

# The New Age of Energy

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## Tennessee Chapter Co-Hosts Joint Venture

Hosting an education program with a local public agency had long been a goal of IRWA's Tennessee Chapter 32. In April, our Chapter teamed up with the Tennessee Appraiser Coalition (TAC) for our first joint local public agency event. The seminar was titled "The New Age of Energy," and it attracted more than 40 industry professionals.

In planning this event, our chapter had a two-tiered goal. First, the educational program offered four hours of continuing education credits that were pre-approved by five different organizations, including IRWA and the Appraisal Institute. The second goal was to generate funds for the Right of Way International Education Foundation and the TAC Political Action Committee.

The TAC was founded in 2010 as a non-profit corporation and serves as a statewide coalition to promote and protect the legitimate interests of appraisers. As one of the original 13 charter members, I am proud to say that the TAC has had a voice in Tennessee, where we use lobbyists to keep up with legislation that impacts the 1,500 appraisers in our state. In addition to supporting numerous state candidates, the TAC had an influential voice in the passage of HB 3191/SB 3155, which establishes a registration program for Appraisal Management companies within the Tennessee Real Estate Appraiser Commission.

On day one of the event, the educational program kicked off with a presentation on alternate/wind energy from the Tennessee Valley Authority's renewable energy group. Addressing the future of renewable energy in the southeast were Susan Curtis, Manager of End

Use Generation, Christopher Hansen, Director of Power Origination and James Dalrmpole, Vice President of Gas Operations. Marc Headden and Will Dodson from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development spoke about grant writing programs and appraisal adjustments to real property for renewable energy use. And Nikole Avers, Executive Director for the Tennessee Real Estate Appraiser Coalition, gave an update on the forthcoming 2015 USPAP changes to the Real Property Appraisal Qualifications.

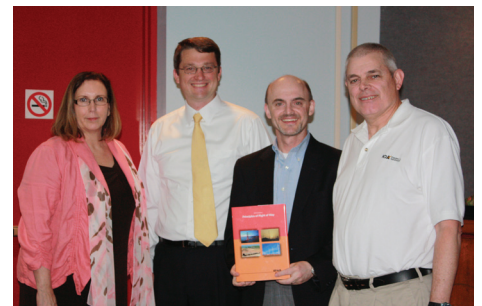
To help raise funds for educational initiatives, a golf tournament was held at the Nashville Golf and Athletic Club in Brentwood, just south of Nashville. Tournament volunteers from IRWA and the TAC were Randy Button, Mike Tanskersley and Marc Headden, who ran the event effortlessly.

In all, there were over 35 different companies, organizations and sponsors that made this inaugural program a big success. The net proceeds raised by the two-day event exceeded \$8,500 and will be split between the RWIEF and the TAC-PAC. A special thanks to our IRWA chapter volunteers for making this achievement possible and to the Tennessee Department of Transportation for donating the meeting space.

We encourage other chapters to take advantage of the synergies created by co-hosting educational programs with their local public agencies. Teaming up with the Tennessee Appraiser Coalition provided us with a unique opportunity to benefit members from both organizations.



Gary Harris, CAE, Assistant Director, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury gave an update on legislation, the current debate on ad valorem taxation and future legislation in the state.



Tennessee Valley Authority's Susan Curtis, Chris Hansen and Jim Dalrmpole with IRWA Chapter 32 President, John Boynton, Jr.



The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Will Dodson and Marc Headden, Tennessee Real Estate Coalition's Nikole Avers and event moderator, Billy Medley, SR/WA.