

A HISTORY OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in Los Angeles, California, in 1934 under the name of the Southern California Right of Way Agent's Association and on August 9, 1946, was incorporated as the American Right of Way Association. Since that time, the Association has expanded into an international professional organization dedicated to the advancement of right-of-way and land acquisition work as a fully recognized profession. On March 15, 1980, the Articles of Incorporation were changed by a vote of the membership to reflect the new name--International Right of Way Association.

Throughout the United States and Canada, billions of dollars are expended annually in the acquisition, management, and transfer of rights-of-way. The technical skills required for proficiency in this complex activity embrace the fields of appraisal, engineering, law, negotiation, public relations, property management, and public service administration. It is logical, therefore, that the foundation of the International Right of Way Association is a vigorous, continuing educational program. This program is designed to better equip right-of-way practitioners in the fulfillment of professional obligations to their employers, whether they be the public or the stockholders of private organizations.

Because the Association has expanded during the last 47 years into an international association, composed of approximately 70 Chapters, it plays a stronger and more significant role in the development of the economies of the United States and Canada. This is especially true with respect to the multitude of vital community, regional and national improvements, highways, flood control projects, public utility construction, pipelines, railroads, and all other public and quasi-public development activities.

As the Association expands, so also does its program to unite the professional efforts of all right-of-way professionals toward the betterment of the conditions of the individual. The Association will continue to promote high standards among its members to the end that they render their full potential of service to their employers. To accomplish this, members must predicate their professional aspirations upon the Code of Ethics of the International Right of Way Association.

Any person is eligible for membership in this Association who is principally engaged in the acquisition, management, or disposition, of real property or interests therein, in connection with public, quasi-public, or private activities.

CHAPTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

Los Angeles Chapter 1	Los Angeles, California
San Francisco Chapter 2	San Francisco, California
Beaver State Chapter 3	Oregon
Puget Sound Chapter 4	Seattle, Washington
Heart of America Chapter 5	Kansas
Denver Chapter 6	Colorado
Michigan Chapter 7	Michigan
Gulf State Chapter 8	Houston, Texas
Pennsylvania Chapter 9	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Crossroads of America Chapter 10	Indiana
San Diego Chapter 11	San Diego, California
Chicago Chapter 12	Illinois
Buckeye Chapter 13	Ohio
Potomac Chapter 14	Washington, D.C./Maryland
Garden State Chapter 15	New Jersey
New England Chapter 16	Massachusetts, Rhode Island Vermont/New Hampshire
Badger Chapter 17	Wisconsin
Northwest Affiliate 17A	La Crosse, Wisconsin
New York Chapter 18	New York
Inland Empire Chapter 19	Spokane, Washington
Tri-State Chapter 20	Minnesota
West Virginia Chapter 21	West Virginia
Georgia Chapter 22	Georgia
Connecticut Chapter 23	Connecticut
Alabama Chapter 24	Alabama

Bluegrass Chapter 25	Kentucky
Florida Chapter 26	Florida
Sacramento Chapter 27	Sacramento, California
Arizona Chapter 28	Phoenix, Arizona
Ontario Chapter 29	Toronto, Ontario
Hawaii Chapter 30	Hawaii
Carolinas Chapter 31	North & South Carolina
Tennessee Chapter 32	Tennessee
Sooner Chapter 33	Oklahoma
Southwest Chapter 35	El Paso, Texas
North Texas Chapter 36	Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas
Gateway Chapter 37	St. Louis, Missouri
Salt Lake Chapter 38	Utah
South Texas Chapter 39	San Antonio, Texas
Mississippi Chapter 40	Mississippi
Iowa-Nebraska Chapter 41	Iowa/Nebraska
San Jose Chapter 42	San Jose, California
Louisiana Chapter 43	Louisiana
Southern Nevada Chapter 44	Las Vegas, Nevada
Big Sky Chapter 45	Montana
Sierra Nevada Chapter 46	Reno, Nevada
Tri-Counties Chapter 47	Santa Barbara, California
Prairie Chapter 48	Calgary, Alberta
Sourdough Chapter 49	Anchorage, Alaska
San Joaquin Valley Chapter 50	Fresno, California
Arkansas Chapter	Arkansas
Old Dominion Chapter 52	Virginia

Roadrunner Chapter 53	New Mexico
British Columbia Chapter 54	Vancouver, British Columbia
Allegheny Chapter 55	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Delmarva Chapter 56	Delaware
Inland Counties Chapter 57	San Bernardino, California
Totem Chapter 59	Juneau, Alaska
Wyoming, Chapter 61	Wyoming
Tumit Chapter 62	Edmonton, Alberta
Yellowknife Affiliate 62A	Yellowknife, Northwest Territories
Ottawa-St. Lawrence Chapter 63	Ottawa, Ontario
Snake River Chapter 64	Idaho
Atlantic Chapter 65	Saint John, New Brunswick
Newfoundland Affiliate 65A	St. Johns, Newfoundland
Keystone Chapter 66	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Orange County Chapter 67	Santa Ana, California
Cascade Chapter 68	Yakima, Washington
Vancouver Island Chapter 69	Victoria, British Columbia
Colorado West Chapter 70	Grand Junction, Colorado
Arctic Trails Chapter 71	Fairbanks, Alaska
Dakotas Chapter 72	North & South Dakota
Saguaro Chapter 73	Tucson, Arizona
Blue Bonnet Chapter 74	Austin, Texas
Arklatex Chapter 75	Shreveport, Louisiana

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