



IRWA Announces Annual Award Winners 2009 – 2010

At IRWA's 56th Annual International Education Conference held in Calgary, AB, award winners were announced by the International Nominations and Elections Committee.

Gene L. Land Award: Chapters that have demonstrated significant membership growth.

Highest Numerical Gain

Chapter 48, Region 10
Calgary, Alberta

Highest Percentage Gain

Chapter 52, Region 4
Virginia

Employer of the Year: Acknowledged for strong employee support and commitment to the Association.

Company with more than 20 employees

City of Virginia Beach, Virginia
Region 4

Company with less than 20 employees

Union Gas, Ontario
Region 8

Newsletter of the Year: For exemplary communication of chapter, regional and international news.

Chapter with more than 100 members

Chapter 36 "North Texas News"
Texas, Region 2
Editor: Denise Perez

Chapter with less than 100 members

Chapter 46 "The Zephyr"
Nevada, Region 1
Editor: Carol Buonanoma, CMS, GISP

Member Appreciation Program Award:

Individual who has recruited the most new members in the past year.

Joey Kramer
Chapter 78, Region 3

Louise L. & Y. T. Lum Award: Awarded by the Right of Way International Educational Foundation for distinguished contribution to right of way education.

David Layne, SR/WA
Layne Consulting Services, Inc.

Chapter of the Year: Chapters that demonstrated success in membership growth, professional development and educational courses offered.

Chapter with more than 100 members

Chapter 52
Virginia, Region 4

Chapter with less than 100 members

Chapter 32
Tennessee, Region 6

Mark A. Green Award: Acknowledges excellence in journalism for an article published in Right of Way magazine.

Steve Chastain, SR/WA

"Emerging Technologies for Pipeline Encroachment"
Right of Way Magazine, May/June 2009

Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award Finalists: This highly-respected award is a tribute to those members who have demonstrated exemplary support to the Association during the past year.

**Johnny M. Dyess, SR/WA, R/W-AMC,
R/W-EC, R/W-NEC**
Chapter 24, Region 6

Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA
Chapter 7, Region 5

Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA, R/W-NAC
Chapter 41, Region 3

Donald J. Sherwood, SR/WA, MAI, FRICS
Chapter 36, Region 2

Patricia F. Thayer, SR/WA
Chapter 71, Region 7

SARPA Scholarship Award: Awarded to active students majoring in studies related to the right of way profession and/or public works administration.

Jonathan Nowlin
Chapter 37, Missouri, Region 3