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CHAPTER 1

Upcoming Events

February 2 -5, 2009

Course 100 – Principles of Land Acquisition @ MTA Building. Ralph Brown as Facilitator



President's Message

By: Andrew Thompson,
SR/WA

On December 31, 2008, my term as President will come to an end. I look back on the three years I served on the executive board with fond memories and an

understanding that our Chapter is a leader within the IRWA, providing quality right of way education. In 2008, Chapter 1 hosted three seminars, coordinated nine courses including the SR/WA Review Session, and invited a variety of expert speakers to our luncheons. This body of work was in an effort to provide insight

Membership Luncheon

January 27, 2009

January Luncheon at Stevens Steak House

Free lunch for Chapter 1 members who RSVP to Luncheon Chair.

Guest Speaker: Councilmember Bernard C. Parks, Eighth District

Keystone Speaker: Everett Allen Greer, MAI

Topic: Wall Street and Commercial Real Estate

into the variety of topics that assist our membership in their day to day work. For this reason, I'm proud to have had the opportunity to lead this organization.

As stated on the IRWA website, the SR/WA - Senior Member, International Right of Way Association, is the most prestigious professional designation granted to our members who have achieved professional status through experience, education and examination in several major right of way disciplines. I am happy to announce the following Chapter 1 members have achieved this designation in 2008:

David Welch
Angela Wright
Kelly Nicholson
James Jacoby

Additionally, Linda Hamill is our 2008 Scholarship winner. This annual scholarship was created to assist a Chapter 1 member gather the educational requirements for the SR/WA designation. I congratulate Linda on her achievement and wish her well on her progress towards the SR/WA.

The annual Tri Chapter Installation Luncheon was held on December 9, 2008. Our Installation speaker was IEC President Faith Roland and it was a great event to end 2008 and recognize our incoming officers of Chapter 1, 57 and 67. I wish to thank Vivian Howell, Chairperson, and her co-chairs, Teri Kortens, Kelly Kitasato, Cheryl DeMucci, and Diane Dominguez.

LOOKING FORWARD

January Luncheon - 2009 looks to be getting off to a fast start. Our first event of the year will be the Membership Luncheon at Steven's Steakhouse on January 27, 2009. Our Guest Speaker will be Councilmember Bernard C. Parks, Eight District and Keystone Speaker Everett Allen Greer, MAI. Mr. Greer's topic: Wall Street and Commercial Real Estate.

If these speakers aren't enough to bring you to this event, recall that this luncheon is free for all Chapter 1 members. Please keep a lookout for the Evite so you can r.s.v.p.

2009 Educational Opportunities – Our first course of 2009 will be 100 - Principles of Land Acquisition from February 2 - 5. This four day course will be held at the MTA building and Ralph Brown is the facilitator. Please keep a lookout in upcoming newsletters for the course flyer and other course announcements.

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and all the best for 2009!

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Membership Drawing

At each chapter luncheon we draw a name from the Chapter 1 roster and if that person is in attendance, they win a cash prize. The drawing starts at \$100 and increases \$10 for each month that there isn't a winner.

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Referred By</u>
Olga Adams	Epic Land Solutions	Ray Mehler
Alan Raxter	BTI Appraisal	Ben F. Funnell, III
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Everett Allen Greer is the Director of Research for the Real Estate Risk Assessment (RERA) division of Bank of America. He manages the bank's Real Estate Research web site, which provides associates throughout the bank access to nearly all major data sources for commercial real estate throughout the country. He also manages the bank's tax-based valuation program for commercial properties, is the author of the bank's Corporate Appraisal Policy, and served as a project manager for the Countrywide acquisition. He has published numerous market forecast reports, served on commercial real estate risk rating committees and created various ad hoc market forecast / portfolio analysis reports.

Mr. Greer has been a speaker and instructor at various real estate conferences and events, including the Appraisal Institute, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR), AIR Commercial Real Estate Association, Risk Managers Association (RMA), Society of CPAs, Continuing Legal Education, CCIM, various City/County Planning Agencies, and several National and Regional brokerage firms and real estate organizations.

Since joining the company in 1991, Mr. Greer has held a variety of management positions, and assumed responsibility for real estate research in 2001. Prior to joining Bank of America, Mr. Greer held management and senior positions in the real estate consulting divisions of PKF Consulting, Bank of California (i.e. U.S. division of Mitsubishi) and First Nationwide Bank. Mr. Greer also held management positions with two construction and development firms from 1978-1985.

Mr. Greer received a Master of Real Estate Development (MRED) and Bachelor of Science in Business, both from the University of Southern California. He holds an MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute, and serves on the Ethics and Counseling Panel and Experience Review Panel. He also holds the MRICS designation from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (based in London). He holds a general building contractor's license, a real estate broker's license, is a member of the Society of Real Estate Research.

Councilmember Bernanrd C. Parks, Eighth District



Bernard C. Parks is serving his second term as Los Angeles City Councilmember for the Eighth Council District. One of the most densely populated areas in South Los Angeles, Parks represents over 250,000 people. During his first year in office he was appointed Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and to the Coliseum Commission where he has led the charge to return a National Football League team to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Currently, Councilmember Parks sits on the Public Safety Committee, where he is committed to improving community safety for the constituents in South Los Angeles. It is Parks' belief that public safety involves preventing, reducing or containing the social and environmental factors that negatively impact people's right to live without fear of crime.

In addition, Parks sits on the Claims Board, Ad - Hoc Stadium Committee, Transportation Committee, Board of Referred Powers and the Transportation Committee where he serves as Vice Chair. Following the 2005 Mayoral election, he was appointed to the Metropolitan Transportation Board of Commissioners by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

As Councilmember, Parks has implemented many programs to enrich the South Los Angeles area including the Prevention Intervention and Education (PIE) program at Crenshaw High School. The PIE program works to bridge the gap between black and brown students through various school assemblies and noteworthy speakers. Parks has also created an annual Youth Jobs and Career Fair where at least 20 youths were interviewed for jobs during its first year.

On the Council floor, Parks has been extremely successful in delivering legislation that benefits his constituents in the 8th district, including the temporary closure of the cul-de-sac at 84th Place and Flower Street. The cul-de-sac was a breeding ground for illegal activity and was located in a residential area specifically impacting families with small children. In addition, Councilmember Parks spearheaded the effort that ensured that a portion of the gasoline sales tax revenues owed to the city were explicitly used to improve the quality of life for motorists by directing \$800,000 to pave five miles of dirt alleys and \$200,000 to construct 90 to 100 additional approved, but unfunded speed humps. Parks also created a city-wide ordinance that imposed regulations on the issuance of permits that included the following businesses: automobile sales, auto repair shops, junk yards, and recycling materials and processing facilities.

Following Southern Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2006, Parks led the effort in helping evacuees find long-term housing. As the FEMA voucher deadline drew near, Parks worked with the City's Housing Department and local landlords to construct a Rent Stabilization Ordinance. This Ordinance allowed L.A. landlords to temporarily charge reduced rent or offer other rent concessions to eligible persons displaced by the hurricanes.

Before being elected to the Los Angeles City Council, Parks spent 38 years as a police officer. Beginning his career with the police department at a time when patrol cars were just recently integrated, he rose through the ranks of one of the nation's largest municipal law enforcement agencies to become Chief of Police in 1997.

As Police Chief, Parks implemented some of the most rigorous police reforms ever proposed in the history of the police department, including the institution of an Officer Accountability Policy. Parks also made it easier for the community to file complaints against problem officers by streamlining the Citizen Complaint System. Under Chief Parks the City of Los Angeles saw homicides fall by 45%, rape assault drop by nearly 20% and robbery decline by over 45%.

In his more than 40 years as a public servant, Parks has remained closely tied to his community. Aside from patrolling L.A.'s street as a young officer, Parks dedicated many volunteer years to youth activities in the district. He coached Baldwin Hills Youth Football for 10 years and mentored the likes of National Football League Hall-of-Famer Warren Moon and many other kids who grew to become successful community and business leaders. During his Hall-of-Fame induction speech, Moon described Parks as "a guy who instilled values in me at a very young age, showed me discipline and taught me hard work and dedication". Parks and his wife, Bobbie, are involved in numerous community groups, such as: the Challengers Boys & Girls Club, the Los Angeles Urban League and the Brotherhood Crusade. He is also a life-time member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Recognized as a longtime voice for minority communities, in 2006 Parks' footprints were added to the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame in Atlanta, Ga.

Bernard C. Parks received his Bachelor of Science degree from Pepperdine University and his Master's in Public Administration from the University of Southern California (USC). He and Bobbie have been married for 40 years and are the proud parents of four children: Felicia, Michelle, Trudy and Bernard, Jr. The 8th Council District includes the communities of Baldwin Hills, Crenshaw, Leimert Park, West Adams, Jefferson Park, Chesterfield Square and other areas of South Los Angeles.

Updating your IRWA Membership Information

1. Visit www.irwaonline.org
2. Highlight "Resources" in the upper right hand corner and then click on "Membership Directory".
3. Click on Update Member Profile.
4. Enter your User Name and Password and click on Login. Your User Name is your membership number (contained on your membership card and dues renewal notice) and the Password is your last name. The Password is case sensitive, so ensure you capitalize the first letter and leave the rest in non-caps.
5. Update your information and click on "Submit. A new page will come up and you can choose to "Exit" or "Logout".
6. That's it! Your information will be automatically updated on the headquarters master list, which is also the one the Chapter uses for communications. Going forward, Chapter 1 monthly newsletters will be sent out via e-mail so it's important to ensure your e-mail address is current.
7. If you do not have access to the Internet or have any questions about updating membership information, call Bonnie Gray at 310-538-0233.

Below are the classes Chapter 1 has scheduled for 2008. If you would like to coordinate a class that you need (and get the class free, close to your work/home, and on a date you select!), please contact **Keith Dang**, the Education Chair for 2007-2008 at AFIValuation@aol.com.

Chapter 1 2009 Education Schedule

Course/Seminar	Date	Location	Coordinator
100 – Principles of Land Acquisition	2/2 to 2/5	MTA	Diane/Brown
200 – Principles of RE Negotiations	3/9 and 3/10	MTA	Diane/Brown
SR/WA review study session	4/1 to 4/3	TBD	TBD/Brown
506 – Advance Business Relocation	4/6 to 4/7	Sempra	Kirk/TBD
401 – Appraisals of Partial Acquisition	9/14 to 9/18	Port	Ken/Brown
205 – Bargaining Negotiations	10/5 to 10/6	Sempra	Kirk/Brown
900 – Principles of RE Engineering	10/29 to 10/30	MTA	Diane/Brown



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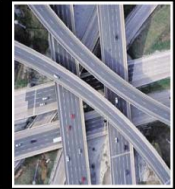
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