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## THE ANNUAL CHAPTER 36 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

### *Chapter 36 Christmas Celebration and Santa's Families Donations*

Friday, December 9, 2011

12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Billy Bob's Texas

2520 Rodeo Plaza, Fort Worth, TX

Cajun Buffet

\$15.00 pp plus one non member guest at \$15.00

\$20.00 pp for all others (children under 11 free)

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**Chapter 36 has volunteered to be Santa's helpers for two families this Christmas.** We are asking our generous members to help us support these families by bringing an item or gift card for them to our Christmas party this year. It was previously announced that we volunteered to adopt a family of five. Recently [NICA](#) informed us of another family in which the mother (37 years old) just had a brain aneurysm leaving her husband with eight children. Both families are worthy and in need of our help.

On the following page is a list of the needed items and toys for the children along with their names, ages and sizes. You may wrap your gift or just put a tag with the child's name on it. If you would like to donate any of the big ticket items like furniture, please contact Connie Nahoolewa at [info@nicaagency.org](mailto:info@nicaagency.org) to coordinate.

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# Santa's Helpers - Family Adoption

**KATHY ROBERTSON, SR/WA**

**Family number one is in need of a double bed, a small kitchen table with chairs and clothes.**

Name	Boy/Girl	Age	Size
Briseya	girl	11 months	size 12 to 18 months
Jonathan	boy	two years	size 2 or 3 shirts and pants, size 7 children's shoes
Jose	boy	three years	size 4 shirts and pants, size 10 children's shoes
Jimmy	boy	five years	size 5 shirts and pants, size 11 children's shoes
Lucia	mother	27 years	size large shirts, size 12 pants, size 7 shoes
Jimmy Sr.	father	30 years	size XL shirts, size 32x32 pants, size 8 and ½ shoes

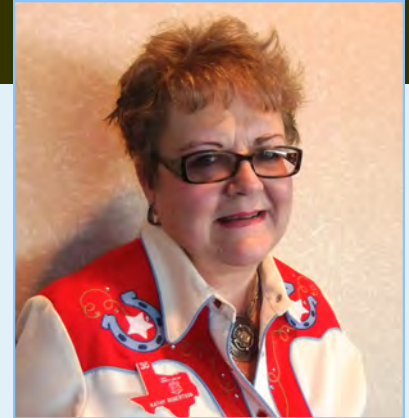
**Family number two recently lost their mother and the children are in need of clothes.**

Name	Boy/Girl	Age	Size
Daisy	girl	fourteen years	size Junior lg. 6-7 Junior pants, size 7½ shoes
Francisco	boy	10 years	size youth XL shirts, size 14-16 pants, size 6 ½ shoes
Blas	boy	8 years	size 12-14 shirts, size 12-14 pants, size 2 shoes
Jasmine	girl	6 year	size 7-8 shirts, size 7-8 pants, size 1 shoes
Yael	boy	2½ years	size 3-4 shirts, size 3-4 pants, size 10 children's shoes
Pedro Jr.	boy	1½ years	size 2-3 shirts, size 2-3 pants, size 8 children's shoes
Sylvano	boy	3 months	size 6 months shirts & pants size 2-3 children's shoes

Some other suggestions may be a Christmas tree already decorated in a box, stockings stuffed, gas cards, pre-teen makeup, non-perishables food baskets for holidays.

Stores that are local to them include: Fiesta Grocery (most popular), 7-11, Carnival, Ridgmar (closest mall), Payless Shoes, South Texas Dental, Walgreens, Family Dollar, The Dollar Store, McDonald's, Taco Bell, and Church's.

Please email Kathy Robertson with any questions at [krobertson@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:krobertson@tarrantcounty.com). Please bring these gifts to the party and update Kathy on what you have collected so we can try to meet the families' needs. Again, if you would like to donate any of the big ticket items, like furniture, please contact Connie Nahoolewa [info@nicaagency.org](mailto:info@nicaagency.org).



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# Christmas Party at Billy Bob's Texas!

**KATHY ROBERTSON, SR/WA**

Join us at Billy Bob's for one of the most unique Christmas parties the chapter has ever had!

**When:** Friday December 9th  
**Where:** Billy Bobs Texas (smoke free environment)  
**Time:** Noon to 3 pm at the latest  
**Meal:** Cajun buffet available Noon to 1:30  
one or two drink tickets (beer, wine, soda, tea, etc.),  
bread pudding.

**Price:** \$15.00 pp plus one non member guest at \$15.00  
\$20.00 pp for all others (children under 11 free)

Entertainment:

1. One hour of dance lessons including the Right of Way Stomp
2. Wheel of Fortune to include prizes for: movie tickets, rodeo tickets, Stock Show tickets, wine & spirits, lunches, happy hours, train tickets, bull riding, golf rounds, pedicures & manicures, and complimentary dinners
3. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will drop in for a visit

A grand prize from the Wheel of Fortune will be awarded of: one night in the Stockyards at [Miss Molly's Hotel Bed & Breakfast](#) and tickets to the Stockyards rodeo, or reserved tickets to one of Billy Bob's big shows.

We would like to solicit \$100 sponsorships from 15 to 20 industry vendors and contractors to purchase prizes. For your contribution you will get signage, verbal recognition and two member tickets. And if you would like to decorate your company table it will be judged and the winner will receive a grand prize that your whole group can share!

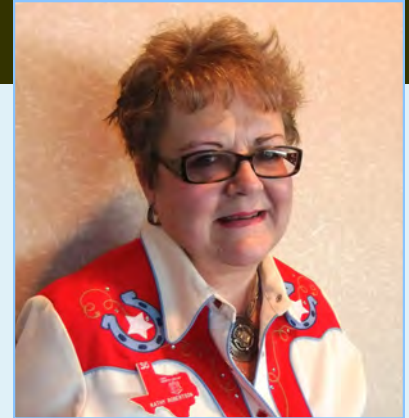
*Expect your really cool personal invite from Santa soon! So be makin' your list and checkn' it twice cuz our Santa wants you to be naughty and nice!*

**[Click Here](#) to Register Now**

Venue questions: contact Kathy Robertson at [kr Robertson@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:kr Robertson@tarrantcounty.com).

Please RSVP as soon as possible, but no later than December 1st.

\*In accordance with Billy Bob's policy, you must be the legal guardian for children under 18.

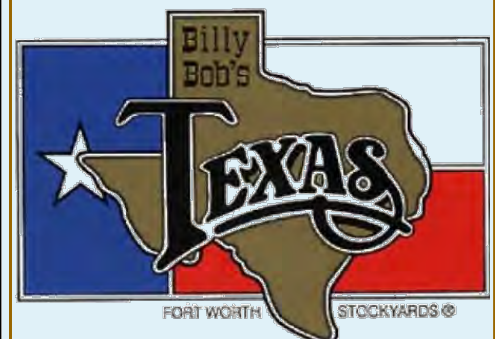


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# President's Message

CRAIG BRANDT, RW-AMC, R/W-NAC

Greetings Chapter 36 and Happy Holidays to you and your family!

I love this time of the year and hope these words find you in good spirits as we celebrate the many blessings we enjoy in this great nation. As I look back on my year, more good than bad comes to mind. I can point to a number of positive interactions and accomplishments I and my peers have had the opportunity to be a part of, and have good reason to be optimistic about our next year together in North Texas.

One of the changes this year that will be a big part of our 2012 is Senate Bill 18 and how it will affect the way ROW professional in executing our mission in our respective market sectors. Fortunately we have resources to assist us in this transition, for example our IRWA HQ has established a website at [www.IRWASB18.org](http://www.IRWASB18.org) that is a valuable resource for our members doing work in Texas. Another resource on relevant ROW issues available to us is the Right of Way Magazine. The magazine is available online and in hard copy, and we can continue to look forward to articles that are pertinent and thought provoking with relevant issues you and I deal with every day in the unique world of ROW. Another resource in the always changing employment market is the Career Center on the International IRWA website; see what opportunities are out there on the national level. And finally, our biggest resource and key to another great year is YOU! Our Chapter members are the single biggest and best source of experience, know how and expertise available to you and I in the market place today. So, I encourage you to take time to invest in yourself through education, credentialing, and networking in the IRWA. Chapter 36 is honored to be a part of your 2011, and we want to continue to share in your success in 2012!

Thanks for a great year and let me know how we are doing.

Craig



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# Subject Matter Liaison Positions Available

**DONNA HARRISON, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC**

Did your employer make you join IRWA? Did your friends recommend that you join? Do you want all those letters behind your name that take up two lines in print? Were you inspired by Lisa Harrison and the PDC Committee's presentation last month? Do you want to be a part of the IRWA organization and just don't know where to start?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes", then there is no better time to get involved with **your chapter** and the IRWA than **now!** One way to become more involved is to volunteer as a chapter liaison committee representative to the international committee of your choice.

As you heard, the IRWA is raising the bar on education. They are also raising the bar on communication and need your participation. Many times communication does not reach the chapter membership or the membership does not appear to have a voice in communicating issues to the Region 2 officers, IPDC, or IEC.

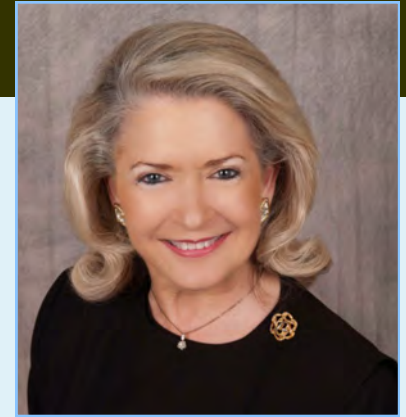
The International Committees are: Asset Management, Environmental, Local Public Agency, Pipeline, Relocation, Surveying and Engineering, Transportation, Utilities, and Valuation. Each International Committee is searching for a chapter liaison. The chapter liaison would be responsible to communicate issues or questions, in your committee's area of expertise, to the committee's Region 2 representative.

As your International Relocation Assistance Committee Chair, our Region 2 Representative, Karen D'Angelo, reports at the annual conference of issues affecting relocation within Region 2. Karen is responsible for contacting each chapter in the region to see if there are relocation issues that the international committee should be aware of and she is responsible for communicating the international committee's issues or changes back to the chapter liaison. The chapter liaison responsibilities would be to inform the Region 2 representative of issues, questions, concerns, or ideas that are occurring in our region and to report all international committee decisions back to the chapter. The report could be a simple email or a telephone conversation. Each international committee will have their own responsibilities and reporting format.

In summary, the chapter liaisons pass along information to and from Region 2 that is of current significance to our area. The purpose of these positions is to help the Region and International respond to our needs with appropriate educational offerings in order to better serve our membership.

Our current Chapter Liaisons are Kathy Jones-Robertson for the Asset Management Committee, Diane Matthews for Utilities, Greg Althoff for Local Public Agency, Michael Kersten for Surveying and Engineering, and Jennifer Ayers for Valuation.

For questions, please contact Donna Harrison at [dharrison@pinnaclegroup.biz](mailto:dharrison@pinnaclegroup.biz) or 214-215-9589. If you want to become more involved in **your IRWA**, please contact Craig Brandt, Chapter 36 President, to let him know on which international committee you want to serve.



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# Ask the Lawyer

BY R. SCOTT MORAN AND KATIE THIELE

## LaSALLE PIPELINE, LP v. DONNELL LANDS, L.P.

Briefs on the merits have been filed with the Supreme Court of Texas in the case of LaSalle Pipeline, LP v. Donnell Lands, L.P. The issues on appeal involve the amount of remainder damages awarded to Donnell Lands after a pipeline easement was placed on its property, and the possible effect of the landowner's testimony on the damages awarded by the jury. As this case has worked its way through the Texas court system, LaSalle Pipeline, represented by Zabel Freeman, LLP, has continued to challenge the legal sufficiency of the evidence presented by Donnell Lands as to the remaining value of the land.

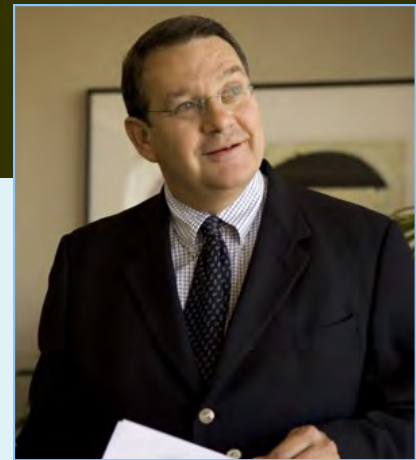
At the trial, in 36th District Court of McMullen County, Texas, Donnell Lands, represented by Corbin Snow of San Antonio, was awarded over \$600,000 for the diminution in value to its remaining tracts of land. LaSalle Pipeline, LP v. Donnell Lands, L.P., 336 S.W.3d 306, 309 (Tex. App.—San Antonio 2010, pet. filed). Donnell Lands called two witnesses at trial, landowner James Donnell Jr. and MAI appraiser Philip McCormick, to testify as to the value of the remaining land. Philip McCormick compared Donnell Lands' property to other real estate in McMullen and Webb Counties. James Donnell Jr. testified as to the total value of the entire tract of land before its taking, and not the difference between the value of the land before and after the placement of the pipeline easement. From the testimony of James Donnell Jr., the jury was able to hear the landowner's perspective regarding the damage to the value of the land after the placement of the pipeline easement.

The San Antonio Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment of the lower court after reducing the damages awarded for the temporary workspace easements to \$6,402. LaSalle Pipeline LP, 336 S.W.3d at 314. The damages award in excess of \$600,000 for the diminished value of Donnell Lands' property remained. LaSalle Pipeline filed a petition for review in the Texas Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court requested briefs on the merits.

In LaSalle Pipeline's brief on the merits, it contends that the damages award is improper because Donnell Lands did not present evidence to support the \$600,000 award for diminution in value to the land. According to LaSalle Pipeline, appraiser McCormick's testimony and landowner James Donnell's testimony were insufficient. LaSalle contends McCormick used improper and unreliable methodology by comparing the land at issue to land in a back-to-back sale and purchase of two separate tracts by one

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# Ask the Lawyer, Cont.

BY R. SCOTT MORAN AND KATIE THIELE

individual more than two years before the placement of the easement in question. LaSalle contends Donnell's testimony on the overall damage from the easement was merely a conclusory adoption of McCormick's testimony, without any explanation as to the calculation of damages.

Donnell Lands' brief on the merits contends that the testimony it offered at trial was sufficient. McCormick used the same paired-sales methodology as LaSalle Pipeline's expert. Donnell Lands also stated that James Donnell's testimony was proper because he was aware of the value of the land before the easement and the damage that the easement caused to the value of the remainder property. Donnell Lands maintains that the jury's award was within the allowable range for damages based on the testimony presented at trial.

LaSalle contends that the Texas Supreme Court's possible affirmation of the appellate court's decision could create a slippery slope in the eminent domain arena, and that it will be difficult to budget for public projects that involve eminent domain if the \$600,000 award stands. Landowners contend that years of case law in Texas allows the testimony of landowners' opinions of the value of and damages to their lands when they choose to take the stand to testify as to the value of their land and the damage from their perspective. We will watch this decision by the Texas Supreme Court to see if it will impact the future of eminent domain law in Texas.

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# November Photos

## NOVEMBER 2011 MEETING PHOTOS



Robert Duran, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Donnie Sherwood, SR/WA and Marcus Boyd, SR/WA, R/W-RAC delivered the primary presentation at our education fair



Wayne Wright, Lily Khan and Wendell Pyles, SR/WA



Jordan Miller, Edwin "Sandy" Meador and Andy Cox



Dorrien Himes tends her booth at the education fair



Michael Hale not in photo

Young Professionals at Main Event in Grapevine, Texas - November 10, 2011

# Committee News

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS - JOSH CANUTESON, CHAIR

The Young Professionals held their last outing at Main Event and had a bowling night. There were 12 Young Professionals in attendance and we all had a great time. While we didn't keep record of the bowling scores, we did have a fun contest to see who could roll the ball the fastest. The big winner was TJ Smith of Integra Realty Resources (25.8 mph) with Marcus Boyd of Pinnacle (24.73 mph) coming in a close second. We're excited to see how many people we can have at our next outing. While December can be a hectic month with the holidays, we hope that we can get a good turnout. Please be sure to mark your calendars for **December 15th** as we are having a **Whirly Ball night** (it's like lacrosse with bumper cars). We will be at Whirly Ball Mid-Cities at 6:30 pm (147 E. Harwood Road, Hurst). Please be sure to be on time as we only have the court reserved for two hours. Looking forward to seeing all of the Young Professionals then!



For more information, contact Josh Canuteson, R/W-NAC, Young Professionals Chair at 214-217-6437 or email at [jcanuteson@halff.com](mailto:jcanuteson@halff.com).



## MEMBERSHIP - DORRIEN HIMES, CHAIR

Chapter 36 would like to welcome its newest members:

- Laura K. Griffin - Stateside Right of Way Services, LLC
- Heather R. Bagley - Stateside Right of Way Services, LLC
- Gina M. Mendez - Crestwood Midstream Partners LP
- Robert R. McDonough - Crestwood Midstream Partners LP
- Rita V. Miller - City of Wichita Falls
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# Professional Development Committee News

**ROBERT DURAN SR/WA, CHAIR**

We hope all of you that attended the November meeting found the program pertaining to the Right of Way Professional Career Path helpful. Utilizing the handouts provided in the program such as the Right of Way Career Development Plan Guidelines allows you to track your progress and have your requirements and goals at your fingertips. The chief goal of the PDC (Professional Development Committee) is to aid you in achieving your goals and we offer that support by making ourselves available to any member needing assistance. The handouts from that meeting are available upon request.

The website for IRWA is [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org) and contains all the information for the program fees, courses required, needed experience, and application forms. All initial candidacy applications, completion applications and/or capstone exam requests must be submitted to your Chapter 36 Professional Development Committee (PDC), who will review for completeness and then submit to headquarters. Your PDC team includes Robert Duran (214-217-6401) [rduran@halff.com](mailto:rduran@halff.com); Marcus Boyd (972-979-2850) [mboyd@pinnaclegroup.biz](mailto:mboyd@pinnaclegroup.biz); Donnie Sherwood (817-332-5522) [dsherwood@irr.com](mailto:dsherwood@irr.com).

The PDC wishes you and your families a very **Merry Christmas** and a **New Year** full of happiness.

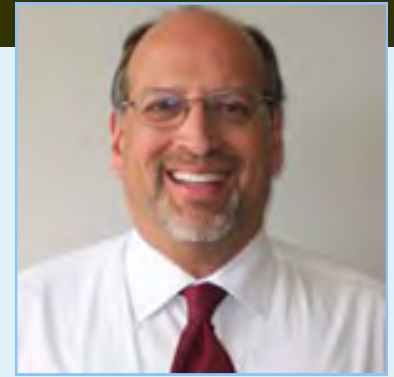
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COURSE	TITLE	DATES	FACILITATOR
105	<a href="#">The Uniform Act</a>	3/5/2012	Donnie Sherwood & Terry Smith
205	<a href="#">Bargaining Negotiations</a>	4/23-24/2012	Mazie Leftwich
801	<a href="#">U.S. Land Titles</a>	5/21-22/2012	Scott Newman
900	<a href="#">Principles of RE Engineering</a>	6/4-5/2012	Kyle Ray
203	<a href="#">Alternative Dispute Resolution</a>	7/23-24/2012	Pete Brown
400	Principals of Real Estate Appraisal	9/24-25/2012	Charles Stearman
410	Review Appraisal in ED	10/22/2012	Charles Stearman



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# In Other News

## Save the date: Spring Seminar 2012

Thursday and Friday, April 19-20, 2012 for the Annual Spring Seminar. Seminar registration pamphlets with location and other details will be forthcoming.

## November/December Issue of *Right of Way Magazine*

[DART Green Line Rail Expansion listed in 2011 Top 10 Project Winners](#)

[Philip Davis named recipient of Chapter 36 scholarship.](#)

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## Chapter Calendar 2011-2012

December 9	Chapter 36 Christmas Party
December 15	Young Professionals Event @ <a href="#">Whirly Ball Dallas</a>
December 25	Christmas Holiday
January 10	Lunch and Learn Meeting
February 8	Lunch and Learn Meeting
March 5	<a href="#">Course 105: The Uniform Act</a>
March 13	Lunch and Learn Meeting
April 4	<a href="#">Course 205: Bargaining and Negotiations</a>
April 19-20	Spring Seminar

## Newsletter Submissions

Do you have an article or event you would like to publish in the Chapter 36 Newsletter?

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# Member Spotlight

**DAVID HARRY**

**INTERVIEWED BY PIPER OGAN**



**David Harry**

Where do you work, what do you do, and how long have you been there?

I have been a real estate appraiser since 2002; I formed the Harry Company in January 2011. A large portion of my business is devoted to the right-of-way industry, where appraisal work receives high scrutiny and is held to rigorous standards.

Tell us about your family.

Lisa and I have been married for almost 27 years and have three kids. Lisa is a CPA and has her own accounting practice but also helps me in the appraisal business. We have three children. Mason is a first-year student at the University of Texas Law School. He graduated from Texas A&M last Spring with a degree in Accounting. Miranda, my oldest daughter, is a High School Junior, a dancer and singer. Last year, she made the Texas All-State Choir as a sophomore. We're really proud of that. Marissa is my youngest. She is 11 years old and enjoys softball and piano.

How did you come to live in the DFW area?

Born and raised here: Other than my college years at Baylor University, I've always lived in the north Texas region.

When not working, what hobbies do you enjoy?

Anything with my family: I also play classical guitar and like to work in the yard.

Who introduced you to IRWA and how long have you been a member?

Donnie Sherwood and Dan Wright encouraged me to get involved, and I'll always be grateful for that. I first attended a lunch meeting in 2003 and joined in 2005.

Tell us about your background in real estate.

I grew up working in our family-owned construction and development business, so real estate has been an important part of my life as long as I can remember. I managed the family business from 1994 until 2001. I also served as Mayor for the City of Mansfield, Texas from 1998 through 2004 and learned a great deal about growth planning and real estate development through that experience. Since 2002, my appraisal career has benefitted from all these past experiences. I am a perpetual student.

What do you enjoy most about ROW work?

ROW work can provide the most challenging assignments an appraiser will face. I love digging into the research, studying various property types, looking at details, finding solutions to complex problems, and then writing reports that communicate clearly. Every day is different, and it all appeals to me.

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# Member Spotlight

DAVID HARRY

INTERVIEWED BY PIPER OGAN

If you had to spend 2 years on a deserted island, what book, CD and movie would you bring?

Book: "Living on Deserted Islands for Dummies"

Music: Tommy Emmanuel

Movie: Seabiscuit

What plans do you have for the IRWA as the Treasurer and as a member of the Board?

Regarding the Treasurer's duties, in addition to maintaining good fiscal practices, I am committed to making a complete transition to the accounting system recently instituted by IRWA headquarters. On a personal level, a priority for this year is for me to continue to learn from the great experience and talent we have represented on our Board. Chapter 36 has an awesome history and wealth of human resources. As I said, I am a perpetual student.

What advice would you give to someone starting out in the ROW profession?

My advice to those starting out in the ROW profession is to develop a passion for learning and growing professionally. Take on the difficult assignments when you can, and commit yourself to professional development through IRWA. I've observed a huge difference over the years between those who want a professional career in ROW and those who just want a job. This industry can be tough on those who just want a job, but it rewards those who are committed to professionalism. The best professionals in our industry are consistently recognized and rewarded, so it's a marvelous opportunity. Strive to be the best.

What advice would you give to IRWA members?

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#### Job Qualifications:

Prospective candidates should have a stable work history and an outgoing, positive persona with the ability to embrace an attitude that inspires co-workers. Skills include the ability to multi-task and learn quickly with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail. Successful candidates will have a strong work ethic, and are self motivated with a proven ability to work productively with little or no direct supervision. Desirable software skills include intermediate to advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office products and basic to advanced knowledge of invoicing/accounting software. Familiarity with commercial real estate terminology and/or legal knowledge is a plus.

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