



## IRWA CHAPTER 9

# NEWSLETTER



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### Welcome to the latest edition of the IRWA Chapter 9 Newsletter!

We are pleased to share updates, accomplishments, and upcoming opportunities within our chapter and the right of way profession. This newsletter is designed to keep our members informed, connected, and engaged through educational events, industry news, professional development opportunities, and chapter activities.

As we continue to grow and strengthen our professional community, we thank each of you for your participation, support, and commitment to excellence in the right of way industry. Whether you are a long-time member or new to Chapter 9, we encourage you to take advantage of the resources, networking opportunities, and educational programs available through our chapter.

We hope you enjoy this edition and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

# 2026-2027 INSTALLATION

On June 19, 2026, we held our installation meeting to welcome the 2026–2027 officers. While the event took place virtually due to busy schedules, it was still an enjoyable and engaging time for everyone involved.

Although you'll recognize a few familiar faces continuing in their roles, we're also excited to share that one of our members has stepped into a new position. Please join us in welcoming Ashley Keiffer as our new Secretary!

The photo below captures the official installation of our Board Members.





# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please join us in welcoming our newest IRWA members who have joined in 2026! We are excited to have you as part of our professional community and look forward to supporting your growth within the right-of-way industry.

**Darren Adair** - Williams

**Gabrielle Amodeo Ream** - CBRE

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**Christopher Fowler** - Appraisal Review Specialists

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**Justin Gohn** - Gohn & Company

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

As you may know, the Jack Reefer Jr. Scholarship Program provides valuable educational opportunities for our members, and many individuals have already benefited from this program. To ensure these opportunities remain available for future participants, we encourage anyone interested to contact Maria White for additional information and pre-approval requirements.

# GET INVOLVED!

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS WANTED!

We recently completed our board member elections and are excited for the year ahead. At the same time, we are seeking new volunteers to step into roles currently held by dedicated members who have served in these positions for many years and are ready to pass the torch.

We are currently looking to fill the following committee chair positions:

- Membership
- Education
- Professional Development
- Awards/Elections/Nominations

If you are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities or getting involved, please reach out to Star Ernst or Ashley Bolinger. We would love to hear from you!



## CHAPTER 9 WEBSITE

As you may know, our chapter recently launched a website. While many of you visited it for information about the Spring Forum, it also serves as a hub for additional resources, including details on our monthly board meetings and a convenient link for anyone interested in joining.

Now that the Spring Forum has concluded, we would love your input as we continue to grow and improve the site. We're looking for ideas and feedback from our members on what you would like to see added.

Your suggestions will help us expand the website and create a more useful, engaging experience for everyone in our chapter. Please send an email to Ashley Bolinger with your ideas/suggestions.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

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# 2026 SPRING FORUM

The IRWA 2026 Spring Forum at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA was a great success, bringing together 87 Region 4 members, which exceeded our expectations!

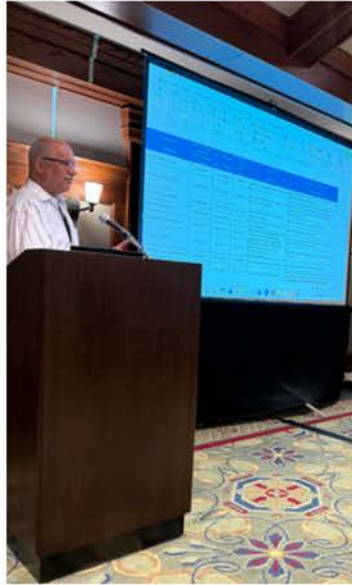
Our speakers delivered outstanding presentations that were both informative and well received. Their contributions played a key role in making the forum meaningful and impactful for all who attended.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our sponsors for their support. Their generosity helped make this event possible and contributed greatly to its success. Overall, it was clear that attendees enjoyed themselves and had a SWEET time in Hershey, PA!

Be sure to take a moment to view the photos on the following page to relive some of the highlights from this year's Spring Forum!



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Pictured (left to right): Maria White, Carol Myers, Rob Diehl, Ashley Bolinger, Star Ernst

A sincere thank you again to the IRWA Spring Forum Committee for their dedication, hard work, and attention to detail in putting together such a successful event. Your countless hours of planning and coordination were evident in every aspect of the forum, and the experience provided valuable learning, meaningful connections, and a strong sense of community for all who attended. We truly appreciate your commitment to excellence and your continued efforts to support and strengthen IRWA.