



CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 14, 2021

The Microsoft Teams Chapter Annual Meeting was called to Order on June 14, 2021 by Chad Marcus, President, at 5:02 p.m. Roll call was held and there was a quorum. The following members were present: Chad Marcus, Ben Ward, SR/WA, Mark Mendez, Jackie Kinker, Victoria Bucher, SR/WA, Barbara Strouse, Andrea Olden, Sarah Earls-Boggs, Lynn Zolezzi, Pete Waldman, Ginny Bolling, David Baez, Mark Anderson, Virginia Anderson, Jasmine Reid, Henry Ellis, Pamela Taylor, Amanda King, Jenni Crager and Rick Joslin.

Minutes for Board Meeting on May 14, 2021 were presented to the board by email. It was requested that the minutes be approved. Virginia Anderson made a Motion to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Victoria Bucher. All voting members present voted yes, and the Motion was passed, and the minutes approved.

State of the Chapter: Chad Marcus, President talked about all of that was accomplished by the Officers and the Committee Chairs. After our previous president resigned Chad Marcus stepped in as President and Barbara Strouse as Vice-President. The Chapter held its first virtual symposium and although it was free to members, the Chapter raised \$1700 through non-member registrations and sponsorships. Mark Mendez has begun a successful virtual speaker series which have been well attended. Virginia Anderson and Lynn Zolezzi have been working a overhaul of our website which will be more user friendly and offer more information. Also, Virginia Anderson established a LinkedIn page where we have many followers. Our total membership number is 151 and the involvement of our membership has increased not only with new programs but new chairs.

Member Recognition: Chad thanked the entire board and chairs for their service and was grateful for the opportunity to serve with all of these board members.

Election of Officers: Andrea Olden the Nominations and Election Chair said she had received 20 ballots this year and the following officers were elected for the July 2021 to June 2022 year:

Barbara Strouse – President

Mark Mendez – Vice-President

Sarah Earl-Boggs – Secretary

Mark Anderson – Treasurer

Chad Marcus – 2 yr. International Director (confirming his second year as International Director)

Virginia Anderson – 1 yr. International Director

Installation of Officers: Andrea Olden made a motion to install the officers at a special meeting on July 1, 2021 and seconded by Barbara Strouse. All voting members present voted yes, and the Motion was passed, and the Installation of Officers will take place at a Special Meeting on July 1, 2021 at Noon.

Other: Ben Ward, SR/WA gave a summary report on the 2021 International Education Conference held in San Antonio Texas. The Summary Report is attached as a part of the minutes.



Adjourn: After no additional business Andrea Olden made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, and Barbara Strouse seconded the motion. All voting members present voted yes in favor of the Motion and Chad Marcus adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes drafted by:

Jackie Kinker
IRWA Chapter26 Secretary

Approved by:

Chad E. Marcus
IRWA Chapter 26 President



2021 Annual Education Conference
San Antonio, Texas
June 6-9, 2021

SUMMARY REPORT

By: Bernard J. Ward, SR/WA
Chapter 26 2-Year International Director

The Annual Education Conference was held at the San Antonio Marriott River Center. The event was hosted by Chapter 39 and conducted as a hybrid conference with both in-person and virtual attendees. Approximate attendee count, In-person: 650, virtual: 225 attendees

The conference utilized the [Whova](#) application, which provided attendees with conference & education sessions information, agendas, individual activities scheduling, photo posting, socializing information and post conference access to the education sessions videos.

The conference included over 70 activities and educational sessions.

Chapter 26 attendees:

Victoria Bucher, SR/WA
Barbara Strouse
Mark Mendez & wife Kathryn
Virginia Anderson, SR/WA
Mark Anderson, SR/WA
Nick Chop
Mark Handley
D. Wade Brown, SR/WA, Region 6 Chair & wife Ashleigh
Pamela Barrett, SR/WA & husband Reggie
Wendi McAleese
Kelly Joslin, SR/WA
Rick Joslin, SR/WA
Florence Green, SR/WA
Pamela Taylor, SR/WA, incoming Region 6 Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Lamb
Bernard J. Ward, SR/WA
Keith Fountain, J.D., guest presenter



Sunday June 6th

Morning

International Committee meetings
Right of Way Consultant Council membership meeting
Exhibit Hall opened with 15 exhibitors

Afternoon

Opening Ceremonies conducted by Sharon Slauenwhite, SR/WA, President. Ms. Slauenwhite is a Canadian citizen, so she presented virtually due to Canadian Covid-19 travel restrictions.
General Membership meeting
Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Carol Croft, SR/WA of Chapter 32, Tennessee Chapter.
Leadership Award presented to Dan Breadsley, SR/WA, posthumous. Jim Struble, SR/WA, IRWA Past President, presented the award to Dan's wife, Mary Ellen.
Speaker-Ann Bancroft-a world preeminent polar explorer, educator and speaker. She spoke about her adventures crossing both the North and South Poles, the importance of education, leadership, and pursuing your dreams.

Region 6 Caucus

Conducted by D. Wade Brown, SR/WA, Region 6 Chair
Approval of 2021 Region 6 Spring Forum minutes
Recognition of R6 Professional of the Year, Richard Glass, SR/WA, Chapter 82-SW Florida
Introduction of 2021-22 Region 6 officers: Chair-Matthew Harris, SR/WA, Chapter 40-MS; Vice Chair Anthony Alderman, SR/WA, Chapter 31-Carolinas; Secretary/Treasurer-Pamela Taylor, SR/WA, Chapter 26, Florida
Chair Brown advised that IRWA CEO, Charlie Noble, is on administrative leave and will be leaving the association as of June 30, 2021.
Campaign speeches by International Executive Committee Secretary candidates Virginia Anderson, SR/WA, Chapter 26, Region 6 and Denise Skinner, SR/WA, Chapter 39, Region 2.
Barbara Strouse, Chapter 26, Vice President advised that the 2021 Region 6 Fall Forum will be hosted by Chapter 26. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Westshore in Tampa, FL. The dates will be late October. Details to follow in the next couple of weeks.

Evening

Welcome reception



Monday June 7th

Daytime

Exhibit hall

Education Sessions – in-person & virtual

Awards Luncheon

Members achieving their SR/WA designation were recognized.

Carol Bellinger, SR/WA, was selected for the Balfour Award, the IRWA Professional of the Year award.

Evening

Monday Night Event hosted by the Right of Way International Education Foundation. The event was held at the Espee, a former train station that has been converted to an event and festival facility. A fundraising event that included a barbeque dinner, pictures with Texas longhorn bulls, armadillo races, live auction and dancing to a live country band. Over 500 guests attended the event.

Tuesday June 8th

Daytime

RWIEF Golf Tournament

Education sessions – in-person & virtual

Florence Green, SR/WA, was a presenter for virtual session: **Resolving Ethical Issues in Relocation: How Observing Ethical Guidelines Leads to Overall Project Success**

Wednesday June 9th

Morning

Education sessions – in-person only

D. Wade Brown, Wendi McAleese and Keith Fountain presented session: **Mitigation Property: Coordinating with Partner Agencies to Maximize Benefits**. A presentation about the land mitigation efforts that took place on the Florida Turnpike Enterprise Suncoast 2 project.

Afternoon

International Board of Directors meeting

Approved 2020 meeting minutes, treasurer report and 2021-22 budget

Approved the creation of Chapter 88-Western Pennsylvania and the realignment of Region 5 boundaries to include Chapter 88

International Executive Committee election of officers. Denise Skinner, SR/WA was elected Secretary. The existing officers were unopposed and advanced to their respective office.



Future Annual International Education Conferences:

2022 Cleveland, OH, June 5-8

2023 Denver, CO, June 25-28

Right of Way International Education Foundation Board of Directors meeting held within the IRWA Board meeting.

Carol Croft, SR/WA, President of RWIEF, presented the foundation financial status based on an audit conducted as of December 31, 2020. The foundation has over \$1.7M in assets. Discussion of the funding commitments for course updates & creation as well as the funding of various scholarships.

Elections of RWIEF Board members.

Donations accepted from individual members, Chapters and right of way entities.

Evening

Closing Gala

Sharen Slauenwhite, SR/WA, President, hosted the event virtually from her home. A pre-recorded video by Ms. Slauenwhite, summarizing the IRWA 2020-21 accomplishments, was presented to the audience.

Presentation of the incoming President pin was delivered by Faith Roland, SR/WA, Past President, to Jay Farrell, SR/WA, 2021-22 IEC President.

President Farrell delivered his 2021-22 vision for the IRWA.

The chairpersons for the 2022 Cleveland Conference presented a video highlighting the many activities and places of Cleveland. The chairs were dressed as Sonny & Cher, highlighting that Cleveland is the home of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

The conference and evening ended with dancing to a DJ.

Submitted by Bernard J. Ward, SR/WA, June 14, 2021.