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INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION - CAROLINAS CHAPTER 31



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A Letter from President Buster Allen

It's the start of a new year in the IRWA and I look forward to being your President for the coming year! Once again, Charleston was a great seminar. Another "thank you" to Al for hosting the Thursday night Low Country Boil along with the new edition of fish stew.. The same gratitude goes to Bill Saunders, Southeastern Land Company, Inc., and John Gaffney Utility Land Service for sponsoring the event. Matt Rhoad assembled another great cast of speakers for the seminar and Holly Whitley-Cataldo had a well-attended class 604, Environmental Due Diligence & Liability. We also had a great lunch at the seminar sponsored by HDR, Inc., and THC, Inc. Thanks guys!



Buster Allen

It's 2016 and as we look ahead to the new year let's try to reach the 300 member mark this year. With all the great classes, seminars and meeting venue's now is as good time as any to ask others to join you at our chapter meetings. Our first seminar of the new year will take place in Greenville, SC and Holly has scheduled the class we all need every five years to maintain our certifications, C103 Ethics and the Right of Way Profession. In the spring we head to the Hickory area for our seminar and Holly has scheduled C215 Right of Way Acquisition for Pipeline Projects.

The Region 6 Spring Forum will be held in Nashville, Tn. Then in for the summer seminar we head to Asheville, NC to soak in the mountain area and take courses 901, Engineering Plan Development and an 902, Property Descriptions. With all the great breweries in the area the social should be awash in awesome food and beverages . The 2016 IRWA Education Conference will be in Nashville, Tn., and Chapter 32 will need everyone's help, see Julie McDonald to sign up to be a volunteer.

The Region 6 Fall Forum will be in Gulf Shores,

Alabama. For the fall guess where we are heading, that's right, back to Charleston for good food at Al's, a great seminar and class 803 Eminent Domain Law Basics for ROW Professionals. While you're there, take time to visit some of the great vacation spots in Charleston. You could visit the downtown area known as the "Holy City" for all of the church's spires. Go over to Patriot's Point and visit an aircraft carrier, a submarine and other ships built since WWII.

Grab your date/wife/husband and take a stroll on the Battery to view Charleston harbor. Got golf in your head? There are numerous courses around Charleston. If you're a duffer, make sure to bring lots of sleeves of balls. You'll need them. Ask Buzz. Food. The restaurants in town made Charleston one of the hottest places to visit in the world! Graveyards; who doesn't like those?

There are heaps of them to stroll through seeing graves dating back to the 1700's. And last, but certainly not least, go visit the beaches. S. Carolina's coastline is the best on the east coast. Bring your chairs and a picnic lunch to see how great they are.

Don't forget to renew your IRWA membership for 2016. In April we will install the new officers and if anyone is interested in becoming involved in the chapter leadership Jason Bloch will be vacating the secretary position and moving to the VP position so we are looking for a new secretary to take over in July

2016. It could be YOU! Chapter 31 is the best chapter in the IRWA and I would like to thank everyone for their participation and look forward to working with you in 2016. See ya in Greenville, SC! Go Panthers!

Buster Allen

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WINTER SEMINAR, GREENVILLE, SC

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Street / P.O. Box _____

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Guest(s) Name(s): _____

Guest's Company: _____

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

EDUCATION

C103 - Ethics and the Right of Way Profession

6:00p.m. – until

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

QUARTERLY SEMINAR

HYATT PLACE GREENVILLE—40 W. Orchard Park Dr., Greenville, SC

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.

A View from the Landowner’s Perspective— Emmett Haywood, Esq.

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

Break

9:40a.m. – 10:30a.m.

Economic Development in Downtown Greenville

Mary Douglas Hirsch, Downtown Manager, City of Greenville

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

Break

10:40a.m.– 11:30a.m.

South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center

Jody Bryson, President and CEO, SCTAC

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

Break

11:40a.m. – 12:30p.m.

New ALTA Surveying Standards— Our Very Own—Julie McDonald, PLS

12:30p.m. – 1:30p.m.

LUNCH sponsored by ***Telics***

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2015-16 Leadership Directory

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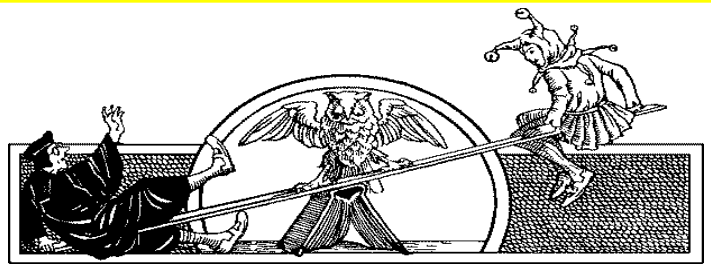
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**MEMBER
NEWS**



Hear Ye, Hear Ye

The following is your proposed slate of Officers for the 2016-2017 Year:

Buster Allen-1yr director

Matt Rhoad-President (aka Perm-boy)

Jason Bloch-Vice President

Anthony Alderman-Treasurer

John Palmer-Secretary-Elect

You will soon have the option of voting for these fine people to direct your Chapter in the coming year. Good luck to all of our nominees.

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 December 15, 2016 290

New Members + 8

Total Membership as of January 15, 2016 298

**** 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.

Kevin M. Muldowney (transfer from Chapter #72)

Janie R. Richardson—Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein

Claire M. Tronel — AECOM Technical Services

Henry Kyle Brisson — Public Works Commission—
Elizabethtown, NC

George V. Hamilton—suntan and all—Faypwc.com

Ms. Erin E. Protneroe — Professional Property Services, Inc.

Brad McKinney — North Carolina DOT—Raleigh

Laura Stoddart — North By Northwest Consulting, Inc.

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 1/18/16

07/01/15 - 12/31/15

Profit & Loss

Income: \$14,021.67
Expenses: \$25,284.69
Net: (\$11,263.02)

Balance Sheet

Checking: \$12,916.15
Savings: \$59,430.83
Total: \$72,346.98

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



My friend Ted. What a great guy/teacher!

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

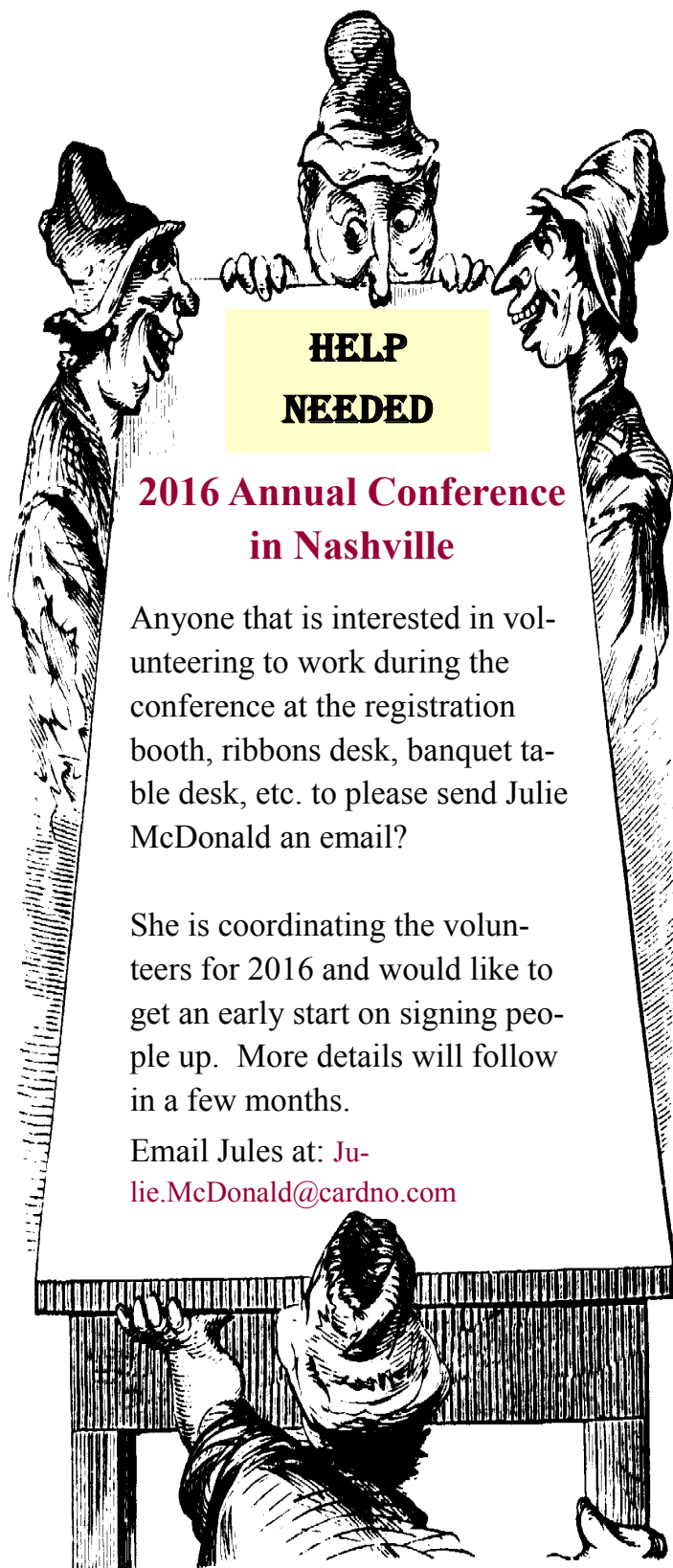
□ **Coming Soon:** The official, interactive version of the Course Coordinator Certification Training Program will be made available for those Coordinators who need to re-certify, as well as for new Course Coordinators.

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 Fall Seminar and business meeting were held on Friday, October 16, 2015 at the Holiday Inn – Charleston/Mt. Pleasant in Mt. Pleasant, SC. The meeting was called to order by President Buster Allen at 8:05am.

Thank you to HDR Inc., THC Inc., Southeastern Land Services, and Utility Land Services for sponsoring the Thursday evening social and Friday's lunch.

The minutes from the Summer Seminar held August 21st, 2015 in Concord, NC were approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT –

Please see the Treasurer's section of the newsletter for details.

OLD BUSINESS

- Please let Julie know if you can volunteer at the 2016 Annual Conference in Nashville.

NEW BUSINESS

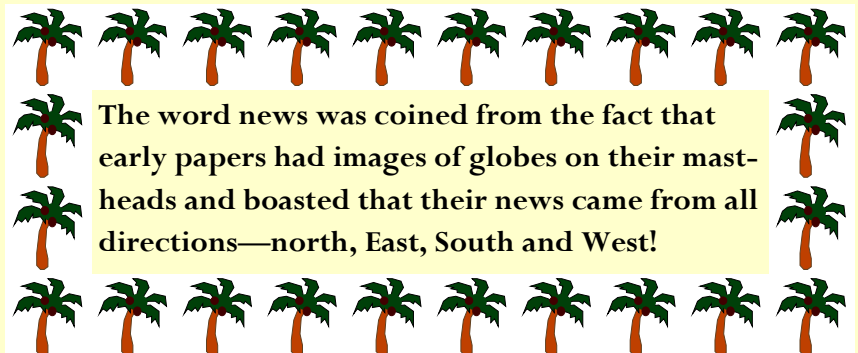
- Kevin Winner from RWIEF discussed the Chapter Professional of the Year scholarship.
- Motion was approved to donate \$500 to member Richard Leaphart to help with flood damage recovery. Members donated an additional \$1300 to donate to Richard.
- Promo video for the upcoming conference in Nashville was shown to the membership.

** REMINDER: Business meetings are open to ALL Chapter membership! You don't need to be an officer or committee chairperson to attend. Please consider staying after lunch next time to learn more about your Chapter and to be eligible to win a \$50 gift card!*

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Bloch
Secretary, IRWA Carolinas Chapter 31





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THURSDAY SOCIAL

The Thursday social will be held at ***City Range Steakhouse***, 615 Haywood Rd., Greenville, SC 29607. (864) 286-9018.

EDUCATION

Course 103, Ethics and the Right of Way Profession, will be presented at the hotel in Greenville on Thursday.

The ROI of Generosity

Angel Banks, SR/WA

Long after my chapter's fall seminar, I am still struck by an experience there. It was announced that a long-time member and his family had lost everything during the devastating October floods in Columbia, SC. Their home, belongings and vehicles, all gone – they had nothing but what they carried out in backpacks. Shortly after the seminar, members, guests and seminar speakers had donated over \$2,000 dollars for the family! My chapter is not unique in this kind of response; I know many of you can recall similar experiences in your own chapters and regions.

I joined the IRWA because of member generosity, given freely and in many forms. Members invited me to their offices, teaching me the business by sharing their procedures and experiences. Members taught me leadership and people skills. Members shared their time and expertise in discussion of industry issues. Members volunteered their time to perform work in my chapter and region. The list goes on.

This is a difficult, but rewarding industry. Our Association leaders and Foundations ask a lot of the membership. In part, because we are the industry's cream of the crop. And, in part, because we give generous gifts of time, talent and financial support. As members, we have given much to the Association and our Foundations, but we have received so much more as a result of that giving.

Winter is a time for reflection and taking stock. As the season envelopes us with shorter days and colder temperatures, take time to celebrate yourself, to reflect on your accomplishments and your generosity in both your professional and personal life. You make a difference in this world!

Then take more time to ponder and give thanks for all that has been given to you. Just look around. We all have much to be grateful for.



See below please.

The space above is how I'll feel not doing the g nusletter anymore. I loved interfacing with all of you for the last 10 or so years on this. Please give Linda Stoddart as much help as you've given me in producing the newsletter in the future.. She can be reached at LStoddart@nxnwconsulting.com.

Thanx for all the fun. It's been a great ride.

Buzz Prescott