

In Pursuit of Educational Excellence

The Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation



Education has always been of paramount importance to IRWA. The Association is fortunate to have two sources of financial support for enhancing education and professional development programs for its members. In Canada, educational initiatives are funded by the Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation (CRWEF).

Much like its counterpart in the United States (the Right of Way International Education Foundation), the CRWEF believes in the ongoing pursuit of educational excellence. In this pursuit, CRWEF raises and administers funds to support IRWA's education and professional development programs, particularly those focused on benefitting Canadian right of way professionals. Each year, the Foundation allocates funds for upgrading and reviewing existing and new courses that will benefit Canadians, such as new course development, course revisions and rewrites, as well as studies related to educational strategies. Ongoing revisions are also required to reflect ever-changing Canadian laws and professional standards.

Roughly 20% of the Association's members reside within the boundaries of Regions 8 and 10, where ten Canadian chapters stretch from British Columbia to New Brunswick.

Registered in Canada as a not-for-profit corporation, the leadership is composed of a seven-member Board of Directors, including the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, who are elected every year at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairs and Vice Chairs of Regions 8 and 10 also sit as members of the Board.

As part of the fundraising effort, each year at the Annual Education Conference, the CRWEF partners with the RWIEF in coordinating the Auction and Golf Tournament. Proceeds from

both are proportionately split between the two Foundations. The Foundation also receives donations from Chapters, Regions and individuals during IRWA's Annual Board of Directors Meeting.

New Scholarship Introduced

Incorporated in 1969, the CRWEF celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2009 by introducing a \$1,000 scholarship for graduating high school students entering a full-time course of study in any of the various fields impacting the right of way profession. Areas of study may include law, surveying, engineering, planning, real property appraisal, public administration or environmental studies. Students applying are not required to be a relative of an IRWA member.

The Foundation will present the first CRWEF Scholarship at the 2011 Annual Conference in Atlanta. Applications are due by February 1, 2010 and will be managed by the International Nominations and Elections Committee. The application form may be found on IRWA's website at: www.irwaonline.org/EWEB/upload/Forms/Canadian_Scholarship.pdf



At the Annual Conference, 2009-2010 CRWEF Board Members, from left, Brenda Becker, SR/WA, Orest Rojik, SR/WA, Sharon Slauenwhite, SR/WA, Stewart Anderson, SR/WA, Colleen Brown, Rick Schatz, SR/WA and Karen Carswell, SR/WA, R/W-AMC.