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## Dinner Program

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

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

Board Meeting 5:00 PM

Cocktails: 6:00 PM

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

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Cost: \$30.00 Cash or Check payable to IRWA Chapter 6 / \$30.85 MC, Visa, or Amex

Please note in your RSVP email any special considerations (i.e. vegetarian, kosher)

**By Friday, May 9th, 2015**

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**Presidents Message**

Bob Felsburg's presentation on mentoring was really great and inspiring. We all have things to teach and could learn more, no matter our age or how many years of experience we have. If interested in the IRWA mentoring program, please join the [mentoring group on the IRWA member network](#) and contact our IPDC vice-chair, [Lara Bailey](#). Bob helped me realize I'd like to be both a mentor and mentee.

Our next meeting we will vote in our new slate of officers for the 2015-16 fiscal year. I'll be proposing the following nominees at the board meeting at 5:00 pm:

- Jacob Frisch, Secretary
- Jeffery Hanna, Treasurer
- Evan Randall, Vice-President
- Tony Pollack, President and Director (2 year)
- Fred Easton, Director (1 year)

If you would like to be considered for nomination, please attend the board meeting or if you'd like to run from the floor attend the general meeting at 6:00 pm. Tony has a trivia game planned, so we should have some fun, hope to see you there!

Also, by next meeting we should know what your Directors will be voting on at the Conference in June, so be sure to attend the May 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting to learn more and have your opinion heard. All I know we'll be voting on for now is the next international board member.

Our Education committee met with our new chair, [Jon Vaughan](#), it was very productive and I feel our Chapter's education is in great hands. Next class is [213, Conflict Management, on May 15<sup>th</sup>](#), I'm really looking forward to it. I think our communication courses are some of the best classes we offer. If you would like to be a part of the education committee, coordinate a class, instruct a class, or suggest classes for next year, please contact [Jon Vaughan](#) (970) 325-1117.

Don't forget to register for our joint golf tournament with [the PLSC](#) on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Golf Club at Heather Ridge in Aurora, CO [click here for application and more information](#).

Our Chapter had very high renewal numbers and new members this year. We're actually getting close to hitting 10% net growth for the year. If we can do this by end of June, then HQ will give us some free memberships and conference attendees. If that happens, they would be a great tool for our chapter to help our young professionals, members between jobs, or those that their employers don't cover membership dues or conferences, so I really would like to see us hit that benchmark! If you know of someone that could benefit from membership and our courses, please either let me know and I'll contact them or point them in the direction of the [main website](#) and the

# THANK YOU FRED FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK !!!!!

[membership application](#). We only need a few more members to hit that 10%, I'd really appreciate your support meeting that goal!

Finally, it has been my absolute pleasure to be your Chapter President. This has been a very rewarding experience for me and I'm looking forward to continuing to support our chapter at the Region and International levels. I've heard many horror stories from other chapter's presidents and past-presidents about how hard it is to run a chapter and how many hours it takes. While it was no small time commitment, it really wasn't very difficult due to the high volume of support I had, I just wanted to take a minute to acknowledge some of the people that helped me and our chapter:

- **Barbara Anders** for giving us a very successful year of education
- **Mike Anders** for always being there when I needed advice
- **Melinda Brown** for 5-years of newsletters
- **Cristin Cochran** and the "Chicks in ROW" for all their work on the banquet
- **Nikki Dieball** for answering every email I sent, even when I probably should have emailed someone else at HQ
- **Heather Easton** for being a great wife and always supporting my pursuits
- **Lee Hamre** for being a great leader and helping us understand why HQ does some of the things they do
- **Jeffrey Hanna** for jumping onto the board feet first on short notice and all the classes you coordinated
- **Magaly Fernandez** for keeping our newsletter going and helping setup the Fall Forum
- **Virginia Messick** for all her work as membership chair and keeping her cool in the face of poor bookkeeping by others
- **Al Morganfield** for the education advice, providing great input at board meeting, and teaching many of our classes
- **Richard Pittenridge** for being a great friend, sounding board, and just listening whenever I needed it (yes he actually will stop talking and is a great listener when needed)
- **Tony Pollack** for being a great teammate and backing me up whenever needed
- **Evan Randall** for keeping the books going and dealing with all the IRS changes this year
- **Darrel Vanhooser** for running our great golf tournament for so many years
- **Jon Vaughan** for stepping up as our new Education Chair

And many more that have attended meetings, served on boards, committees, and other professional organizations, I wish I had more room to name you all!

I'd like to leave you with a quote that meant a lot to me when I needed it:

"The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle." – [Steve Jobs](#)

Thanks and I hope to see you soon!  
Fred Easton, Jr., PLS

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Chicks in ROW

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# DINNER PROGRAM

TUESDAY May 12th!!

## Chapter 6 Officer Installation Dinner

In place of a speaker for this month's meeting, we have kept our dinner meeting open to gather and enjoy each other's company. The board members will be bringing their significant others, we would like to invite you to do the same. We have planned a fun trivia game of get to know your new board members!

**JUST WHO ARE THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS!!**



**Find out at the annual installation dinner:**

**May 12, 2015 6:00 pm**  
**Park Hill Golf Course 4141 E. 35th Ave, Denver, CO**

# 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."

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
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**TO RSVP**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

**Mr. Cody Wagoner**  
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**Ms. Katharine M Gray**  
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**Mr. Thomas Van Aspinwall**  
**Mr. Thomas J Costell**  
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**Mrs. Margaret Grove Radford**  
**Mrs. Dana Wood**

## NOW HIRING



**Job Title:** Gen Prof VI:  
Acquisition-Relocation Manager (SE Denver)

**CDOT: Job Duties**  
The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has an opening for a General Professional VI Acquisition and Relocation Program Manager in our Project Development Branch in the SE Denver office. The Right-of-Way (ROW) unit is responsible for facilitating the development, implementation and provisions of state and federal regulations, policies and procedures affecting ROW Acquisition and Relocation. In this position, you will be responsible for managing and supervising the Acquisition, Relocation and Records Programs.

### Requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from a U.S. accredited college or university,
- AND Five (5) years of professional level experience managing eminent domain processes, including acquisition, and relocation for personal property, residences and businesses, and business reestablishments.

**How to Apply:** You must complete the application process as described in the official job announcement to be considered for this position. The full job announcement is available at <http://www.colorado.gov/dhr/jobs> and the application deadline is 5/10/2015. You must be a Colorado resident in order to apply.

## CONGRATS!!

**Please join us in  
congratulating  
Travis Fischer, RWP for  
attaining his Right of  
Way Professional  
(RWP) certification!!!**

**YAY TRAVIS!**



# ATTENTION ATTENTION MEMBERS!!

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

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# **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**