

# BLUEGRASS BULLETIN



IRWA Bluegrass Chapter 25

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**H**ello everyone, how was your Derby event? I hope you took the time to join us at our Churchill Downs Event. I want to thank those of you that joined us. Thank you, thank you for your time.

The Spring Forum for Region 5 of IRWA was April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> here in Louisville, Kentucky. The early numbers indicate that this could be the largest number of participants for attendance of a Forum. Mike Penick, MBA, SR/WA, etc, was the Chairperson for the Spring Forum Committee, and did an excellent job. The business session of the Spring Forum operated with no problems, this was a factor of Mike's hard work. In a special note, Mike Penick, SR/WA was named as the Professional of the Year for Region 5. Mike was presented the award by Region 5 Chairperson Greg R. Mathias, SR/WA in the presence of the attendees of Region 5 before we traveled to Churchill Downs. Please show Mike the love and congratulate him for his work accomplishments.

The Hospitality Suite for Region 5 was well received and Chad Cutsinger earned his degree in mixology by promoting his "Derby Mule Drink." Chad managed the bar both nights and just out-performed what was expected. Thank you, Chad.

The Churchill Downs Event Committee which consisted of Judy Mitchell, Jessica Grivna,  
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## 2017-2018 OFFICERS

President	Otto Spence, MAI, SR/WA
Vice President	Jessica Grivna
Treasurer	Rick Baumgardner
Assistant Treasurer	Travis Carmack
Secretary	Judy Mitchell
International Director	Wayne Kimbel
International Director	Matt Chapman, MAI

## 2017-2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Engineering Liaison	Debby Taylor
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Marjorie Busch and William “Bill” Busch did an excellent job representing our Chapter in doing everything correct in planning and timing of the visit to Churchill Downs on opening night. Think about that “Opening Night.” Just think about this: (1) 90 people in attendance in our group, (2) getting 90 attendees to and from Churchill Downs, (3) feeding everyone, (4) planning the event, (5) making everyone feel happy and providing a feeling of trust us ‘we got it covered’, (6) dealing with Churchill Downs and keeping the 90 attendees informed and dressed correctly, (7) placing the happiness of 90 participants as the main priority and (8) dealing with my plan to plan thinking.



Well, it was done in a one, two and three punch. First punch, the breaking of the ice, Marjorie and Bill Busch wrote (maybe stole) a theme song for Chapter 25. Then Marjorie and Bill lead and performed the song and dance moves at the opening of the business session of the Spring Forum. Second punch, the Friday Night Bowling Event, which was a blast thanks to Jessica Grivna. Everything at the bowling event was great.

The third punch was the Saturday night event at Churchill Downs. Judy Mitchell is now referred to as General Judy Mitchell for her performance as General Mitchell because of the comment of “I see my 2-bus parking space over there across the blocked roadway, get the \*\*\*\* out-of-my-way cause I have 90 people that need to get to their Churchill seats.”

Judy did everything perfect. Judy and her committee sent informational emails from October 2017 to April of 2018 to attendees on dressing for the event, directions to the event, scheduling the buses, answering questions and financial accounting. They supervised the registration process and prepared SWAG bags. Words cannot explain the happiness that was shown by the efforts of Judy, Jessica, Marjorie and Bill. It could not have been done better.

This was a regional event, the Spring Forum; however, Chapter 25 stepped to the plate and hit a homerun. Our sponsors were great. Chapter members stepped up and showed a strong effort of “You are Welcome” to the attendees of the Spring Forum.

Chapter 25 sponsored the 10<sup>th</sup> Race at Churchill Downs, which allowed us to send ten (10) lucky attendees to the saddling of the horses in Race 10 and the presenting of the trophy cup to the winner of the race in the winners’ circle.



What was really special was the 10<sup>th</sup> Race was named the IRWA James “Don” Brent Memorial Race. The racing program of Churchill Downs bears the name of James “Don” Brent. Sorry, I have something in my eye.

You know the energy of Don Brent who was foreman and chief weed wacker of the Don Brent Farm in Frankfort, Kentucky was watching with a silent smile. Race 10 concluded in a dead-heat; two winners, in the mind of a racing fan, this is more special than a hole-in-one, a miracle of event.

Let us just think for a moment, Race number 10 was a “Starter Allowance” for a purse of \$25,000.00 for four (4) year olds and upward which have started for a claiming price of \$10,000 or less in 2017 to 2018 for a distance of 1 and 1/16 miles. Again, the race had two winners which were (Number 3) Surprise Prize and (Number 4) Altito which created a special condition for a special person, Don Brent. Brother, you will be missed.



Did anyone apply for the 40 for Forty Program as advertised on Page 64 of September/October 2017 edition of the Right of Way Magazine? Well on another happy note, I hope everyone applied for the 40/40 Scholarship Program. Region 5 received eight (8) of the forty (40) scholarships. I am happy to say that Matt Chapman, our own Past President received one of the first two given to Region 5. Make sure to talk to him about it.

Also, we are still going to offer the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (aka UASFLA) or Yellow Book course. I have been scheduled for a trial during this previous time frame and we will be moving the event to June or July. Please email me if you are planning to take this course.

On April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> the Chapter offered Course 200 of which we had twenty-one (21) students. The instructor was our own Mike Penick, SR/WA. We are developing our educational schedule for the complete offering of the courses for the SR/WA designation within the next year-and-a-half. We are making a solid effort to help you get your designations; so get aboard this train. Do not complain if you are not a part of this. **Email, call, smoke signal or come visit with me and we will map out your path to your wanted designation.** Please help me help you.

*Please be a part of our educational movement.* We currently have a learning pool of over 100 potential students to build our classes from. Our purpose in offering education is to build membership, so we will be offering Chapter Scholarships. So if you feel that you need help in affording your path to designation, write be a brief short story on why I should grant you funding for your educational development. Again, allow me to help you.

For those of you whom requested the offering of certain courses, they are on the way. Are there any others, speak please!!!!!!

I need volunteers to be board members and fill elected positions, please volunteer. Call me and ask about positions available.

Again, I need **nominees for the scholarships for graduating high school persons** whom are entering a field that reflects one of the IRWA professional fields. If you have a graduating senior in your household, or know of a deserving nominee, please send me their name and I will get the paperwork started.

Another group, which I need nominees for scholarships, are **continuing college students** that are planning on entering a field that reflects one of the IRWA professional fields. If you have such a candidate in your household, at your workplace, or know of a deserving nominee, please send me their name and I will get the paperwork started.

Come to the meetings and give someone a friendly greeting. If nothing else, come to the meetings and give me a piece of your mind. Or at least, come to the meetings and bring someone that needs to have the good feelings and benefits that you have had as an active member of Chapter 25.

Remember, on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, in Bardstown, Kentucky; we have our installation lunch. No, no, sorry, I am still around for one more year as the Past President. Come visit me.

Thanks for your support,

*Otto*



# Welcome

## TO OUR NEW CHAPTER 25 MEMBERS!

**DANN CANN** — APPRAISER, C&M APPRAISALS,  
LOUISVILLE

**DOUG GRANT** — ASSOCIATE APPRAISER, WM. D. OTTO  
SPENCE REAL ESTATE, LOUISVILLE

**NATHAN COLEMAN** — PIKEVILLE

**MARVIN ALAN HENSLEY** — APPRAISER, HENSLEY REAL  
ESTATE SERVICES, PIKEVILLE

**ROSS SAMONS** — RIGHT OF WAY AGENT, LG&E KU,  
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To submit an article, picture or noteworthy mention, send an email to

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# REGION 5 PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

*goes to*

## Mike Penick

Chapter 25 thanks you for all your hard work, planning and putting on IRWA courses across the state to allow professionals within our industry to advance their certification and pursue continuing education.

(Below picture) Mike, Chapter 25 Education Chair, presenting the material for IRWA Course 200 on April 24th.

(Above picture) Mike Penick accepting his award from Brad Krabel, SR/WA at the Region 5 Spring Forum.



# REGION 5 SPRING FORUM



Beth Smith, SR/WA and Region 5 Vice Chair, greeting the meeting attendees on Friday afternoon.



Mark Rieck, Jeff Jones and Tim Drennan of International gather after Friday night's meeting session.



Chapter 25 Board of Officers and Committee Chairs joined by a few Members for a memorable snapshot.



Dan Bucan, Region 5 Secretary, giving announcements to the group.



All the Chapters came together to represent Region 5, making this a great Forum.



Judy Mitchell along with Bill Busch, Event Coordinators, giving their final announcements on the Saturday event.



Member attendance was among the highest that we have experienced. Thanks to all who made the trip, from near and far!



Brad Krabel performing his auctioneering duties with Derby-themed items, including the hats shown.



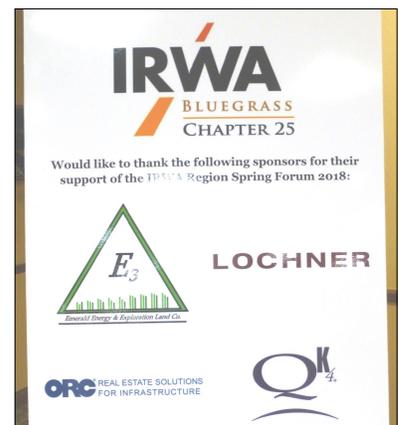
Kris Koehler, of Illinois Chapter 11, graciously modeling one of the Derby hats up for auction supporting RWIEF.



Matt Chapman, Jeff Jones and Nikkiy Bestgen catching up between meeting sessions.



Jessica Grivna, Chapter 25 VP, loaded down with themed swag bags.



A final Thank You to our Forum sponsors for supporting Chapter 25 in the hosting of this event.

# FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT

Post-Meeting Fun at Executive Strike & Spare





# SATURDAY EVENT

At The Derby Room — Churchill Downs



Photo credit to Mike Kurschat, Wayne Kimbel, Bill Busch, Jessica Grivna and all others who contributed. Thank you!

# SAVE the DATE

01 JUNE

## Friday, June 1st

### Chapter 25 Installation and Membership Meeting—Bardstown, KY

Chapter 25 invites you to attend the annual Installation of Officers by Jeff Jones at Talbott Tavern. See attached RSVP form or go to [www.irwa25.org](http://www.irwa25.org) for online payment and registration. Whether attending the event or not, don't forget to cast your ballot for the next slate of officers.

24 JUNE

## Sunday to Wednesday, June 24-27th

### 64th Annual International Education Conference—Edmonton, Canada

Attend the Annual Education Conference in Canada. Many registration packages are available for those wanting to attend the whole conference, or select days. For the full schedule and to register, go to [IRWAonline.org](http://IRWAonline.org)

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## Friday, August 3rd

### State of the State and General Membership Meeting— TBD

Stay tuned for more information because we want to see you there!

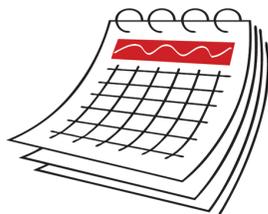
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## Friday and Saturday, October 19-20th

### IRWA Region 5 Fall Forum—Frankenmuth, MI

Go ahead and RSVP early for the Region 5 Fall Forum, hosted by Michigan Chapter 7! A block of rooms is available to reserve from. Flyer is attached.

## 2018 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE



- JUNE 1ST
- JULY 13TH
- AUGUST 3RD
- SEPTEMBER 7TH
- OCTOBER 5TH
- NOVEMBER 2ND

\* See website for most up-to-date time and place.



# International Right of Way Association Chapter 25

## IRWA Chapter 25 Election Ballot for 2018 / 2019 Officers

The following Nominees have been submitted for Chapter Officers positions.

In the event of a tie, a vote will be held at the Installation Luncheon on June 1st.  
Mike Penick is the Chair of Nomination Committee.

Chapter Position	2018 / 2019 Nominees
President	<input type="checkbox"/> Jessica Grivna <input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Debby Taylor <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Adkins <input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Rick Baumgardner <input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Alissa Graf-Schad <input type="checkbox"/>
International Director 2-Year	<input type="checkbox"/> William D. Otto Spence <input type="checkbox"/>
International Director 1-Year <i>Does not require a vote</i>	<b>Matt Chapman</b> <i>Term expires June 2019</i>

Return your ballot by mail using the provided envelope to:

**Mike Penick**  
**Right of Way Manager**  
**Louisville Metro Government**  
**444 S. Fifth Street, 4th Floor**  
**Louisville, KY 40202**

*This ballot is hereby submitted for vote to the membership for the installation of officers at the 2017-18 General Membership meeting. During the announcement of each elected position, nominations from the floor will be requested, and with no response, the nominations will thereby be closed, allowing the final voice vote by the membership.*

