



CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES- September 15, 2021

The Microsoft Teams meeting was called to order on September 15, 2021, by Barbara Strouse, President, at noon. Roll call was held, and there was a quorum. The following members were in attendance Virginia Anderson, Sarah Boggs, Victoria Bucher SR/WA, Huchani Dodd, Andrea Fatkin, Chad Marcus, Mark Mendez, Barbara Strouse, Ben Ward SR/WA, Pete Waldman Esq., and Lynn Zolezzi.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the Chapter 26 Board Meeting on August 13, 2021, were presented to the board by email. Mark Mendez made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Pete Waldman seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor, the motion was passed, and the minutes were approved to be posted to the Chapter 26 website.

Chapter Business: The Region 6 Fall Forum dates are scheduled for November 3rd- 5th, 2021. Barbara Strouse coordinated with Region 6 to determine the best options to move forward for the event. The forum will be a hybrid and have virtual and in-person attendance options. On Wednesday, November 3rd, Course 102- Elevating Your Ethical Awareness, will be offered for in-person attendance. In addition, the Chapter plans to have two social events, on Wednesday and Thursday, at the host hotel. The Save the Date will be sent out in a day or two and include the hotel accommodation room block link.

Sarah Boggs provided an update on the status of the upcoming courses for the Education Committee. In October, the Chapter plans to host two dates for Course 803- Eminent Domain for the Right of Way Professional. There is very limited seating remaining, and the course information has been posted on the chapter and IRWA websites. Florence Green SR/WA is coordinating with the instructor for the ethics course in November and will provide the brochure to the board once it is complete.

Mark Mendez updated that the officers would be meeting at the bank on September 16, 2021, to switch over the bank account signature information to President Barbara Strouse and treasurer Mark Anderson.

Virginia Anderson provided an update on the chapter membership, which is now up to 164 members. A motion was made by Mark Mendez to approve two new members and was seconded by Barbara Strouse. The motion was passed and Judee Boland and Tori Held were approved. The Chapter's recent virtual lunch and learn was successful with 29 participants and the Chapter's LinkedIn page increased 57 followers since last month.

Victoria Bucher SR/WA and Huchani Dodd provided professional development updates that some applications have been submitted, but there has been no new activity for certifications or recertifications.

Lynn Zolezzi provided an update that the new website has launched, and it is now time to add sponsors to the website. Ben Ward SR/WA suggested reaching out to Chapter 31 for sponsorship guidelines. Lynn discussed the status of starting a chapter newsletter and requested content. Virginia Anderson reminder the Chapter that IRWA promotes newsletters and provides awards for the best chapter newsletter. It was discussed that board members could provide content and the newsletter could be sent quarterly. Lynn mentioned adding a blog to the website with the content provided by Pete Waldman Esq. The board agreed this was a good idea as it would take some time to draft a complete newsletter.

Adjourn: After no other business Pete Waldman Esq. made a motion to adjourn and Mark Mendez seconded the motion. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes drafted by:

Sarah Boggs
IRWA Chapter 26 Secretary

Approved by:

Barbara Strouse
IRWA Chapter 26 President