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Dinner Program

Park Hill Golf Course
4141 E. 35th Ave, Denver, CO 80207

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Board Meeting 5:00 PM

Cocktails: 6:00 PM

Lunch 6:30 PM / Program 7:30 PM (approx.)

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Presidents Message



Spring is here! Which means it's time to have our Region 9 forum. This year we are in Salt Lake City May 8-9th but if you are interested in becoming an instructor, or just getting better at doing presentations, you might want to head out early (May 7-8th) and take the 219 course – Introduction to Presentation, Instruction, and Facilitation. For more info click here:

http://www.irwachapter6.org/miscDocs/IRWA_REGION_9_FORUMMAY2015.pdf

With this great weather we've had, I had the pleasure of dusting off my golf clubs and getting my first round knocked out, actually managed to get a few pars! Our golf tournament, July 17th at the Golf Club at Heather Ridge in Aurora, CO will come up before you know it, so make sure to get registered with Darrel Vanhooser, more info here: <http://www.irwachapter6.org/golf.htm>

We had a great meeting last month, thanks so much to our presenter Steve Nagy. I hope you can make it to this month's dinner, I have enjoyed working with our presenter Bob Felsburg for almost 15-years and his topic, mentoring, is very important to me and to the future of our industry. I've seen Bob's staff go from fresh out of college engineering techs to project managers of major road and bridge design projects. Many of the staff I coordinate over at Felsburg, Holt, and Ullevig have told me of times when Bob personally helped them meet difficult deliverables and took time to explain and teach them on ways to work through problems and meet project requirements. Hope you can make it!

When I think of Mentoring, I always remember my Father, who passed away last year. He taught me so many things, from learning to ride a bike, shoot a gun, hold a survey rod, run a survey instrument, and balance a survey traverse with just a scientific calculator. I think it is because of all he's done for me that I really enjoy working with the staff at Farnsworth Group and passing on the things I know. I feel like he left me quite a bill to pay forward!

The IRWA's mentoring program is still in its infancy and I believe more information will be coming out on the website and member network in the near future. For now, if interested please join the group on the IRWA member network:

<http://irwa.ep.memberfuse.com/groups/profile/view/groupid/2777> and contact our IPDC vice-chair, Lara Bailey LTBailey@spectraenergy.com for more information and to get started as a mentor or protégée! This is a great opportunity, especially for our young professionals!

We had a great 902 class with 21 attendees last month, I'm looking forward to our upcoming classes:

- April 20-23 100- Principles of Land Acquisition
- May 15th 213- Conflict Management (this is required for all Certifications in the new curriculum)
- Sept. 17-18 207- Practical Negotiations for US Federal Funded Lands

Please let me know if you have any classes you'd like to take in the fall.

If you haven't already, don't forget to renew your membership today by going online at www.irwaonline.org and clicking on "Membership" at the top of the homepage then "Dues Renewal Invoice" on the right side. Or contact Bonnie Gray, Assistant Controller – Member Services at 310-538-0233, ext.134 or by email at gray@irwaonline.org.

Thanks and I hope to see you soon!

Fred Easton, Jr., PLS

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DINNER PROGRAM

TUESDAY April 14th!!

THE VALUE OF MENTORING

We have all benefited from mentors in our lives, both our personal and professional lives. Our mentors are those who have helped to guide our development as we have grown. They often come into our lives, either by chance or by opportunity, undeclared as mentors, and the mentoring relationship grows over time through the development of mutual respect. In all cases, they have been instrumental in our success. Companies have come to recognize that mentoring programs have many benefits to them, and they have also learned that mentors often benefit from the mentoring process as much as do mentees.

This discussion will address what mentoring is meant to be, the mentor-mentee relationship and their respective roles and responsibilities, the attributes that make a good mentor, and the basics of a sound mentoring program.



Presented by Bob Felsburg, P.E.

Bob was a founder of the transportation engineering firm Felsburg Holt & Ullevig (FHU) and, having completed a successful internal ownership and management transition, retired from

the firm in 2014 after 30 years. Bob graduated with B.S. and M.S. degrees in Civil Engineering from Penn State University. Upon graduation, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and then worked with two international engineering companies in Omaha, NE, Berkeley, CA and Denver. In 1984

FHU was formed to provide transportation consulting services to both the public and the private sectors. Under Bob's leadership, FHU has grown into a highly respected regional firm with 130 professionals in four offices in the Rocky Mountain and Midwest regions. He is very proud of the fact that FHU has been named "Small Business of the Year" by the South Metro Chamber of Commerce and has also been recognized as the "Employer of the Year" by the Women's Transportation Seminar.

Bob is a member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, and has served as the President and National Director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado (ACEC). In 2012 he was honored with the Orley O. Phillips Award, ACEC's highest honor for outstanding contributions to the consulting engineering profession.

Bob also remains active at his alma mater, currently serving on the Industrial and Professional Advisory Council to the College of Engineering. In 2014 Penn State honored Bob by recognizing him as an Outstanding Engineering Alumnus.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2015 Annual Education
Conference in San Diego, CA
June 14-17.**



Notice to Reservations No Shows

"If a member makes a reservation for the dinner meeting and does not show up, the member will still be responsible for paying for the dinner. This has occurred multiple times in the last several months and the chapter has had to absorb these costs. Please be considerate when making your reservations."

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If you have any interesting news you would like to share, or would like a project spotlighted in an upcoming newsletter, please contact Melinda Brown (mbrown@dewberry.com) or Magaly Fernandez (mfernandez@hcpeck.com).

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CHAPTER 6 EDUCATION OFFERINGS

UPCOMING COURSES

100 – Principles of Land Acquisition: A thorough introduction to the right of way profession. Including an overview of the basic concepts of each right of way discipline.

April 20-23: Coordinator: Lynn Bean

New Location: Great location with a professional classroom, and all of the bells and whistles! COMPASS TOOLS, 12353 E. EASTER AVE., CENTENNIAL, CO. This course will be instructed “officially” by Al Morganfield but has all disciplines so there will be other instructors too. More information will be provided next month.

Course Number: C100
Course Title: Principles of Land Acquisition
Course Level: Core
IRWA Credits: 32 QEU / CEU
AQB Credits: Non Applicable
Prerequisites: Non Applicable

Course Description

This course outlines real estate law terms and concepts. Participants will gain awareness of environmental issues, learn the methods of acquiring and transferring title to realty, three views of engineering plans and the fundamentals in property description systems. Topics also include the requirements of a valid contract, information on easements, deeds, lease appraisal process, successful negotiations, and relocation requirements involved with property acquisition and management.

Credentialing

- **Generalist: A core course required for the RWA program.**
- **Specialist: Required course for the RW-URAC program.**

Topics

- Real property law concepts
- Environmental concerns
- Property descriptions
- Appraisal of real property
- Acquisition / negotiations
- Relocation due to acquisition of real property interest
- Asset (property) management

Course Tuition Includes—Tuition for this class is \$755.00 member and \$935.00 non-member

- Participant Manual
- Principles of Right of Way Textbook (desk reference)
- Engineering Tools (engineering scale, protractor and straight edge)
- USPAP Text
- Real Estate Dictionary
- This course is geared toward the new right of way professional with little or no experience in the right of way field.
- This course is also a great way for managers who desire a refresher course.

UPCOMING 2015 COURSES !!!

May 15: 213-Conflict Management

September 15: 600-Environmental Awareness

October 23: 207-Practice Neg. for US Federal Funded Land Acq.

November 11: SR/WA-Study Session