



CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS May 10, 2023

At 6:00pm, the Microsoft Teams meeting was called to order on May 10, 2023, by Mark Mendez, President. Roll call was held, and there was a quorum. The following members were in attendance Virginia Anderson SR/WA, Mark Anderson, Rossanna Asencio, Ed Barfield, Jaaron Barrett, Pamela Barrett, Sarah Boggs, Victoria Bucher SR/WA, Huchani Dodd SR/WA, Stephanie Gonzalez, Ashley Horton, Florence Green SR/WA, Bruce Hardaway, Chad Marcus, Mark Mendez, Andrea Olden, Steven Murray, Adam Raad, Leslie Rogers, Pete Waldman Esq., and Lynn Zolezzi.

State of the Chapter: Mark Mendez confirmed the Chapter has grown 36 percent. The Chapter currently has 202 members after the renewal grace period ended and 768 LinkedIn followers. This year the Chapter formed a new Young Professional Committee. The Committee hosted two successful events this year, with a special thank you to all event sponsors.

The Chapter hosted several successful events this year, including the Chapter holiday party and February Chapter Symposium with over 70 attendees. These two events will be scheduled annually.

The Chapter received several incentives this year totaling \$2,480, including a travel voucher from Florence Green's Region 6 Professional of the Year award, a growth incentive that included three sponsored Chapter memberships, two sponsored International Conference registrations, and a travel voucher, and an education increased participation incentive travel voucher. In addition, the Chapter awarded five membership grants this year and plans to use these incentives at the 69th Annual International Education Conference.

Treasurer Report: Mark Mendez discussed the current status of the Chapter's financials. Mark Anderson made a motion, per IRWA headquarters recommendation, to transfer the IRWA Chapter 26 checking account from Wells Fargo Bank to Chase Bank and to approve the treasurer to hold a debit card to pay for future expenditures when checks are not accepted. Also, Rakhshan Mazarei, IRWA CFO, will be named as the administrator of the accounts. Pete Waldman, Esq. seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor, and the motion passed. Mark Mendez thanked Rossanna Asencio for her dedication this year and advised the Chapter to move forward with finalizing bank account changes.

Nominations and Elections Committee: Andrea Olden announced the IRWA Chapter 26 2023-2024 election results as follows:

- President: Mark E. Anderson
- Vice President: Sarah Boggs
- Secretary: Stephanie Gonzalez
- Treasurer: Adam Raad
- Two Year Director: Mark A. Mendez
- One Year Director: Florence Green
- Professional of the Year: Mark A. Mendez
- Employer of the Year: American Acquisition Group LLC

The Nominations and Elections Committee did not announce the Young Professional of the Year award winner at this meeting, as the votes needed to be verified. Votes were recalculated, and the Young Professional of the Year Award winners, Stephanie Gonzalez and Ashley Horton, were announced via email on May 15, 2023. Virginia Anderson SR/WA won the 2023 Region 6 Professional of the Year.

Membership Report: The committee will reach out to members who did not renew but are excited about the upcoming 50 corporate members being added to the Chapter membership. The committee has also sent welcome emails to new members and had a lot of activity on the LinkedIn page promoting the upcoming Chapter elections. The Chapter 26 LinkedIn page was just over a year ago and now has 768 followers.

Professional Development Committee: Victoria Bucher SR/WA reported the Chapter members had 3 SR/WA recertifications, one appraisal certification, one Right of Way Agent certification, and two Right of Way Professional certifications this year.

Education Committee: Huchani Dodd SR/WA discussed the Chapter had a great virtual turnout hosting Course 100 in April with 17 participants. The Chapter plans to hold virtual courses 600 Environmental Awareness and 603 Understanding Environmental Contamination in Real Estate in August and an in-person course 200 Principles of Real Estate Negotiation in November. Florence Green SR/WA discussed the Chapter was able to find a great instructor for course 100 and plans to try and host this course again soon.

Website Committee: The Chapter changed the website to remove officer emails to avoid phishing emails to members. Mark Mendez thanked the website sponsors.

Young Professional Committee: The committee recapped the Region 2 & Region 6 Joint Forum Young Professional event and the 2023 Chapter events. Sarah Boggs and Stephanie Gonzalez reported the committee plans to host additional events in 2024 across the state and encouraged members to get involved with the Chapter at the committee level.

Adjourn: After no other Chapter business, Pete Waldman Esq. motioned to adjourn, which Mark Anderson seconded. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Minutes drafted by:

Sarah Boggs

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IRWA Chapter 26 Secretary

Approved by:

Mark Mendez
IRWA Chapter 26 President