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Get in the Game

IRWA ramps up its action plan

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I am pleased to report that the IRWA recorded a strong finish to the 2016 fiscal year. As of June 30th we reported a total of 8,911 Regular and Senior Members who took 7,966 IRWA courses, both online and in the classroom. Today, nearly 2,000 members have achieved IRWA's top designation—the SR/WA. And we are just getting started.

IRWA is stepping up its game to improve people's quality of life through infrastructure development. To facilitate this effort, we are empowering professionals by elevating ethics, promoting lifelong learning and endorsing a standard of excellence on a global scale. We call this our "higher purpose."

As we continue our efforts to bring members more educational opportunities, we are launching the next online course offering—Course 520, Special Topics in Replacement Housing. The first round of pilot classes are being scheduled

for IRWA's new Canadian Oil & Gas Overview, with classroom presentations in Edmonton and Regina. This course was made possible thanks to our generous course underwriters, including Chapter 62 Edmonton, Chapter 79 Regina and the Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation.

To enhance the new Course 100i, Principles of Land Acquisition, which was videotaped in Canada, country-specific video modules are being created on Law in Mexico, South Africa and the United States. The response to this course has been overwhelming. Plus, we are starting out the fiscal year with nearly 150 classroom courses already scheduled. Needless to say, IRWA has come out of the gate this fiscal year flying.

So what is your plan for the fall? I encourage you to get in the game and make a difference this year, in your chapter, your community and the world. Maybe my suggested checklist will spark your creativity! Onward. ✪



TO DO LIST:

- Attend my local Chapter meeting and invite a colleague.
- Register for an IRWA online course for new knowledge or recertification credit.
- Join the IRWA Facebook page and post something. Anything!
- Start an Industry Career Path or encourage a non-certified friend to begin.
- Meet an IRWA Young Professional for lunch...and offer to buy.
- Help someone by answering a question posed on the IRWA Member Network Open Forum.
- Forward the digital issue of Right of Way Magazine to someone who has never read it.
- Add the 2017 Annual Conference to your Outlook Calendar (June 11th in Anchorage, AK)