

A New Education Partnership

IRWA becomes a catalyst for learning innovation worldwide

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IRWA has a new charter—to become recognized as the central authority for global infrastructure real estate. To embolden the learning needs of this charter and meet the demands of a global marketplace, IRWA recently created the Partnership for Infrastructure Professional Education.

This newly assembled partnership has been tasked with bringing innovative ideas and subject matter expertise to serve the organization in four critical areas: curriculum oversight, instructor development, external expansion/global collaboration and thought leadership in learning. The cornerstones of this significant initiative are collaboration and a dedication to learning innovation and excellence.

At the Annual International Education Conference in June, the International Executive Committee appointed the individuals who will lead this important initiative. The Chair and Vice Chairs were selected based on their organizational commitment, industry knowledge and experience in IRWA education. Leading this effort is Tamara Benson, SR/WA, R/W-URAC, R/W-RAC, who will serve as Chair. The two Vice Chairs include Janet Walker, SR/WA, past Chair of the Professional Development Committee and Carol Brooks, SR/WA, a recipient of the Y.T. Lum Award for outstanding contributions to right of way education.

Launching this new endeavor provides IRWA with the agility of nimble and thoughtful action, both of which are needed as we continue growing the professional development and networking opportunities for our members and affiliates across the globe.

As IRWA continues to expand its breadth of products and services, the partnership's first order of business is to mark the coming year as IRWA's "Jubilee

Year of Instructor Development." We are very excited to position instructor education center stage, making it a key priority in implementing the strategic vision of the organization.

The marketplace for the global infrastructure real estate marketplace is strong. Through the creation of this partnership, IRWA is well positioned to serve as the catalyst for leading-edge learning for infrastructure professionals worldwide. ★



At IRWA Headquarters in August, Deidre met with Janet Walker, SR/WA, one of the newly-appointed Co-Vice Chairs of the Partnership for Infrastructure Professional Education.