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IRWA North Star Chapter 20
Education Conference
Portland 2019

Reg. Chapter 20 Scholarship Conference Attendance Response

Dear Chapter 20,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the 2019 IRWA Educational Conference in Portland. I truly enjoyed my experience and always learn so much at the conference.

My after-conference report is attached.

Sincerely,

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What educational sessions and events did you attend?

1. The Region 3 Caucus and Opening Ceremony
2. The Following Educational Sessions:
 - o Easement Valuation – an Oxymoron? Can Easements be Valued or Are We Throwing Darts?
 - o Innovations in Right of Way Project Delivery
 - o Farming 101: Understanding the Impacts of ROW on Agriculture
 - o Practical Project Management for Right of Way Professionals
 - o International: Acquisition of Right of Way in Nigeria for Power Infrastructure
 - o LA Metro “Trains” for the 2028 Olympics
3. SR/WA Recognition & Awards luncheon
4. Volunteered at the 2020 Conference Booth

What did I learn/what were my takeaways?

There are so many things that one can learn when attending the IRWA Annual Education Conference. From speaking with other attendees, the variety of educational sessions, and just seeing what is happening in the field of Right of Way not only around the United States, but in other Countries as well.

One of my greatest takeaways was from the Course, Farming 101. It took an in-depth look at not only crop damages, but also the components used in farming that could be impacted, solar and wind farming, and also the impact on neighboring farmers at times.

5. What did I volunteer for? What did you learn? Who did you meet as a volunteer?

I volunteered for both the 2020 Conference Booth. I enjoyed being in the 2020 Conference Booth to promote the upcoming conference in Minneapolis. I was able to meet multiple folks from around the U.S. who all shared their interest in Minneapolis and hoping that they would be able to attend.

6. What was your overall impression of the conference? Have you attended before?

This was my second IRWA Educational Conference with my first being in Anchorage, Alaska. I believe the Conference in Portland went well, but believe that the staggered class times got to be a bit tough because lining up classes I wanted to attend sometimes became impossible.

Portland was a great city to hold the conference. All of the hotels were within walking distance and had a wide selection of different restaurants close by.