

# Strengthening Relationships

By partnering with professional organizations and government agencies, IRWA is expanding its reach and increasing its value proposition to all members.

## A Worldwide Authority, Indeed!



The Government of Mexico recently asked the leadership of IRWA Chapter 85 in Mexico to consider becoming the training and oversight body for all mediators and negotiators doing business with it. This request is quickly taking shape

in the form of a certificate program that will require adapting some material that Mexico Chapter President Carlos Sandoval and Chapter Vice President Cesar Cantu have already developed, as well as an IRWA Ethics and Conflict Management course. IRWA Executive Vice President Mark Rieck commented, "Along with the obvious education and membership opportunities this partnership will bring to IRWA, we have an unprecedented shot at helping the country of Mexico set and maintain the standards its right of way professionals will follow for years to come. This is an exciting time to be part of this Association."

## New Canadian Course Funded with Chapter and Foundation Donations

At the recent Region 10 forum in Calgary, Edmonton Chapter 62 and Regina Chapter 79 teamed up to donate \$10,000 each to develop a Canadian-focused oil pipeline course.

Along with an additional \$30,000 donated from the Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation, the course will be developed with input from Canada's National Energy Board. Pictured

here are Chapter 79 President Jared Daku (left) and Chapter 62 President Koby Godwin.



## By the Numbers

15

IRWA now boasts members in 15 countries across the world.

2162

Total number of SR/WAs as of March 31, 2015.

## »» Annual Conference Fast Approaching!

This year's Annual International Education Conference



will be held in San Diego in June, and it is promising to be a great one. With over 1,300 registrants expected, the education and networking opportunities will be unsurpassed. See page 44 for more information or visit [www.irwasandiego2015.org](http://www.irwasandiego2015.org). Hope to see you there!

## »» RWIEF Meets in Nashville

In April, the Right of Way International Education Foundation held their annual spring meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, where they discussed curriculum development, foundation business and fundraising efforts planned during IRWA's Annual Conference in June.



## »» Alliance for Valuation Education

IRWA continues to be well-represented on the Alliance for Valuation Education, a non-profit organization established with the support of 13 leading appraisal-related organizations to provide quality educational content to all appraisers. The first course to be offered by the Alliance was developed by IRWA Master Instructor David Burgoyne, SR/WA with Norm Thomas, SR/WA as a developer of an upcoming course.