

The Chapter 36 Chronicle



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN



THE WIRELESS FUTURE IS BUILT ON THE GROUND

The technologies shaping 2030 may appear wireless, virtual and cloud-based, but the infrastructure behind them remains firmly connected to the physical world. Artificial intelligence, connected vehicles, smart-community applications, cloud computing and an expanding number of connected devices are creating new expectations for network capacity, reliability, security and speed.

Meeting those expectations requires more than advanced software. It requires towers, small cells, fiber routes, neighborhood cabinets, data centers, power, strategically placed equipment and reliable access to every asset.

"The digital world may feel wireless, but it is built on very physical rights."

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

Whether you are an acquisition specialist, appraiser, engineer, surveyor, project manager, attorney, relocation professional, utility coordinator or other right-of-way professional, the network of 2030 will create new demands on the places and pathways that make infrastructure possible.

Where should the next tower or small cell be located? How will fiber reach a neighborhood, business, data center or network site? When should fiber be aerial, and when should it be buried? How can physically diverse routes improve resiliency?

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

This accessible discussion will take attendees behind the digital experience to show how modern communications networks work, what is driving new demand and why right-of-way professionals will play an increasingly strategic role in building intelligent, connected infrastructure.

These are not only telecommunications questions. They are site-selection, land-access, permitting, design, engineering, community-coordination and right-of-way questions.

FEATURED PRESENTER

Maulik Shah

AVP, Technology Strategy | Global Technology Planning



Maulik Shah is an accomplished telecommunications executive leading technology strategy within AT&T's Global Technology Planning organization. He oversees converged network planning and forecasting, data, automation, long-range investment strategy and AI strategy for the network organization.



WHAT ATTENDEES WILL EXPLORE

The connected network	How wireless access, fiber transport, edge computing, cloud platforms and data centers work together.
The demand ahead	How AI, connected devices, immersive experiences and smart communities are reshaping network traffic.
Fiber to the premises	How neighborhood cabinets, aerial and buried routes, fiber drops and optical network terminals connect the customer.
Reliability and trust	Why future networks require capacity, proximity, resiliency, consistency and security.
The strategic role of right of way	How site selection, route diversity, maintenance access and durable rights affect network performance.

If you work in right of way or infrastructure development, this is a conversation you will not want to miss.

Texas Star Golf Course Conference Center

1400 Texas Star Parkway

October 13th 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Click [Here](#) to Register!

Costs:

Member - \$30

Non-Member - \$35

First Time Guest - Free!

UPCOMING *Event*

October Luncheon - Texas Star Golf Course Conference Center

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

1400 Texas Star Parkway Euless, TX 76040

Click [here](#) to register

**13
OCT**

**19-20
OCT**

PRINCIPLES OF REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATION

11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Arlington, TX

Click [here](#) to register

CH. 36 IRWA OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND YP EVENT

5:00 - 7:00 PM

14600 Merlot Avenue Grapevine, TX 76051

Click [here](#) to register

**21
OCT**

**26-28
OCT**

SR/WA STUDY SESSION & COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Virtual

Click [here](#) to register



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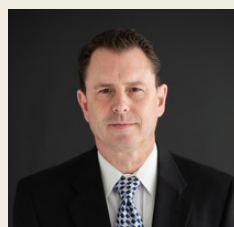
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Editor's Column

Hello Chapter 36! We have lots of education opportunities and events coming up. Be sure to mark your calendars for our Membership Drive on October 21 and take advantage of the many opportunities to connect, learn, and get involved with the chapter!

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President's Message



It was great seeing everyone at our first meeting of the year last month! With the 100-degree days finally behind us, we can officially welcome my favorite season: fall! Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Santa. Oh my!

A big thank-you to Madison Yasenchok of Baker Moran and Cara Rouvaldt and Chris Sanderson of Halff Associates for an informative and engaging presentation on all things NEPA.

I would also like to congratulate Sunny Starrett on earning her SR/WA designation. Her hard work and determination have certainly paid off, and it was an honor to present her with her SR/WA plaque. Congratulations, Sunny!

As I mentioned in the September newsletter, one of my goals this year is to create more opportunities for us to learn from one another, strengthen our professional relationships, and enjoy being part of IRWA Chapter 36. We have several great opportunities coming up in October:

- Monthly Meeting: October 13 at Texas Star Golf Course
- Membership Drive & YP Event: October 21 at Chicken N Pickle in Grapevine
- Education: Course 200, Principles of Real Estate Negotiation, and an SR/WA Study Session

Our educational offerings are a great way to expand your knowledge, earn continuing education credits, and connect with fellow members. Both classes will be held in person, so I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities.

If you have questions about the classes, please reach out to Ben Goss, our Education Chair. For more information about the Membership Drive and YP Event, contact Miles Travis or Brooklyn Patton, our YP Champions, or Jessica Shultz, our Membership Hero.

I hope to see many of you at our October events. The more we participate, the more we get out of our organization!

And, of course, no newsletter would be complete without a dad joke:

What did the fried rice say to the shrimp....."Don't you wok away from me!"

TOMMY MATTHEWS, SR/WA, R/W - AC
CHAPTER 36 PRESIDENT





PREVIOUS LUNCHEON

September Luncheon / Chapter 36



Chapter 36 welcomed members back from the summer break with our first luncheon of the season and an engaging discussion on environmental permitting and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Madison Yasenchok of Baker & Moran, along with Cara Rouvoldt and Chris Sanderson of Halff, shared their insights into the latest developments surrounding environmental permitting and how policy uncertainty is impacting projects and schedules.

The speakers provided valuable perspectives on the challenges associated with navigating today's environmental requirements and the effects of changing policies on project timelines. Their discussion offered Chapter 36 members a better understanding of current NEPA developments and the importance of staying informed as projects move through the permitting process. It was a great way to kick off the fall season with insightful discussion, networking, and continued professional development.



Congratulations to Sunny Starrett for receiving her SR/WA designation.



OCTOBER MEETING

The October Luncheon will be held at Texas Star Golf Course, located at 1400 Texas Star Parkway in Euless, TX. Join us at 11:30 AM for "From Dirt to Data," an engaging program focused on the latest developments and insights in the industry. We look forward to an informative discussion and hope to see everyone there!



2026 - 2027

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IRWA REGION 2



About our Organization

Region 2 includes 1,535 members and 491 associate members from US and Mexico. Our eight chapters include Chapter 74 (Austin, TX), Chapter 43 (Louisiana), Chapter 36 (Dallas/Fort Worth, TX), Chapter 8 (Houston, TX), Chapter 51 (Little Rock, AR), Chapter 33 (Oklahoma City, OK), Chapter 39 (South Texas) and Chapter 85 (Mexico). Region 2 is proud to be a leader in our Association, supporting career advancement through educational programs and promoting the Association's mission to improve people's quality of life through infrastructure development.

Save the Date! Join IRWA Chapters 39 and 74 on **November 6** in **New Braunfels, Texas**, for the upcoming **Eminent Domain Seminar**. Mark your calendar now and plan to join fellow right of way professionals for a day of education, networking, and valuable industry insight. More details will be coming soon!



October and November Events

- Chapter 36: Course 200
 - Oct. 19-20
- Chapter 33: Course 100
 - Oct. 22-23
- Chapter 8: Course 700
 - Oct. 22-23
- Chapter 36: SR/WA Review
 - Oct. 26-28
- Chapter 8: Course 421
 - Oct. 26-28
- Chapter 74: Course 900
 - Oct. 26-27
- Chapter 8: Course 800
 - Nov. 2-3
- Chapter 9: Course 600
 - Nov. 5
- Annual Em. Do. Seminar
 - Nov. 6
- Chapter 36: Course 502
 - Nov. 11-12
- Chapter 8: Course 900
 - Nov. 17-18
- Chapter 36: Course 102
 - Nov. 20
- Chapter 36
 - Nov. 23-24

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS



Hello Chapter 36 Members!

The weather is cooling off, and fall is here at last. The end of the year will arrive before we know it, so now is a good time to finish up any classes you still need. Our Chapter has five offerings left on the calendar, and they are listed below.

A full list of courses being offered is available on the link below.
[IRWA Virtual Classes Calendar](#).

Below is the schedule of classes we will be offering through November of this year.

Chapter 36 2026 Education Calendar

	Course	Location	Date
200	Principles of Real Estate Negotiation	Arlington, TX	Oct. 19-20
SR/ WA	Study Session & Comprehension Exam	Virtual	Oct. 26-28
502	Non-Residential Relocation Assistance	Fort Worth Alliance	Nov. 11-12
102	Elevating Your Ethical Awareness	Virtual	Nov. 20
100	Principles of Land Acquisition	Virtual	Nov. 23-24

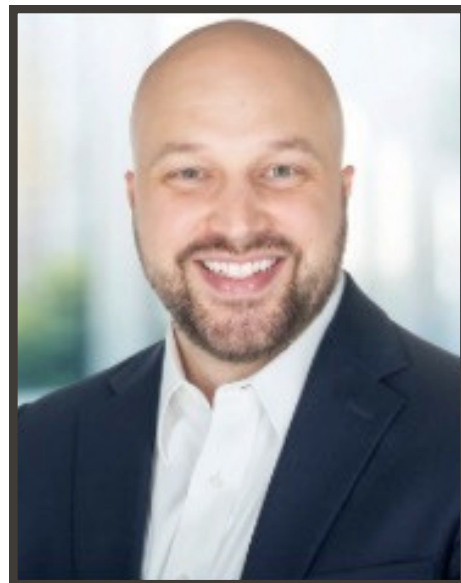
WANT TO HOST A CLOSED COURSE FOR YOUR TEAM?

If your company is interested in hosting a Closed Course for your employees, please reach out to us and we can assist in helping schedule and coordinate the class. Send the Education Committee an email at education@irwachapter36.org.

WHICH COURSES DO I NEED?

Only the PDC can tell you which class you need to complete the education requirements for designation and certification. If you are planning to get your RWA, RWP or SR/WA the list of courses you need to complete your credentialing are located at www.irwaonline.org. Just visit the "Credentialing" tab.

YOUR EDC CHAIR



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Professional Development

COMMITTEE



I Achieved My IRWA Designation... Now What?

Congratulations on earning your IRWA designation! Maintaining your credential demonstrates your ongoing commitment to professional excellence and continued growth within the right of way profession.

Designations must be renewed every five years and require continuing education credits. Recertification applications can be found [here](#), and the requirements for the most common certifications are summarized below.

YOUR PDC CHAIR

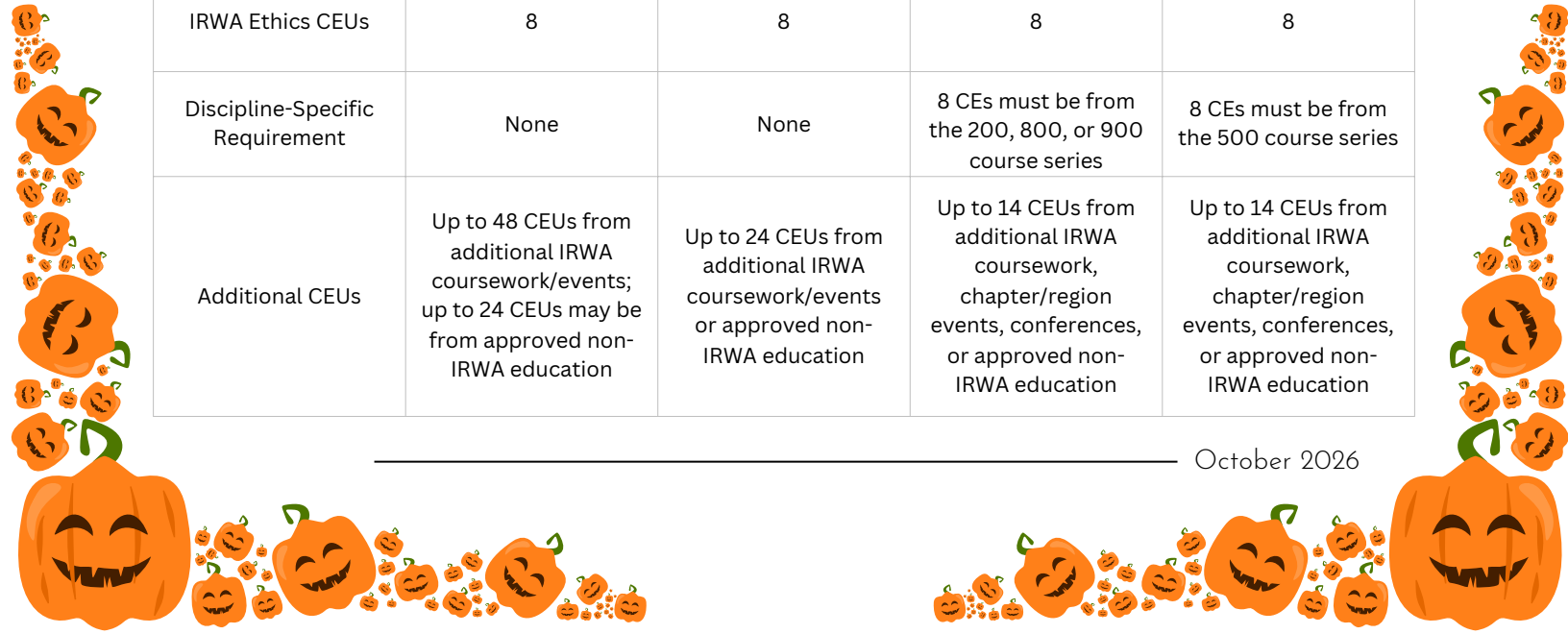


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RWA Recertification Requirements

	SR/WA	RWP	R/W-NAC	R/W-RAC
Total CEUs Required	72	48	30	30
Min. IRWA Coursework(Hrs)	24	24	16	16
IRWA Ethics CEUs	8	8	8	8
Discipline-Specific Requirement	None	None	8 CEUs must be from the 200, 800, or 900 course series	8 CEUs must be from the 500 course series
Additional CEUs	Up to 48 CEUs from additional IRWA coursework/events; up to 24 CEUs may be from approved non-IRWA education	Up to 24 CEUs from additional IRWA coursework/events or approved non-IRWA education	Up to 14 CEUs from additional IRWA coursework, chapter/region events, conferences, or approved non-IRWA education	Up to 14 CEUs from additional IRWA coursework, chapter/region events, conferences, or approved non-IRWA education



Quick Reminders

- Eligible education may be completed in-person, virtually, on-demand, or a combination of formats.
- The IRWA Ethics course is required for all recertifications listed above.
- Chapter and Region educational events, as well as the Annual International Education Conference, may qualify for CE credit when approved by IRWA.

PDC Pro Tip: Don't wait until your recertification year to start earning and tracking CEUs. Attending chapter luncheons, educational events, conferences, and completing IRWA courses throughout your certification cycle makes recertification much less stressful while helping you stay current on industry trends and industry best practices.

September 2026 Professional Development Highlights

Congratulations to the following Chapter 36 members on their recent professional development achievements:

- **Blayke Dangelmayr** submitted her **RWA Declaration of Candidacy**.
- **Niels Brown** submitted his **RWA Completion Application**.

Great work, and best of luck as you continue progressing toward your professional goals!

Best Wishes!

*Shannon Perkins, SR/WA,
and your PDC-2 Year*

- **PDC Chair** - Lisa Featherstone, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
- **PDC 2 Year** - Shannon Perkins, SR/WA
- **PDC 3 Year** - Silverio Garza, Jr., SR/WA

October 2026

ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK, 41.5% OF RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES ARE CURRENTLY WORKING IN JOBS THAT DON'T REQUIRE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.



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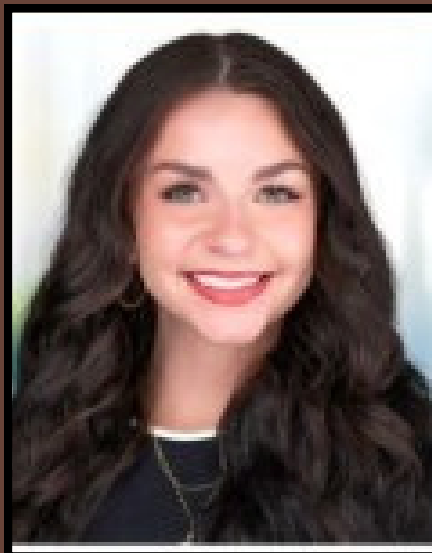
Membership Committee

The International Right of Way Association (IRWA) is devoted solely to the right of way profession and proudly represents nearly 10,000 members worldwide. Chapter 36 is currently the largest chapter in IRWA and we are extremely proud of this achievement. The North Texas Chapter currently has 421 members!!

Membership in our organization offers valuable opportunities for professional growth, networking, and involvement. From access to educational resources and industry updates to invitations for exclusive events, members enjoy a range of benefits designed to support their success. We encourage you to stay engaged, take advantage of upcoming workshops and volunteer openings, and help us welcome new members as they join our community. If you know someone who would benefit from becoming part of our group, please share the membership information below—we're always excited to grow and strengthen our network.

Join us on **Wednesday, October 21** at **5:00 PM** at **Chicken N' Pickle in Grapevine** for an evening of pickleball, networking, and fun. Application fees will be waived for those who apply in person, and renewal credits will be available. We look forward to bringing members together and welcoming those interested in getting more involved with IRWA!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



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Welcome Our New Members

- Kari Spurgeon - TechServ
- Alan Orr - Purple Land Management
- Patricia VanDevander
- Kevin Brandt - Oncor
- Brad Linfo

≡Welcome≡

"LEADERS SHOULD ASK
THEMSELVES, 'HOW DO OTHERS
AROUND ME FLOURISH AS A
RESULT OF MY LEADERSHIP?'"
TONY DUNGY



Young Professionals Committee

Chapter 36

October 2026

YP Membership

The International Right of Way Association Young Professionals of IRWA Chapter 36 continue to foster growth and connection within the right-of-way industry. Through events and collaboration, they provide opportunities to gain insight, build confidence, and strengthen professional relationships.

More than a networking group, YP serves as a supportive community focused on education, ethics, and development. As the largest chapter in IRWA, Chapter 36 proudly supports nearly 469 local members and almost 10,000 worldwide. With exciting events ahead—including the Spring Seminar and annual Golf Tournament—we can't wait to see our Young Professionals connect, learn, and make an impact in the industry.

Your YP chair



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Join Chapter 36's Young Professionals as they team up with the Membership Committee for our October Membership Drive! Join us on Wednesday, October 21 at 5:00 PM at Chicken N' Pickle in Grapevine for an evening of pickleball, networking, and fun. Application fees will be waived for those who apply in person, and renewal credits will be available. Come connect, grow, and learn more about getting involved with IRWA! 🍷



CHAPTER 36

SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

Chapter 36 1 October 2026

This month, Chapter 36 is proud to shine a spotlight on **Oncor Electric Delivery**, the largest electric transmission and distribution utility in Texas. Oncor operates and maintains the power lines, substations, and electric infrastructure that deliver electricity to approximately 14 million Texans across more than 400 communities. While Oncor does not generate electricity or sell energy plans, its focus is on providing safe, reliable, and efficient delivery of electricity.



With roots dating back to 1912, Oncor's history is built on the legacy of several Texas electric companies, including Dallas Power & Light, Texas Electric Service Company, and Texas Power & Light. Today, Oncor's core values of safety, excellence, intensity, ethical conduct, innovation, and respect guide its commitment to employees, customers, partners, and communities.

Beyond delivering electricity, Oncor is committed to being a good neighbor and community partner. The company supports nonprofits and volunteer fire departments and partners with organizations such as the American Heart Association and United Way. Its employees work around the clock to maintain and strengthen the infrastructure that powers homes, businesses, schools, hospitals, and communities throughout Texas.

When asked to describe Oncor in one word, an employee chose "**Dependable**," reflecting the company's reliability and commitment during everyday operations as well as major weather events. As one employee shared, "Every day, we have the opportunity to make a difference by keeping the lights on for millions of Texans. The work is challenging, meaningful, and focused on serving our communities safely."

Looking ahead, Oncor is focused on strengthening the electric grid to support Texas' continued growth, improving reliability and resiliency, expanding automation and advanced technology, and maintaining a strong safety culture. Through these efforts, Oncor continues working to meet the state's growing energy needs while building a stronger and more resilient electric system for the future.