

# BLUEGRASS BULLETIN

## Summer 2022 Newsletter



Dear Chapter 25,

As I look back at the year, I realize that it is not one person who makes our chapter work, click, or jive. It is a finely woven tapestry of partners, colleagues, and friends.

Like many organizations we have had a tumultuous return to pre-pandemic lives. In retrospect, our Board faired very well. We met in person for many of our Board meetings. Chapter 25 held Right of Way day, an educational event concerning all things Right of Way. Also, we hosted our fellow chapters, in Region Five at this year's Spring Forum.

Our upcoming year looks promising. President-Elect, Doug Grant has laid the groundwork and an ambition to take our Chapter forward. Please lean into the Board and give Doug all your support; volunteer to serve and participate in Chapter sponsored courses and seminars.

I want to thank the Board for the opportunity to serve as President. I look forward to serving in my new role as International Director.

Sincerely,

Travis S. Carmack,  
President 2021/2022

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## INCOMING PRESIDENT- DOUG GRANT LET'S GET "BACK TO THE BASICS"

Greetings Member of Chapter 25,

It is hard to believe that it is already July 2022 and a new physical year has begun. I want to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me to be the President for Chapter 25 in the upcoming year. I will strive to do my best to make Chapter 25 the best it can be.

With that being said I want to outline for you my plans for the coming year. Chris Music and I have met and discussed the plans for the year. We are eager to get started. The theme of this year is "Back to the Basics." I want us to get back to focusing on membership and fun activities of the Chapter. Judy Jones, the International President of IRWA has focused her year on the need to grow membership. So, kicking off on her goal; I want us to focus on simply the basics of the Chapter. What are the basics? Education (Professional Development), ethics, membership, professional collegiality (networking) and fellowship are the basics of being a member of IRWA Chapter 25. To accomplish this, we need strong leaders in the industry committees. The following are a list of the committee chairs for the next year:

Chapter 25 Industry Committee Chairs 2022-2023		
Committee	Name	Email
Utilities Committee	Danielle French	<a href="mailto:daniellerae.fowler@gmail.com">daniellerae.fowler@gmail.com</a>
Transportation Committee	James Mason	<a href="mailto:jrmason@maysvilleky.net">jrmason@maysvilleky.net</a>
Education Committee	Mike Penick	<a href="mailto:Mike.Penick@louisvilleky.gov">Mike.Penick@louisvilleky.gov</a>
Relocation Committee	Orie O Dobson	<a href="mailto:Orie.Dobson@ky.gov">Orie.Dobson@ky.gov</a>
Website Committee	Jessica Grivna	<a href="mailto:jgrivna@qkf.com">jgrivna@qkf.com</a>
Communications Committee	Wayne Kimbel	<a href="mailto:waykim51@gmail.com">waykim51@gmail.com</a>
Membership Committee	Ron Geveden	<a href="mailto:rgeveden@orcolan.com">rgeveden@orcolan.com</a>
Oil and Gas Pipeline Committee	Dennis Dunall III	<a href="mailto:ddurnal@marathonpetroleum.com">ddurnal@marathonpetroleum.com</a>
Land and Economic Studies Com-	Sunni Carr	<a href="mailto:sunnicarr@gmail.com">sunnicarr@gmail.com</a>
Environmental Committee	Derick Adams	<a href="mailto:dadams@hwlochner.com">dadams@hwlochner.com</a>
Young Professional Committee	Hunter Stuart	<a href="mailto:hunterstuartappr@gmail.com">hunterstuartappr@gmail.com</a>
Survey and Engineering Committee	Mike Nelson	<a href="mailto:pbs772@gmail.com">pbs772@gmail.com</a>

I have asked the industry committee chairs to give a report to the Board of Directors at least once a quarter. Just coming to a Board meeting is not enough; we need to engage one another in order to grow. We would love to have something every meeting, but we want quality and not quantity. WE have a great opportunity to build leaders for today and the future of IRWA. I know over the years I have been a member, it has been interesting to hear about how others in our profession accomplish the task and the jobs they do. It is a great way to learn and grow as a professional.

## LET'S GET "BACK TO THE BASICS"... CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

I am very excited about the coming year. We have a full schedule for the year. One of the things I wanted to accomplish this year is for our meetings not to just be in Louisville, but have meetings in other areas of the state. We are the Bluegrass Chapter, not the Louisville Chapter, and having meetings throughout the state will allow us to grow as a Chapter both numerically and professionally. I have put together a tentative list of meetings and activities for the year. Please be advised dates and times are subject to change, so keep an eye on the website. Here is the tentative list for 2022 and 2023:

Board Meetings and General Meetings			
Date	Time	Location	General or BOD
Friday, July 08, 2022	1:00 pm	Louisville Metro Center	Board of Directors
Friday, August 05, 2022	10:30 am to 3:00 pm	Elizabethtown, Kentucky	10:30 am Board of Directors 12:00 pm Lunch and State of State
Friday, September 02, 2022	12:00 pm	Lexington, Kentucky	Board of Directors
Friday, October 21, 2022	1:00 pm	Louisville Metro Center	Board of Directors
Saturday, October 22, 2022	9:00 a.m.	Knob Point	Gun Shoot/Chili Cook off/General Membership
Friday, November 04, 2022	12:00 pm	TBA	Board of Directors
Thursday, December 08, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Wildwood Country Club, Louisville, KY	Christmas Party
Friday, January 06, 2023	12:00 pm	Louisville Metro Center	Board of Directors
Friday, February 03, 2023	12:00 pm	Northern Kentucky	Board of Directors
Friday, March 2023	12:00 pm	TBA	Railway Day -- General Membership
Friday, April 07, 2023	12:00 pm	Owensboro	Board of Directors Lunch Moonlight
Friday, May 05, 2023	12:00 pm	Louisville Metro Center	Board of Directors
Friday, June 02, 2023	12:00 pm	TBA	General Membership Meeting

I hope you will take note of the events and activities that we have planned for the year. Please watch the website as more activities will be scheduled. Let us get "back to the basics" and make Chapter 25 the best Chapter.



## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE– CLEVELAND, OHIO 2022**

### **-Matt Chapman, Past International Director-Chapter 25**

Dear Fellow IRWA Members and Friends.

This year's International Conference was held in Cleveland from Sunday, June 5th through Wednesday, June 8th. It was a fantastic event and I highly recommend anyone who is involved with IRWA to attend the Annual Conference next year in Denver. The benefits of attending IRWA International Conference are as follows: one, education in seminars and subject matter expert speakers; two, networking and connection with other professionals at a state, region, national, and international level; three, opportunity to input opinions and feedback to leadership of the organization as we are a member driven organization; four, it's fun! Yes, the International Conference is a fun time that is also productive. If you do decide to go to Denver in 2023, be sure to stay in contact with the Chapter Board so as not to miss out on any events that you want to see and do.



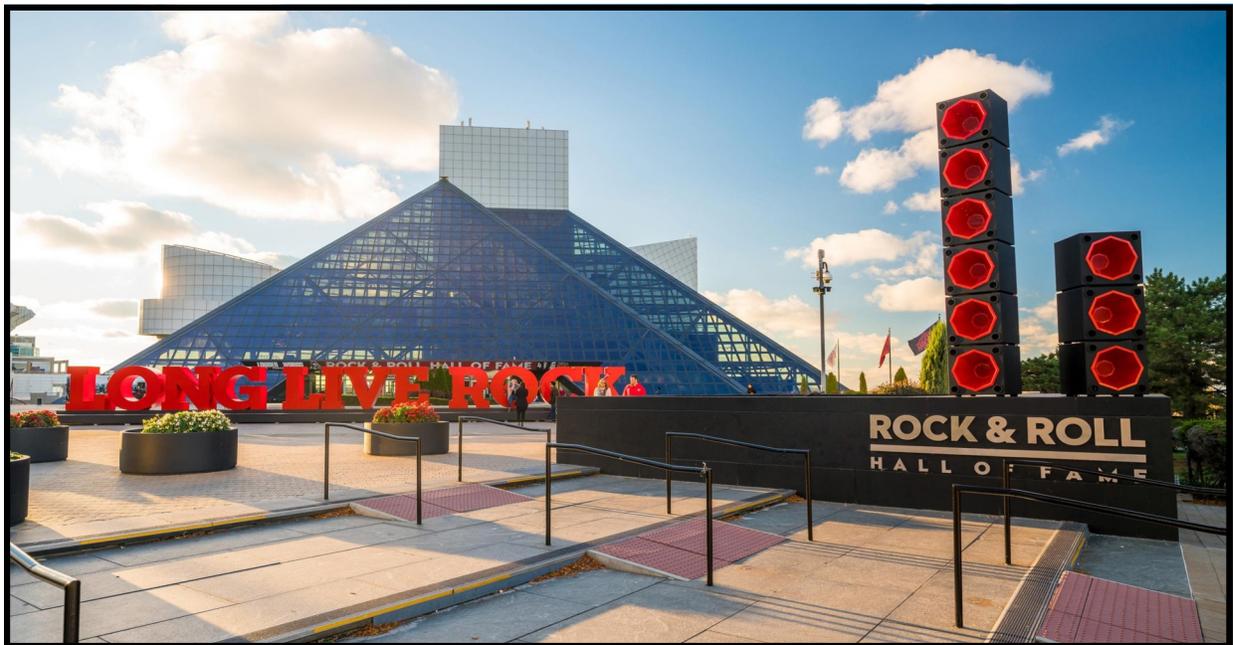
This was my fourth Conference, and for those who have never been to a conference, the general itinerary is consistent, but each conference has had a theme which is localized to where the Conference is held. This year being in Cleveland, there were talks and seminars about the Great Lakes and Cleveland specific issues. That said, other current issues and trends in the Right of Way world were also addressed. Some of the seminars and talks of this recent conference included: power line easements, women in Right of Way, acquisition and relocation for HUD, surplus property valuation and management, environmental due diligence, title work, inverse condemnation in Federal Court, Great Lakes water fluctuations, and Great Lakes past, present, and future from a development and environmental perspective, and complexities to valuation intensive manufacturing and industrial assets in eminent domain to give a few examples.

The official start of the Conference is an Opening Ceremony where the host welcomes all guests after they check-in at registration and provides an overview of all that is planned. This year, Audrey J Ulrich J.D. gave a speech on lessons learned and experience in areas of negotiation, consumer protection, and commercial law. We then broke out into Regional Caucus meetings where each Chapter Representative got a chance to reconnect with other Chapters in our Region. Our Chapter President, Travis Carmack, introduced the Bluegrass Chapter Representatives and then we heard from our Region leadership an itinerary of events. The International Executive Council (IEC) showed up and we were given the opportunity to ask questions. Following this event there was a Sunday evening social hosted by Emerald Energy; thank you Emerald Energy!



## International Conference continued...

Monday, Day 2, was filled with educational opportunities and networking. There was morning sessions, lunch and then afternoon sessions. Monday evening was a social event at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with private and “back stage” access to the exhibits and concert hall.



Tuesday, Day 3, was again filled with educational opportunities for morning and afternoon sessions. Others took the opportunity to network at the Rock n Roll Classic Golf Tournament which is hosted by the Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF) and Canadian Right of Way Foundation (CRWEF). We, as Region 5, which includes Kentucky, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin Chapters convened again for a Champaign Toast to recognize the volunteers of the Conference events and to say a Special Thanks to certain members who gave a lot of their time and energy into making the event a success. Tuesday evening, the CRWEF hosted an event at the former Cleveland Indians, now Guardians Baseball game.

Wednesday, Day 4 featured education in the morning and the Board of Directors meeting in the afternoon. At this meeting, we voted on the location of the Conference in 2025 for Virginia Beach. We voted in the International Executive Council where all chairs of the International Executive Council (IEC) advanced and Region 5's Dan Bucan was voted in as Secretary. We reviewed and voted on a bylaw update to change the title of our organization's "CEO" to now be officially 'CAE' as Executive Director. The 2022-2023 IGC members are: President, Judy Jones, SRWA; President-Elect, Fred Easton, SRWA; Vice-President, Denise Skinner, SRWA; Treasurer, Koby Godwin and Secretary, Dan Bucan, SRWA.

Following the Board meeting was the Closing Ceremony dinner with live music and wonderful food. Our outgoing President Jake Ferrell, SRWA gave a speech and incoming President, Judy Jones, SRWA gave a speech. Everyone shared a spirit of gratitude and positive attitude.

In summary, I hope to see you all at Conference in Denver in 2023!

# REGION FIVE FORUM – HOSTED BY CHAPTER 25!



# Business was Good!





But the FUN was BETTER!



## CHRIS MUSIC, NEW VICE-PRESIDENT



Chris Music, PMP, RWA-EU is the Chief Operations Officer for Emerald Energy and Exploration Land Company and serves as ROW Program Manager for multiple electric transmission and oil/gas clients throughout the nation. Chris has been with the firm since 2011 and has played a major role in its successful growth into eight (8) different states. Chris has a Bachelor's degree in Systems Management, and Associate's degree in Motorsports Management, RWA-EU designation, and most recently obtained his Project Management Professional (PMP).

Throughout his career in the industry, Chris has either participated directly or overseen the successful acquisition of well over 500– miles of electric transmission line, 200-miles of gas pipeline, hundreds of gas/oil well pad locations, thousands of acres for renewable development, and miles upon miles of access roads required for accessing all project areas.

As Chapter 25's new Vice President for the 2022-2023 term, he is looking forward to working with all officers, Board members, local members as well as regional and national members alike increasing memberships, educational opportunities, rejuvenating interests from organizations/corporations that once were loyal, active members, and representing Chapter 25 meetings and exceeding the expectations of his peers.

## CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINES...WHAT'S THAT?

There are around 50 CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines currently operating in the US comprising 4,500 miles of right of way, which transport around 68 million tonnes per year of CO<sub>2</sub>. So, why are CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines even a thing? This is a part of the globalist movement to address and fight climate change. The carbon capture and storage (CCS) process involves capturing carbon dioxide before it enters the atmosphere from industrial processes such as factories, chemical plants, powerplants etc. and then compressing it, and transporting it through a pipeline to a storage location. Carbon Dioxide gets compressed to pressures that range from 1200-2200 psi and are then injected into a pipeline that then transports it to a storage location. The storage of Carbon Dioxide currently is done via mostly geological storage, which means it is stored underground in geological formations such as caverns, oil fields, gas fields, saline formation, unmineable coal seams, etc.

Cost for this process is very high and burdensome on industries, companies, and the economy. There are studies, analysis and processes being explored to try and find valuable uses for CO<sub>2</sub> to assist in offsetting the high costs of the CCS process, but it could be a long time before anything widespread comes to fruition. The long-term hazards and effects of capturing, storing, and transporting CO<sub>2</sub> is not fully realized, but the hope is that this is going to become widespread that it will aid in saving the planet. This is something that is here and will continue to grow and expand. Infrastructure will be needed and grow via pipeline right of ways and the additional real estate needed for the processing plants; and that is where our industry comes into play and will be affected.

Most of you have probably never heard of such a thing as Carbon Dioxide pipelines or carbon capturing but with our ever-evolving world, political agendas, innovations, and industry developments you may just come across one of these plants or pipelines in your career and if you do, just remember folks, you heard about it here first!



Dennis Durnal III  
IRWA Chapter 25 Pipeline Committee Chair



# Int'l Right of Way Assoc, Chapter 25

## KYTC & IRWA Annual General Membership Meeting

Friday, August 5, 2022 (Lunch at noon, meeting at 1pm)

Speakers: Dean M. Loy, Director

Kelly Divine (Assistant Director) & Staff, Division of R.O.W. & Utilities

Location: Back Home Catering & Event Center

444 S. Mulberry Street, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

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