



IRWA Staff Spotlight

In an effort to further increase transparency between IRWA Headquarters and the dedicated members of this Association, we are excited to introduce the **IRWA Staff Spotlight**. In each issue of Right of Way Magazine, a different staff member will introduce themselves and give some insight into their role at Headquarters.

Tell us a fun fact about yourself or something that might surprise us.

I am a trained first responder for American Red Cross and was previously an Instructor Trainer for CPR/First Aid and AED. I also used to be a school nurse!



What is your name and your job title at IRWA Headquarters?

Courtney Piscitelli, Assistant Controller - Accounts Payable

Tell us about your background and why you chose to work at IRWA.

I started out in accounting in Education with public school districts. Following that, I had a brief experience with construction accounting and went on to 10 years of corporate accounting before coming back to Education and nonprofit accounting.

How long have you been with Headquarters?

Over three years.

Describe your role. What are your primary responsibilities?

I process for approval and pay all HQ expenses, reconcile and enter CC and PayPal payments, and maintain digital and paper audit files.

How has your career grown since you first joined the team? What have you gained?

I have gained more responsibility with budgetary analysis and better communication with the IEC Board.



What are some of the reasons members typically contact you?

They typically contact me for vendor information, for W-9 information and for membership payments.

Courtney with a 3-week-old Siamese kitten. In her lifetime, Courtney has helped over 300 neonatal kittens.

What are the best ways members can reach you?

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What is your favorite part of working at IRWA?

IRWA values families and individuals. They encourage forward thinking and progress in our society.

What are some of your hobbies outside of work?

Animal rescue! I have been on-call as an experienced and knowledgeable rescuer more than ever during recent times. I work to rescue animals in acute need from the streets of Los Angeles and get them vet care before sending them off to rescues or adopters once they are stable/healthy. With so many of our local Animal Control resources on hold, there has been an enormous amount of community pleas, such as abandoned kittens found/injured or lost animals who need an immediate safe haven. Rescuers are their voice and assist the community in services that have been lost recently.

Where would you travel to for your dream vacation?

Italy to be able to truly appreciate my cultural roots.

What is something on your bucket list?

Rescue a squirrel! I have friends that are wildlife rehab experts and though I have helped opossums and raccoons, I have yet to help a squirrelly friend!