

51st Annual International Education Conference



Right of Way Professionals Gathered in Toronto, Ontario, for IRWA's "Where the World Meets" Education Conference

IRWA's 51st Annual International Education Conference held on June 13-16, 2005 in Toronto, Ontario, was an overwhelming success. More than 1,000 registrants attended the annual event and engaged in educational, motivational and networking sessions with other right of way professionals from around the world, including representatives from Japan, Korea and South Africa.

Hosted by Canada's Pioneer Chapter 29, IRWA's 51st Annual International Education Conference provided right of way professionals with unparalleled learning and networking opportunities. Over 55 educational sessions were presented during the four-day program, enabling attendees to learn about best practices, share project challenges and hear solutions from the industry's leading professionals.



Conference Chair Kevin Paul, SR/WA welcomed conference attendees, thanked the many dedicated conference volunteers and provided a glimpse into Toronto's diverse culture. IRWA's 2004-2005 President Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, presided over the opening ceremonies and shared his vision for the Association: "I feel confident that as long as our Association stays focused on the IRWA Core Purpose and its Strategic Plan, and we continue to achieve the buy-in from our various stakeholders, the Association will continue to be successful. Above all, we must remind ourselves that we belong to a profession and calling that makes a difference in our world." IRWA Executive Vice President Dennis Stork reinforced the importance of a strong foundation: "As IRWA builds for our future, we will incorporate the best of the past with the promise of the future. Our future will be built upon the solid core of our chapters and regions while taking advantage of the emerging ways to build new communities of interest along professional disciplines. Our foundation of sharing, networking, committing to life-long learning and embracing the highest ethical behavior are cornerstones that will never crumble."



Conference Chair Kevin Paul, SR/WA, welcomed conference attendees during the Opening Ceremony and Meeting of the Members.



Lee Satterfield Hamre, R/W-RAC, sang an emotional tribute honoring the late W. Howard Armstrong, SR/WA, R/W-RAC.



Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, accepted the Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of the late W. Howard Armstrong, SR/WA, R/W-RAC.



2004-2005 IRWA President, Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, with Patricia Sigur, Acting Director of Real Estate, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who presented a Partnering Award in honor of the late W. Howard Armstrong, SR/WA, R/W-RAC.



During the Opening Ceremony and Meeting of the Members, keynote speaker John Amatt used the metaphor of his adventures climbing Mount Everest to develop a plan for scaling the heights in today's unpredictable global business environment.



Nationally recognized choir, the Northern Lights, entertained attendees with their blending of Canadian and U.S. national anthems.

At the International Affiliates Luncheon held in Toronto, right of way professionals from Japan, South Africa, Canada and the United States gathered to exchange ideas and best practices. Some of the topics centered on property compensation, when private property can be appropriated by the government at fair market value and any damages associated.

SARWA Executive Member Bobby Richardson told how he first discovered IRWA on the Internet. They formed an association in 1998 with 22 members. Today, their membership exceeds 185 members, representing 36 different companies and governmental agencies. They became affiliated with IRWA in 2000 and attribute many of their methods to what they have learned from participating in IRWA's annual conference.



Representatives from the Japanese Compensation Consultants Association (JCCA), South African Right of Way Association (SARWA) and IRWA's International Executive Committee exchanged gifts from their respective countries.



The Rights of Way in South Africa session was lead by South African Right of Way Association members Bobby Richardson, Verish Singh and Ampie Pogierter.



Della Berwanger, right, speaker for the Environmental and Transportation Tour, with Kevin Paul, SR/WA, at the Fallsview Golf Course Brownfield site.

Over 55 educational sessions were presented in the categories of Asset Management, Environment, Ethics, Local Public Agency, Membership, Pipeline, Professional Development, Relocation, Surveying, Transportation, Utilities and Valuation. The conference also featured several International sessions, focusing on rights of way in South Africa and the Japanese Compensation Consultants Association. Professional Development courses included an SR/WA Study Session, Instructor's Clinic, Uniform Relocation Act Seminar and courses in ADR, Ethics, Valuation of Native Lands in Canada and Appraisal Standards.



The Chapter Leadership Symposium lead by IRWA Executive Vice President Dennis Stork was packed with Chapter leaders interested in creating a chapter environment of success.



Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, moderated a Business Relocation Talk Show that featured an open circle discussion on specific relocation issues.



Lara Bailey, R/W-NAC, helped to refute membership myths and offer some tips on membership recruitment and retention.



(Top and above) Conference attendees participated in a scavenger hunt looking for the obscure and the obvious at Relocation SURVIVOR: Outsearch, Outrun, Outsmart.



Lori Keeter moderated Esoteric Chicken Plucking while speakers Brian Fairchild, left, Jimmy Smith, Jon Taylor, Edwin Peck, Jr., SR/WA, and Clyde Johnson, SR/WA, answered individual questions regarding environmental issues in the pipeline industry.



Session attendees posed questions to the panel of International Environment and Pipeline Committee members.



Each year, the members of the International Nominations and Elections Committee (INEC) assume the challenging role of selecting the Association's annual award winners.

The 2004-2005 award recipients represent a distinguished group of IRWA professionals who have demonstrated an exceptional dedication and commitment to the right of way profession.

"Over the years," says Jennifer Logan, SR/WA, Chair of the INEC, "I've heard fellow members say, 'I don't need an award — I already know I do a good job.' Yet, from what I've witnessed during my tenure on the INEC, our members truly appreciate and are honored by an acknowledgement of their contribution."

Jennifer adds, "Their tremendous contributions to the right of way profession affirm our belief that excellence must always be the cornerstone of any endeavor in any field. These professionals have excelled in their chosen field, and we are indeed proud of their accomplishments. As they serve as a model and measure for others who follow in their footsteps, let us continue our work together to further promote excellence in our chosen field, and, in doing so, enhance our Association and the right of way profession. Please join me in congratulating each and every award winner."

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

The Employer of the Year Award honors IRWA's associate companies for their strong employee support and commitment to the Association at the Chapter, Regional and International levels.



O.R. Colan Associates CEO Catherine Colan Muth accepts the Employer of the Year Award for the company with more than 20 employees from Barbara Addie, SR/WA.



Barbara Addie, SR/WA, presents Chapter 11 President Bill Busch, SR/WA, with the Heath Group's Employer of the Year Award for the company with less than 20 employees.

NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Newsletter of the Year Award acknowledges the dedicated efforts of local IRWA chapters in exhibiting exemplary qualities in their communication of Chapter, Regional and International news.



"The Compass" Editor Stephanie Schofield accepted the Newsletter of the Year Award for Region 5, Chapter 12, the Chapter with more than 100 members.



"Mountaineer" Editor Betsy Elmore received the Newsletter of the Year Award for Region 5, Chapter 21, the Chapter with less than 100 members.

MEMBER APPRECIATION PROGRAM HONORS

This award recognizes the IRWA member who has recruited the most new members to the Association.



Dean Harris, SR/WA, received recognition for recruiting the most new members for Blue Bonnet, Chapter 74.

MARK A. GREEN AWARD

This award is presented to an individual who has published an outstanding article in the Right of Way magazine during the 2004 calendar year.



Larry S. Stevens, SR/WA, received the Mark A. Green Award for his article titled, "The Main Street of America." The award-winning article appeared in the November/December issue of Right of Way magazine.

BALFOUR AWARD FINALISTS

The Frank C. Balfour Award, named after the Association's founder, honors professionals who have demonstrated exemplary support to the Association during the past year. Nominated by IRWA's local chapters, candidates are submitted to the International Nominations and Elections Committee (INEC) for consideration, and six finalists are selected. The INEC appoints the winner based on outstanding contributions made through leadership positions in the chapter, regional and international levels; fulfillment of educational courses and activities; participation in Association regional and international activities; and achievement of IRWA professional designations.



Jack Borgmeyer, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
Region 3, Chapter 78



Patti Darch, SR/WA
Region 4, Chapter 18



Lila D. Jensen, SR/WA
Region 10, Chapter 54



Mike Jones, SR/WA
Region 4, Chapter 14



Cheryl McKenzie Lee, SR/WA
Region 6, Chapter 22



Karen Stein, SR/WA, R/W-RAC
Region 9, Chapter 38

SARPA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Endowed by the State Association of Real Property Agency, this scholarship is awarded to active students majoring in a course of studies related to the right of way profession and/or public works administration.



John Hooson, left, with Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, accepts the SARPA Scholarship Award on behalf of Ian Hoogendam.



Jerry Lund, SR/WA left, with Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, accepts the SARPA Scholarship Award on behalf of Joseph "J.J." Rolling.

GENE L. LAND AWARD

This award, named after past IRWA President, Gene L. Land, is given to IRWA chapters who have demonstrated significant growth in their local chapter membership.



John Wade, SR/WA accepts the Gene L. Land Award from Gene A. Land, SR/WA, on behalf of Michelle Gallegos, Chapter 53 membership chair, and Fernando Vigil, Chapter 53 education chair.



John Wade, SR/WA right, with Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, displays the two awards for Chapter 53's Highest Numerical Gain and Highest Percentage Gain.

Over 20 exhibitors showcased their latest products and services during the IRWA EXPO held on Monday June 13th and Tuesday, June 14. The two-day event commenced with the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony, officiated by Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, immediate past international president. Over 1,000 conference attendees interacted with participating companies, perused the exhibits, networked with peers and learned about industry best practices from the leading experts.

Expo Opening



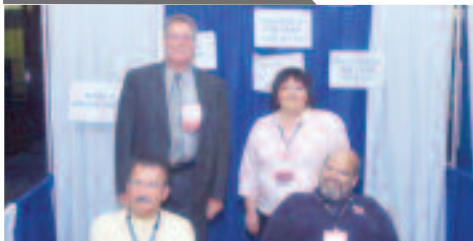
Launching the IRWA EXPO at the official ribbon cutting were (from left): Conference Chair Kevin Paul, SR/WA, 2004-2005 IRWA President Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, and Conference Co-Chair Robert Alstrom, SR/WA.

2006 Hosts



Mike Anders, Bonnie Roerig and Alan Morganfield, SR/WA

Elections & Nomination



Steve Benson, SR/WA, and Patricia Thayer (standing), Jim Oldfield, left, and Charles Anderson, SR/WA

IRWA



Valerie Fries, Director of Professional Development, and Barbara Billitzer, Publisher/Editor

Right of Way Magazine



Michael Quijano, R/W-RAC and Tracy Peterson, Editorial/Advertising Coordinator

Appraisal Institute



Todd Anderson, Membership Services Coordinator

BLM



Brent McBeth, Forest Service, and Bill Weigand, Bureau of Land Management

Coler Colantonio



Jeff Allen, Senior Associate, Coler & Colantonio, Inc., left, Steve Ellis, Head of Marketing for the AM/FM/GIS Division

Cinnabar



Derek Blackshare, President Cinnabar Environmental Services, left, Melissa Watkins, Vice President Cinnabar Service Company

Data Tree



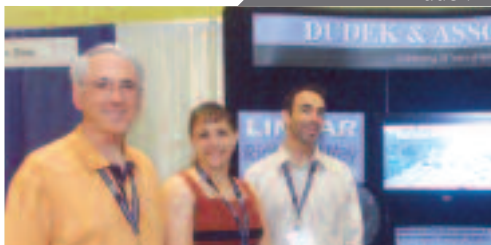
Jennifer Pineda, Western Regional Sales Manager

Commonwealth



Allan Vasaris, P.E., P.S., Manager of Project Field Services, and Roger Dice, Manager of Real Estate Services

Dudek



Fred Clark, SR/WA, Principal ROW Management, Patricia Post, CPSM, Marketing Coordinator and Armen Keochekian, Project Manager

Elexco



Ryan Northcott, left, Lynn Hall, SR/WA, and Dale Norman

Landworks



Rich MacDonald, Senior Account Manager

O.R. Colan



Richard Moeller and Sara Hernandez, SR/WA

Overland



Jerry Colburn, Principal and Vice President, Tammie Bedlington, Christine Deacon, Mark Edgington and Ray Armstrong, Principal and Vice President

Quorum



Quorum's team of right of way software experts: Cameron Hsu, left, Alexandra Gajewski, Cleve Hogarth and Gary O'Dwyer

Schneider



John Alexander, left, and Gary Kent, L.S., Director of Surveying

Sheraton



Gary Coombes, Director of Conference Services

TBE



Ed Kelly, R/W-RAC, Vice President ROW Division, Hugh Hadsock, ROW Project Manager, and Terry May, P.E., ROW Project Manager

Thundering Waters



Sarah Flonders, Guest Services Associate

Universal



Joe Neighbors, Georgia Office, and John Dutch, Arizona Office

URS



Steve Boddecker, URS, left, Karen Armstrong, URS, Dan Brake, ITT Industries

**We thank these 2005 exhibitors
for making the IRWA EXPO an
enormous success!**

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES

ASSET MANAGEMENT



John Horne, SR/WA, Craig Thurston, Paul Pedersen, Jim Prossick, SR/WA, Carol Bellinger, SR/WA, Judi Sorensen, SR/WA, John Spencer, Thomas Fox, SR/WA, Donna Hunter, Cynthia Gan, SR/WA, R/W-EC, and Robert Drayton, SR/WA, R/W-AMC

ENVIRONMENT



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ETHICS



Eric Finn and Gordon Gibson, SR/WA

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS



Richard Schatz, SR/WA, Kevin Barkdull, Jennifer Logan, SR/WA, Charles Anderson, SR/WA, Patricia Thayer, SR/WA, Steve Benson, SR/WA, Jim Oldfield and Daryl Knobbe.

Not Pictured:
Carol Brooks, SR/WA, David Sommerfeld, Mike Anders

LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY



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MEMBERSHIP



Lara Bailey, R/W-NAC, Barb Addie, SR/WA, Butch Rossetti, SR/WA, LoAnn Weight, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Joanie Miller, SR/WA, Gaylord Plummer, SR/WA, Josie Tomei, SR/WA, Johnny Dyess, SR/WA, R/W-EC, R/W-NAC, and Ernie Franzoy

Not Pictured:
Cheryl Bennett, SR/WA, and Alan Trawver, SR/WA

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Kevin Paul, SR/WA, Mike Pattison, SR/WA, Valerie Fries, Sandy Grigg, SR/WA, Arlene MacKenzie, SR/WA, Steve Hagen, SR/WA, Jack Borgmeyer, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Pat Petitto, SR/WA, David Layne, SR/WA, Kyle Ray, SR/WA, P.E., and Alan Morganfield, SR/WA

Not Pictured:
Mike Quinn, SR/WA

PIPELINE



TOP: Steve Hartmann, Edwin Peck, Jr., SR/WA, Lori Keeter, Kathy Berry, Alan Wurtz, SR/WA, Pamela Alley, Joe Coates, Darrel Vanhooser, SR/WA, Michael Lee, Kerry Briggs, Michael Baker, James Krohe, SR/WA, Ron Barker, SR/WA, Len Boschetti, SR/WA, Vi Bean, Dan Houlihan and Terry Mock

ABOVE: Glen Hass, Russell Verba, Laurie Markoe, Jay Shepard, Henry Lloyd, Marshall Murphy, Fred Clark, Sr., SR/WA, Val Hatley, SR/WA, David Sinclair, SR/WA, Steve Grandon, SR/WA, Marvin De Jear, SR/WA, Mark Roby, Allen Wagers, David Anderson, Wil Thomas, Jon Taylor, SR/WA, Randy Fraley, Nancy Greer, Mike Bengé and Gary Glancz

RELOCATION



Michael Quijano, R/W-RAC, Reg Draheim, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Tammie Bedlington, R/W-RAC, John Reed, SR/WA, Linda Kitchen-Peck, SR/WA, Donna Harrison, SR/WA, Donna Roche, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Barbara Meekins, SR/WA, Robert Merryman, Candy Spitzer, Lee Satterfield Hamre, R/W-RAC, Lisa Barnes, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, Vivian Howell, SR/WA, Bruce Napier, SR/WA, and Tamara Benson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

SURVEYING



Murray LeGris, John Alexander, Gary Kent, L.S., Curt Sumner, Nick Fusco, Jay Bennett, and Jeff Evans

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Valerie McNary, SR/WA, Don Corrigan, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, LoAnn Weight, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, Ann Catlin, T.A. Anderson, R/W-AC, SRPA, SRA, MHV, Steve Eckels, SR/WA, Jerry Colburn, Diane Naluzny, SR/WA, Steve Droge, SR/WA, Mike Jones, SR/WA, Cheryl Bennett, SR/WA, Clyde Johnson, SR/WA, and Dan Benson, SR/WA

Not Pictured:

Karen Stein, SR/WA, RW-RAC, Cleo Grounds, SR/WA, David Blakeney, SR/WA, Barry Mora, SR/WA, Susan Bauer, SR/WA, Mike Hereford, SR/WA, Mark Bilyeu, SR/WA, Don Brent, SR/WA, and Diane Johnson, SR/WA

UTILITIES



Nicole Labelle, Dave Hingtgen, Joe Bottino, SR/WA, Randy Rabb, Kevin Angel, Derek Stuart, SR/WA, Clark Andrew, SR/WA, Ana Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA, Kevin Winner, Betsy Kelly, SR/WA, Jim Diemer, SR/WA, Mike Burns, SR/WA, Patti Morris, Linda Streissguth, SR/WA, and J.E. Parker

VALUATION



Rich Vanatta, Randy Seale, MAI, Andy Anderson, SR/WA, R/W-AC, MAI, Virginia Rockwell, Randall Kopfer, SR/WA, Donald Sherwood, SR/WA, MAI, Jim Price, SR/WA, MAI, Ray Bennett, Harris Vandergriff, MAI, Dave Maturen, SR/WA, and Mark Keller, SR/WA



SR/WA DESIGNATION RECIPIENTS

A special ceremony acknowledged those who achieved the prestigious SR/WA designation from May 2004 - April 2005. Those in attendance were awarded a special recognition certificate during the Member & Guest Luncheon held on Tuesday, June 14.



Barbara Addie, SR/WA



Andrew Anderson, SR/WA, R.W-AC



Christine Anderson, SR/WA



Jenny Archer, SR/WA



Lisa Barnes, SR/WA, R/W-RAC



Jack Carello, SR/WA



Beverly Colvin, SR/WA



Patricia Dablock, SR/WA, R/W-RAC



David Griffith, SR/WA



Judy Ham, SR/WA



Sean Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC



Robert Herald, SR/WA



Sara Hernandez, SR/WA



Julie Hindbo, SR/WA



David Macklem, SR/WA



John Mayo, SR/WA



Ian McNary, SR/WA



Charles Murton, SR/WA



Marlene Norris-Robinson, SR/WA



Paul Roberts, SR/WA



Ashleigh Robison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC



Orest Rojik, SR/WA



Paul Sander, SR/WA



Richard Schatz, SR/WA



Linda Sciarro, SR/WA



Coral Sheehan, SR/WA



William Spence, SR/WA



Larry Townsend, SR/WA



Janet Walker, SR/WA



Jennifer Walker, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-EC



Jan Whatley, SR/WA



David Whitlock, SR/WA



Leslie Williams, SR/WA



Kerri Wittman, SR/WA

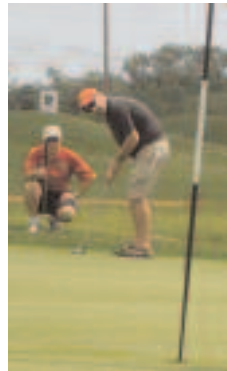


Justian Wylie, SR/WA, R/W-AMC

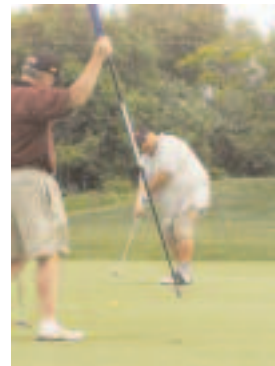
SUPPORTING THE RIGHT OF WAY EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS



Beverly Colvin, SR/WA, eyes the green before setting up to putt.



Larre Sloan takes aim while another golfer looks on.



Michael Quijano, R/W-RAC, works to sink his putt.

The 2005 Maple Leaf Classic Golf Tournament at Deer Creek Golf Club in Toronto was a huge success. The annual tournament helps to raise funds for the Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF) and the Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation (CRWEF). In addition to supporting the Foundations' fund-raising efforts by playing golf, individuals, chapters and companies also provided support through sponsorships.



Foursome Trey Peck, Steve Hartmann, Brigitte Jones and Beverly Colvin, SR/WA, enjoyed a round of golf and helped raise funds for the education foundations.



Chapter 18 members: Frank Mengel, Tim Magyar, Mike Brady and Wally Nellenbach contributed to the education foundation by sponsoring a hole during the golf tournament.

AUCTION



Auctioneer Dan Clark started the bidding wars on a hand-carved walking stick.



Steve Hagen, SR/WA, gives attendees the opportunity to bid on a Wayne Gretzky jersey.

A silent and live auction were held during the annual conference. Attendees were in a bidding frenzy to secure handmade quilts, sports memorabilia, timeshare vacations and other collectibles. Proceeds from this event benefited both the Right of Way International Education Foundation and the Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation.



Marta Whitlock did her part to raise money for education by successfully bidding on auction items.



The crowd had the opportunity to bid on this handmade quilt at the live auction.



Judi Sorensen, SR/WA, browses auction items available for bidding at the silent auction.

REGION 1



Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada

REGION 2



Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas

REGION 3



Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota

REGION 4



Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island

REGION 5



Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, Wisconsin

REGION 6



Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

REGION 7



Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington

REGION 8



Ontario, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Prince Edward Island

REGION 9



Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming

REGION 10



Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Saskatchewan

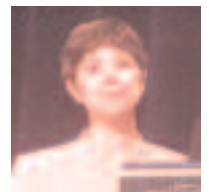
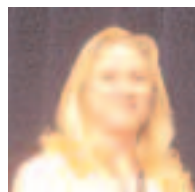
The annual Board of Directors Meeting was held on Thursday, June 16, the last day of the conference. The IEC reviewed policies governing the Association and the decision to grant greater responsibilities to the regions. In 2007, a revision to the bylaws is planned that will reduce the commitment required by IEC members from six years to five years. The Right of Way International Education Foundation and Canadian Right of Way Foundation thanked IRWA members, chapters and regions for their efforts in generating funds through the auction, golf tournament and matching contributions. URA Seminar presenters were recognized and members elected Sandy Grigg, SR/WA, and Juan Zaragosa, SR/WA, to the IEC as members at large.



Jim Finnegan, SR/WA, and Dan Beardsley, SR/WA, read over the minutes during the International Board of Directors Meeting.



Gordon E. MacNair, SR/WA, left, congratulates Conference Vice Chair Robert Alstrom, SR/WA, and Chair Kevin Paul, SR/WA, on their efforts in putting together a successful conference.



Recognized for their role as URA Seminar presenters are, from left, Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Jim Finnegan, SR/WA, Donna Roche, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Jack Borgmeyer, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, and Lisa Barnes, SR/WA, R/W-RAC. Their efforts lead to record-breaking attendance at the 14 URA Seminars held throughout the U.S.



Members of the IEC, Conference Chair Kevin Paul, SR/WA, and Eric Finn applaud the generous contributions made on behalf of the education foundations.



Outgoing Chair Lawrence Boyko accepts a donation for the Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation from Eric Finn.



IRWA members from Region 7 donated a total of \$30,000 to the Right of Way International Education Foundation and \$5,000 to the Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation on behalf of incoming President Dan Beardsley, SR/WA, during the Board of Directors meeting.



Presented by Jennifer Logan, SR/WA, INEC Chair, Karen shared the award-winning moment with Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, and more than 1,000 professionals in attendance.

Karen Stein, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, was named the 2005 Professional of the Year, the Association's highest honor bestowed an IRWA member. Karen has worked in the right of way and real estate industry for more than 27 years, and is currently Team Leader, Project Right of Way Manager and the Acquisition/Relocation Supervisor for the Utah Department of Transportation.



"I have always valued my IRWA membership and the amazing opportunities made possible in this remarkable field of work. Past recipients have shared with me that winning this prestigious award has been the most meaningful experience of their careers. I'm beginning to understand what they mean. I will cherish this honor for the rest of my life."



The incoming Region Chairs and Vice Chairs for 2005-2006 are sworn in by Jay Sullivan during the Annual Installation Banquet and Dance.



Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, receives his Past President's pin from his wife, Penny.



2004-2005 IRWA President Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, presents the Ronald M. Jourdan, SR/WA Advancement Award to the family of the late Ron Jourdan, SR/WA: wife, Patricia Jourdan, daughter Lee Ann Jourdan, son Kurt Jourdan and daughter Amy Watson.

2005 - 2006 International President

IRWA appointed Daniel W. Beardsley, SR/WA, as its 2005-2006 International President during the Installation Banquet on June 16, 2005. Dan, who resides in Anchorage, AK, has been in the right of way and legal fields since 1973.

As leader of IRWA's International Executive Committee (IEC) and board of directors, Dan plays an integral role in overseeing the organizational policies while guiding the strategic planning essential in fulfilling the Association's overall mission.

"As we anticipate our Association's professional development needs through the year 2020, Dan's strategic planning and leadership skills will prove invaluable in developing the road map to take us from where we are today to that envisioned state," says IRWA's Executive Vice President Dennis G. Stork.



Jay Sullivan introduces Daniel Beardsley, SR/WA, as the 2005-2006 International President.



Dan Beardsley, SR/WA, receives his President's pin from his wife, Mary Ellen.



The 2005-06 International Executive Committee: Sandy Grigg, SR/WA, Juan Zaragosa, SR/WA, Jim Finnegan, SR/WA, Faith Roland, SR/WA, Dan Beardsley, SR/WA, Jim Struble, SR/WA, Steve Ruth, Esq., and Dennis Stork, IRWA Executive Vice President.



Member of the International Advisory Council: Gene A. Land, SR/WA, Alan Wurtz, SR/WA, F. Larry Stover, SR/WA, Woodrow Pemberton, Jr., SR/WA, Donna Crosby, SR/WA, George Midgett, SR/WA, Susan Serdah, SR/WA, R. Tom Benson, SR/WA, Albert Allen, SR/WA, Larry Griffin, SR/WA, and Wayne Kennedy, SR/WA



Consultants Council members Denise Lucas, Jim Overcamp, SR/WA, Ray Armstrong, SR/WA, Charlie Davis, R/W-RAC, Lisa Harrison, SR/WA, and Ben Ward.
Not Pictured: Mark Bilyeu, SR/WA, Wade Brown and Kerry Malone.



Conference Chair Kevin Paul, SR/WA, with his wife, Gail.



C. Jeffrey Triplette, SR/WA, delivered a motivational speech during the Member and Guest Luncheon.



Conference Vice Chair Robert Alstrom, SR/WA, with his wife, Agatha.



Universal Field Service was a gold sponsor of the 51st Annual International Education Conference.



Region 7 members honored incoming President Daniel Beardsley, SR/WA, with a reception prior to the Annual Installation Banquet and Dance.

The Finnegan Fun Run, which started at the annual conference in 1991, has become a permanent annual tradition. It was felt that there needed to be a time to blow out the cobwebs that often gather when sitting in sessions all day. Over the years conference attendees have run through such scenic venues as the San Diego Harbor, along the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, Stanley Park in Vancouver, the hills of Kansas City, running up the famous steps from "Rocky" in Philadelphia and, most recently, the islands on Lake Ontario with the views of Toronto. Generally about 50 to 60 people participate in the run (walkers are also welcomed) and everyone gets a free T-shirt.



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