## All In On Chapter Development

Fostering ethics, learning and a standard of excellence

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In June, when International President Wayne Goss, SR/WA, R/W-NAC shared his vision for IRWA Chapter development at the Annual Conference, he was pretty clear. Expect to see more support, more communication and more value for our membership.

Last year, IRWA made good headway on that promise, as members of the International Executive Committee made 20 visits to Region Forums, and IRWA Headquarters staff made 29 Chapter visits. In addition, IRWA held nine leadership calls with Chapter Presidents, Membership Chairs and Education Chairs with an average of 52 Chapter leaders participating on each call. Our Chapters matter, and IRWA is all in.

This year, President Goss will be visiting Chapters to share our new vision, mission and values for the Association and to hear from you on what programs, products and services deliver the most value for your personal and professional growth. We will capture those visits in a President's blog (www.irwapresidentsblog.org) that will then be communicated to IRWA's entire membership.

## **Did You Know?**

## IRWA offers valuable member resources

- > Career Center: Post a resume or search for job opportunities
- IRWA Member Network: Access subject matter expertise and networking
- Leadership Institute: Proven leadership resources for all members
- IRWA University: Your one-stop shop for education and more
- > Right of Way Magazine: Digital issue and searchable archive of articles

Another key objective will be to increase member engagement. To encourage more active collaboration, we will streamline our leadership alignment, giving every Chapter an informed voice at the International Governing Council table. Two working groups will be formed to facilitate this process. One group will be comprised of IRWA's International President-Elect, Region Chairs and Chapter Officers. The other group will include IRWA's International Vice-President, Region Vice-Chairs and Chapter Committee Chairs, both supported by IRWA staff. Watch for more information and meeting announcements in this area.

Chapter development is at the forefront of IRWA's plan to be the central authority for global infrastructure real estate by creating a community that fosters ethics, learning and a standard of excellence within our industry. Let's work together and get more done. IRWA is all in, and we encourage members to join us. Onward. •

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