



IRWA Staff Spotlight

In an effort to further increase transparency between IRWA Headquarters and the dedicated members of this Association, we are excited to bring you 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.

What is something on your bucket list?

I want to free swim with great white sharks someday.

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

Vivian Nguyen, Editor & Communications Manager

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

I have a master's in book publishing with a focus in editing and book layout design. One of my favorite things about editing is establishing a rapport with my authors, because it's important to me that they trust me with their work. Working for IRWA gave me the opportunity to do just that.

How long have you been with Headquarters?

I've been with IRWA since December 2020.

Describe your role. What are your primary responsibilities?

I collect submissions from members and columnists, accept articles based on quality and edit and approve all the content and layout in the magazine. I also manage communication channels and work with the communications team to help grow IRWA's brand.

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

I joined IRWA as editor of Right of Way Magazine, and my role has since expanded to into communications and membership. I enjoy being able to implement my creative and leadership skills in different areas of my position.

What are some of the reasons members typically contact you?

Members usually reach out to pitch and submit articles!



What are the best ways members can reach you?

Email is best—nguyen@irwaonline.org.

What is your favorite part of working at IRWA?

The creative aspects of my job are very rewarding, and I also enjoy going to conference and seeing members in person. Don't be afraid to approach me and pitch your idea for the magazine!

What are some of your hobbies outside of work?

When I'm not reading and writing (for fun), you can usually find me hanging out with my cat, fawning over my garden or tackling a new recipe in the kitchen.

Where would you travel to for your dream vacation?

I'd love to visit Hobbiton in New Zealand because I'm a giant nerd, but my favorite place in the world is Portland, Oregon, especially in the fall.

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

I have a growing collection of carnivorous plants! No mosquitoes on my watch. 🌱