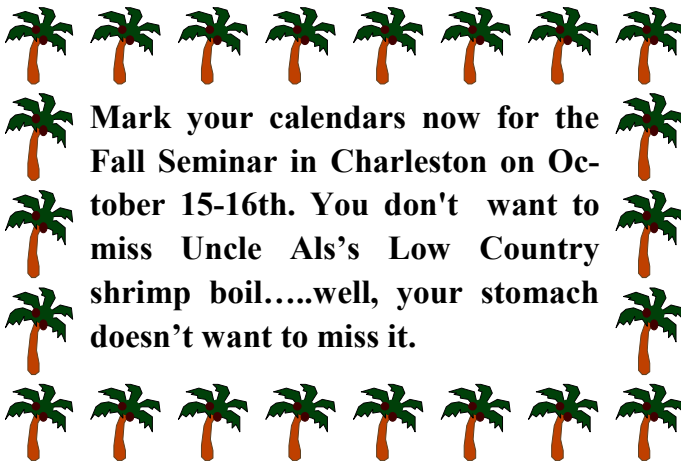
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