



SPOTLIGHT ON JENNI KRINER, SR/WA, R-W/NAC

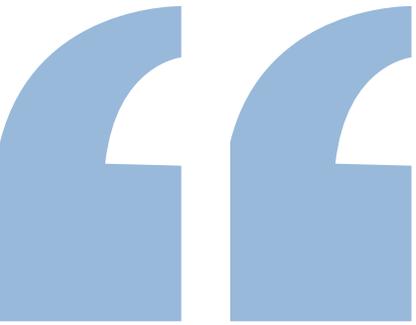
Tell us a little bit about your professional career and right of way experience.

I began helping Carol Croft, SR/WA with inspections for appraisals when I was in high school. Life took me in other directions, but Carol called me when she needed a project manager in Clarksville, TN, and I accepted. Many IRWA courses and over 20 years later, I am proud to still be with Croft and Associates LLC. I enjoy the negotiations, relocations and doing project management.

How did you hear about IRWA, and how long have you been with the Association?

I grew up with the IRWA through Carol Croft, SR/WA. I enjoyed getting to see different places, like Albuquerque and Anaheim (yes, Disneyland). I was also there at the 1985 Nashville conference! It was in 1998 when I started work for Carol A. Croft and Associates that I became





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a member of the IRWA. I began to understand through the courses, conferences and members how wonderful the IRWA is.

Can you tell us a little bit about the International Nominations and Elections Committee (INEC) and what your role entails?

The International Nomination and Elections Committee has the privilege of reading all the nominations and choosing the winners for the awards presented each year. The IRWA has many wonderful members, and I enjoy reading about each of them. This committee also aids in the nominations and elections for the International Executive Committee, the Regions and the Chapters.

As INEC Chair, I work closely with the International Secretary throughout the year. I also work closely with Jade Meador, director of events, and Carlos Gonzalez, web and database manager in preparation for conference and the Board of Directors Meeting. INEC Vice Chair, Kris Koehler, RWP, R/W-AC, is so helpful, and we work with an awesome committee that helps all of this run smoothly!



For the past two years, you've been an integral part in introducing virtual elections and nominations. Can you describe what that transition process was like?

A whirlwind! Anytime there is a change in life, it comes with questions and challenges. As the realization hit that we would not have an in-person conference last year, I began working closely with International Secretary Judy Jones, SR/WA, R/W-AC, R/W-NAC, 2019-2020 and Jade Meador. There were numerous emails and phone calls discussing the virtual voting, the Board of Directors Meeting and communication with everyone involved. The INEC had a meeting and an "election" to test the virtual voting to make sure it worked the way we needed it to and that we understood everything. Working with these ladies, great communication and knowledge were what helped the transition run smoothly.

How did INEC address the challenges that arose with the pandemic influencing last year's and this year's annual conference?

As I stated earlier, the INEC had many calls and emails to figure out how to run the voting for the Board of Directors meeting. This was the same for 2020 as well as the San Antonio conference. Headquarters handled the voting credentials by email and the voting test question was sent online to each voting director. This was the beginning of the new way to check in.

Last year, each representative was on the BlueJeans call for the meeting. We were also communicating by group text. Each representative was helping me keep an eye on the chat in BlueJeans and the voting results. This year, four of us were able to be in person at conference. Six of our representatives were virtual. We had a good meeting Sunday morning and could see everyone on the screen. In this meeting, Jade went over the voting process with us. Since we also had the voting test question



sent out before conference, we did not need to have a check-in. Each representative had their computer or laptop whether in person or virtual and could see the voting results. It appeared that everything went well. Communication is the key to any change in process.

What is the best part about your role within INEC?

The best part of being on the INEC is reading about the wonderful members and Chapters this Association has! You all are awesome!

What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?

Be prepared! It does not matter what you are doing or who you are with, this covers it all. "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

One last question to end this interview on a fun note: if you could have lunch with anyone from history or fiction, who would it be and why?

My first choice would be my Granddaddy. He was always so much fun! My second choice would be Charlie Daniels. He was a straight shooter, and I love his music! 🎸

Member Spotlight is a wonderful place to introduce yourself or to celebrate a fellow member's contributions to the IRWA. For more information or to submit a member for consideration, please contact Vivian Nguyen at nguyen@irwaonline.org.