

Cynde Barker SR/WA, R/W-NAC is Honored with the Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award



The International Right of Way Association (IRWA) is pleased to announce Cynde Barker, SR/WA, R/W-NAC as the recipient of the 2014 Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year Award. This prestigious award is the Association's highest honor bestowed upon an IRWA member.

The award was presented at IRWA's 61st Annual International Education Conference held in San Diego, California in June, where Cynde shared the award-winning moment with more than 1,300 right of way professionals in attendance.

"What a fabulous journey! Being part of this amazing Association has given me opportunities beyond what I could have ever imagined," said Cynde. "To be honored as recipient of the Balfour Award—and by my peers—is truly a humbling and thrilling experience."

Named after the Association's founder, Frank C. Balfour, this award recognizes professionals who have demonstrated exemplary support to the Association during the past year. The recipient is chosen based on outstanding contributions made through their active participation and leadership roles at the chapter, region and international levels.

Cynde owns Redsinc, LLC a negotiation and acquisition consulting firm, where she oversees all aspects of the business. She began her right of way career in 1976 when she joined Vectren Corporation as a Right of Way Agent and Engineer. She has served in all Region and Chapter positions and was honored to be the first female President of Chapter 10 in 1988. She has served on several International committees and was Chair of the International Ethics Committee. Cynde was honored as Chapter Professional of the Year in 1988, 2007 and 2009 and Region 5 Professional of the Year in 2006. A highlight for Cynde was co-chairing IRWA's Annual International Education Conference in 2009 in Indianapolis. She remains active in Chapter, Regional and International activities and is currently serving on the International Ethics Committee. She continues to give back by supporting her fellow members. Cynde studied at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis.

About IRWA

IRWA is the central authority for global infrastructure real estate, creating a community that fosters ethics, learning and a standard of excellence within the right of way industry. The Association has nearly 10,000 professional members who are employed in the public and private sector as engineers, appraisers, acquisition agents, lawyers, surveyors, title experts, relocation assistance agents, property managers and environmental specialists. Since its inception as a not-for-profit association in 1934, IRWA has united the efforts of its members toward professional development, improved service to employers and the public, and advancements within the right of way profession. Visit www.irwaonline.org for more information.