

Donald J. Sherwood, SR/WA, MAI, FRICS is Honored with Frank C. Balfour “Professional of the Year Award”



IRWA is pleased to announce Donald J. Sherwood, SR/WA, MAI, FRICS, as the 2009 Frank C. Balfour “Professional of the Year Award” recipient.

“I’m passionate about IRWA and the right of way industry and, when one is passionate about something, you tend to go way beyond what’s required. This is the pinnacle of my career in IRWA,” said Donnie, as he shared the award-winning moment with attendees at IRWA’s 56th Annual International Education Conference held in Calgary, AB this past June.

This prestigious award is the Association’s highest honor bestowed upon an IRWA member. Named after the Association’s founder, Frank C. Balfour, this award recognizes professionals who have demonstrated exemplary support to the Association during the past year. The winner is chosen based on outstanding contributions made through leadership positions in the chapter, regional and international levels; fulfillment of educational courses and activities; participation in Association regional and international activities; and achievement of IRWA professional designations.

“My partners at Integra Realty Resources allow me the time and opportunity to serve IRWA and our world. Without their support, I would not have received this honor. I accept this honor on behalf of each of them,” noted Donnie.

Donnie is Managing Director of the Fort Worth office of Integra Realty Resources-DFW, a full-service real estate consulting and appraisal firm. He has been an appraiser of real property since 1978 and is qualified in Federal and Texas State Courts as an expert on real estate values. Donnie is an active member of both the IRWA and the Appraisal Institute, and has served in all local chapter offices for both organizations. He was awarded the 1998 Professional of the Year for Chapter 36 and named the Region 2 Professional of the Year in 2007. From 2002-2004, Donnie served as Chair of the International Valuation Committee. He is a member of the National Faculty of the Appraisal Institute and an IRWA Facilitator. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (FRICS) based in London, England. Donnie has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Southwestern University and a Masters degree in Agriculture, specializing in land economics and real estate from Texas A&M University.