

President's Message

Thank you for electing me as your next president for the 2018-2019 term. I hope to meet you all in person at the Summer Symposium at the Inn on Canandaigua Lake this August 15-16, if we haven't already met. Please let me know if I can help you with anything, or if you have suggestions or ideas.

I write this as I just returned from the IRWA Annual Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Both myself and Mike Ames attended representing NY Chapter 18. We also connected with several Region 4 members that we met this past April at the Spring Forum in Lahaska, PA.

As a first-time attendee, I can say the conference was very well organized. I didn't notice any glitches or problems with logistics. I was able to attend multiple classes on topics that interested me. The only problem was that many of the classes had overlapping time slots so I couldn't attend them all. There were several social events happening daily. I attended the Young Professionals networking event, the Coates



Mike and myself

Brunch, the IRWA conference mixer, and the gala with my husband and Mike Ames, former president and now vice president, on the last night.

Wednesday afternoon was the International Directors meeting with elections for national positions. There were four positions voted on: president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. A slate was recommended from nationals, but as procedure dictates, nominations were accepted from the floor. Three of the four positions were contested from the floor, with only one resulting in a surprise upset for treasurer so that the floor nomination beat out the slated candidate. The vote was very close with just under 51% of voters approving of the floor nominated candidate, and just over 49% voting for the slated candidate. (This was probably a win/loss by about two votes.)

The weather in Edmonton was perfect, sunny and in the 70's or low 80's with low humidity. The conference location in downtown Edmonton was beautiful, with the hotel adjacent to the conference center, and both located on the hillside above the tree-lined, winding, North Saskatchewan River. Gorgeous views delighted the eyes at every glance southward, while crisp, stark, towering, high rise buildings with varied architectural design and color met one's eye looking northward.

Some interesting cultural things I noted were that Canadians obey cross walk signs, both drivers and pedestrians. Pedestrians really do have the right-of-way here! Timers for crosswalks give pedestrians an allotted time, usually 25 seconds to cross, while traffic is halted.

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Pedestrians in turn, do not jay walk, or walk outside of their allotted time in front of traffic. It was us Americans who learned quickly to adapt to this strange, new rule.

Besides the typical "eh?" a lot of Canadians use at the end of their sentences, another overused localism that reminded me that perhaps I was back in the '80's was "fer sure," spelled phonetically for true effect. I mostly heard this from females as an affirmation of my food order, or to agree with my conclusions on a matter.

Ask for a Bloody Mary cocktail and you get the Canadian version known as the "Clamato Caesar." It's clam juice mixed with tomato juice with herbal spices clinging to the rim of the glass, garnished with a small pepperoni stick, pickle, and a hot pepper!

Since my husband traveled with me, we decided ahead of time that we were going to visit the beautiful Canadian Rockies after the conference, so the conference couldn't have ended soon enough for him. 😊 We traveled on to Jasper National Park, then Lake Louise, and Banff, flying out of Calgary on 7/2. We were not disappointed. I would highly recommend Jasper for viewing wildlife and scenery, the Icefields Parkway for views of glaciers and mountains, Lake Moraine (near Lake Louise) for its stunning turquoise blue water, and Banff for its quaint shopping, activities, and amenities.



The drive to Maligne Lake on Maligne Road was awesome with nearly every turn bringing an even more impressive vista than the last. Hulking mountains that looked like they were carved with spoons, others with jagged edges and snow caps, lakes that were turquoise blue, grizzly bears lumbering along the roadside, steep narrow canyons, herds of elk with their nursing young, rivers that roared with waterfalls, and huge round, golden boulders that at times tumbled in the milky blue-green waters...it was a true feast for the eyes!

On the con side, it also just so happened to be Canada Day on July 2, so we were fighting a lot of locals who were off work for 3 days, on top of the typical tourists. Lake Louise was a tourist hot spot, and not being a fan of large crowds, it was somewhat disenchanting to see probably over 1,000 people at various parts of the Lake in just the two hours we were there. Gas was going for \$1.30 CAD/liter, but we ended up paying \$1.99/liter CAD at the only gas station between Jasper and Lake Louise (about \$5.80/gallon US)!

Overall, however, it was an amazing trip, and I'd highly recommend you go for yourself someday. The Athabasca River, Jasper National Park, Alberta, Canada



See you at the symposium,

Julie Lewis

President, IRWA Empire State Chapter 18



The Athabasca River, Jasper National Park, Alberta, Canada

2018 DAVID LAYNE, SR/WA SCHOLARSHIP

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CHAPTER 18 INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

Applications are being accepted for the 2018 David Layne, SR/WA Scholarship presented by Chapter 18 of the International Right of Way Association.

The 2018 scholarship(s):

1. Shall be a maximum of three scholarships at \$500 each.
2. Must be applied to educational expenses at an accredited college or university of post-secondary education.
3. Will be paid directly to the student(s) for tuition or other school expenses.

Candidates for the scholarship:

1. Must be a child, grandchild, or ward of an active or retired member of Chapter 18.
2. Must not have previously received the award.
3. Must submit the completed application and other materials, either by mail or electronically, to the Scholarship Committee no later than August 1, 2018.
4. The candidate's member sponsor must be a member of the International Right of Way Association (Chapter 18) as of January 1, 2018, and must retain membership through December 31, 2020, or be a retired member in good standing.

Required material to be submitted:

1. Application.
2. Personal essay. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to: educational plans, future goals, interests, employment, or any unusual circumstances relating to this application.
3. Most recent high school or college transcript.
4. Letter of recommendation from a teacher, instructor, advisor, cleric, etc.

Selection process:

The Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipient(s) from the candidate applications. The Committee will base its selection on the following criteria: scholastic ability, extracurricular activities, recommendation, and the applicant's personal essay.

2018 APPLICATION DAVID LAYNE, SR/WA SCHOLARSHIP

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Chapter 18 International Right of Way Association

Name _____

Address _____

Chapter 18 Member's Name _____

EDUCATION

High School _____

Graduation or Anticipated Graduation Date _____

College or University _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Extracurricular activities, special awards, interests, employment, etc.

Candidate's signature _____

Member's signature _____

All application information will be kept confidential. Return the completed application material by August 20, 2018 to:

David Layne, SR/WA
PO Box 8
New York Mills, NY 13417
or
lcs360@roadrunner.com

To be considered, the following items must be included:

- Application
- Personal essay
- Transcript
- Letter of recommendation

IRWA Chapter 18 General Session Minutes

Tony's Italian Grill, Endicott, NY

April 20, 2018

Attendees: Bill Dow, Julie Lewis, Erik Stropp, Tim Magyar, Dave Hatch, Joe Barnes, Chad Stropp, Chuck Manganaro, Mike Ames, Joe Wilson, Barb Miller

Call to order by President, Mike Ames at 12:25 P.M.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the prior meeting were distributed. Motion was made to accept the minutes as distributed and seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Erik Stropp noted that we are up to date online and a healthy bank account balance that increased \$9,000 over the past year. USPAP netted the Chapter \$3,224 thanks to Dave Layne waiving his instructor fee. Thank You, Dave.

Motion was made to accept the treasurers report as distributed and seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

PDC Report – Julie and Mike inquired about the RWC designation. Tim will work to get them going in the right direction.

Education Report – Bill continued to speak from last meeting about the new course 218 – ROW agents course for electric transmission and noted Albany as a good potential location.

Another Southern Tier course on pipelines was suggested also as our last one was several years ago now.

The symposium is getting lined up. We have 2 potential speakers so far and Erik Stropp may have a drone presentation ready by then.

Membership – New applicants: Chuck Manganaro, Dennis White, Colin Yaniga, Greg Bly. All ayes, all are approved. Welcome to Chapter 18.

Newsletter – Dick is looking for the newsletter inserts to go out next quarter.

Website - The site is up to date.

New Business: The nominating committee is still looking for Vice President candidates. A request to see if Mike can fill the VP position following last year's troubles was made and HQ is OK with that scenario, noting that we will need to fill 2 positions next year. Dave Hatch volunteered and would be willing to take

on an additional year as Chapter President to get us back on track in 2019.

Membership Reimbursement incentive. Julie Lewis presented a motion that a reimbursement incentive to new IRWA members be created. This incentive has the Chapter reimbursing new IRWA members (both new to the IRWA and to Chapter 18) for their initial, international portion of their dues. Local Chapter dues will still be due to the Chapter (\$25). The reimbursement will be made to individuals who pay for their own membership (and are not corporately sponsored), show proof of payment, and sign a pledge to attend meetings throughout their first year. This incentive cannot be combined with the other Chapter incentive program where a free symposium membership registration to new members is given.

The motion was seconded with no further discussion, and carried. This incentive program is effective 04/20/2018 through July 1, 2019 and is up for revote/renewal next year.

A National incentive program that was discussed at the regional forum was the 40 for 40 scholarship for members pursuing their SR/WA designation. 2 members in each region will be selected to receive assistance, which is funded by the RWIEF. Tim also noted that Chapter 18 has a Professional Development reimbursement of \$500 for anyone who carries through hand receives their designation.

New Course 225: Social Ecology – Working with the Public was also brought up at the regional forum.

Chapter 18 will be hosting the Fall Forum in 2020. There has been some interest in hosting it in New York City using some our chapter coffers to subsidize the forum there. Tim suggested putting together a Forum committee so that we can move forward in a more organized fashion. Someone also suggested hiring a consultant to (help) set up. Someone also suggested contacting the chamber of commerce. All good steps. We need to find out first and foremost if it is financially feasible and possible to schedule. We are going to start figuring out a plan by the fall.

Future Chapter/Region Meeting Dates:

- Gen. Membership Meeting and The Tom Newton Memorial Golf Tournament, June 15, 2018, Victor
- International Education Conference, June 24-27, 2018, Edmonton, AB
- General Membership Meeting, August 15, 2018
- Annual Symposium, August 16, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

IRWA Chapter 18 General Session Minutes

Finn's Tap Room and Party House Victor, New York

June 15, 2018

Attendees: Frank Cirillo, Dave Hatch, Ed Zehler, Tim Magyar, Bill Dow, Julie Lewis, Joe Wilson, Colin Yaniga, Frank Kracjer, Jim Blais, Patti Darch, Tony Dispenza

Call to order by President, Mike Ames at 1:40 P.M.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was unavailable at the time of this meeting. Minutes from the April meeting will be presented at the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Erik Stropp not present; however, he notified the officers that there was no new news and nothing unusual to report about the treasury.

PDC Report – No PDC report. Tim will be reaching out to Julie and Mike about the RWC designation.

Education Report – Bill reports that the Electric Transmission course (218) is dying for this year; however, it may still get scheduled. The Social Ecology course (225) is currently rolling out with good reviews. This is also a possibility for us later this year, or early next year. For the Symposium we have one verified speaker. Frank will touch base with the State folks who spoke at our Forum. They could take up a large part of the day on the Tappan Zee Bridge. Bill is working on getting the agenda and CE credit from NYS.

Membership – No new members.

Newsletter – Get materials into Dick Stropp and he will prep the new newsletter.

Website – The site is up to date.

Scholarship – The application is out and due August 1st. Encourage anyone who meets the requirements to apply.

Old Business: - None

New Business – Discussion about the donation for the International Forum was had. It was agreed to donate through the Region, as part of a larger mail-order New England boiled dinner for 6. The Chapter's contribution was \$100 (Total cost of nearly \$600).

Election of Officers: The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for the upcoming year.

President: Julie Lewis

Vice President: Mike Ames

Treasurer: Erik Stropp

Secretary: Tim Magyar, SR/WA, R/W-AC

PDC Chair: Tim Magyar, SR/WA, R/W-AC

International Voting Director - 1 year: Julie Lewis

International Voting Director - 2 year: Mike Ames

No one comes forward to run from the floor. A motion was made by Bill Dow to cast a single ballot to elect the slate of officers as presented and the motion was seconded by Frank Cirillo. There was no discussion and no contesting candidates from the floor. The motion carried and the officers were elected and presented. Congratulations to the new and returning officers.

All officers were present and installed by former Chapter President, Dave Hatch, except Erik Stropp, who was on the phone.

A presentation of the Tom Newton Memorial Golf Tournament Trophy was made to our winning team (Mike, Colin, Jim, and Frank K.), along with a few beers inside. The cup was passed and we all drank in memoriam to Tom. We all miss you, Tom.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded with no discussion. Meeting Adjourned at 2:40.

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- General Membership Meeting, August 15, 2018
- Annual Symposium, August 16, 2018
- Fall Forum, October 17-19, 2018, Burlington, VT

ROWie Says
Continual cheerfulness
is a sign of wisdom.

ROWie Says
The dog that licks ashes
is not to be trusted with flour.

Schedule of Events

Future Region 4 Forums:

Fall 2018	New England Chapter 16
Spring 2019	New Jersey Chapter 15
Fall 2019	Virginia Chapter 52
Spring 2020	Delmarva Chapter 56
Fall 2020	New York Chapter 18

Region 4, Chapter 55, Pittsburgh was abolished in 2017 so this list is tentative

Upcoming Chapter 18 meetings:

August 15-16 (Wed-Th) 2018:
Meeting, Installation of Officers & Symposium,
Canandaigua

Upcoming International Education Conferences:

June 9-12, 2019 IRWA Education Conference in Portland, OR
June 21-24, 2020 IRWA Education Conference in Minneapolis, MN
June 6-9, 2021 IRWA Education Conference in San Antonio, TX
June 2022 IRWA Education Conference in Cleveland, OH or Denver, CO

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JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

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