



**Purpose:** *We improve people's quality of life through infrastructure development.*

**Mission:** *We empower professionals by elevating ethics, learning, and a standard of excellence within the global infrastructure real estate community.*

**Core Values:**

- **Integrity:** *We are role models who embody the highest standard of ethical practice.*
- **Excellence:** *We constantly improve our products, our services, and ourselves.*
- **Flexibility:** *We embrace our continually changing environment to adapt to the needs of our stakeholders.*
- **Collaboration:** *We engage our members, partners, and other stakeholders to build a shared body of knowledge and experience.*
- **Leadership:** *We shape our future through courage, clarity, and transparency.*

**8:30 am**

- Carrol McCracken called the meeting to order.

**Introduction of Region Officers:**

- Carrol McCracken, SR/WA      Chair
- Mindy Leadholm, SR/WA      Vice-Chair
- Steve Grandon, SR/WA      Secretary/Treasurer

**Introduction of IEC/Guests:**

- Jake Farrell, SR/WA      International President

**Chapter Roll Call – Steve**

- 5                      Natalie Meighan
- 20                     Matt Hagelin
- 37                     Chris Scharth
- 41                     Brian DePrez
- 72                     Meghan Bratvold (virtual)
- 78                     Jeremy Marlar

**Purpose Activity – Mindy**

- Attendees participated in a confidential survey to answer multiple questions related to the IRWA. The results were displayed and discussed among the group.

## **Approval of Minutes/Treasurer's Report from 2021 Fall Forum**

- Minutes & Treasurer's report was voted on and approved by the attendees.
  - ✓ Motion to Approve – Stacey Kroger
  - ✓ Seconded - Natalie Meighan

## **Chapter Elections – Michelle MacMillan, SR/WA**

- Michelle reviewed the specifics of holding Chapter elections as well as all required documentation needed.

## **Fiscal Year-End Chapter Leadership Transition Planning – Carrol**

- Carrol reviewed the process and checklist to use when filling Chapter positions. Specific discussion as to a clear understanding of the various roles they will assume on July 1.

## **2022-2023 Budget and Finance Committee Update:**

- **Rakhshan Mazarei** – CFO at IRWA Headquarters presented the budget (virtually)
- Carrol provided additional information related to the Board of Directors meeting in June and where, on the IRWA website the necessary information can be found.

## **IGC Update – Mindy & Carrol**

- **Group discussed multiple topics the IGC is focusing on including:**
  - ✓ Membership Retention
  - ✓ Membership Recruiting Events
  - ✓ Roberts Rules of Order
  - ✓ Missing Credits
  - ✓ Service/Industry Committee Volunteers (we're looking)
  - ✓ Chapter Dissolution
  - ✓ Region Chairs / Monthly Calls

## **IRWA Headquarters**

- Jake Ferrell provided an update to the current structure

## **Region 3 Officer Elections - Michelle**

- The following individuals were elected for the 2022-2023 term:
  - ✓ Carrol McCracken    Region Chair: Nomination approved by Chapter Directors.  
Election to be held at IRWA Board of Directors Meeting at the annual conference in Cleveland.
  - ✓ Mindy Leadholm    Region Vice-Chair: Nomination approved by Chapter Directors.  
Election to be held at IRWA Board of Directors meeting at the annual conference in Cleveland.
  - ✓ Steve Grandon    Region Secretary/Treasurer: Elected

## Region Chair Update – Mindy

- Current goal is to have an Education Chair in each Chapter by July 1
- Reviewed the HQ contact for questions regarding education/course requirements, etc.
- Contact Mindy with questions

## Chapter Vote for Reg 3 to Sponsor Hole at RWIEF Golf Tournament in Cleveland:

- 5 Yes
- 20 Pending (will vote at upcoming Chapter meeting)
- 37 Yes
- 41 Pending (will vote at upcoming Chapter meeting)
- 72 Yes
- 78 Yes

## Chapter Updates

### 5 Natalie Meighan

- Meeting in person again.
- Held in-person meeting on Friday, April 15th

### 20 Matt Hagelin

- Members providing feedback as to future events including:
  - College Outreach –
    - Internship program has proven successful. Carl
    - Planning to reach out to other colleges
    - Hold Job Fairs
    - Meeting In-Person Again
    - Held Membership Matters Event in March. Added 4 Members as a Result
    - Future Educational Opportunities
    - Membership Meeting Planned for Duluth this year.
    - Holding Golf Event to Support RWIEF

### 37 Chris Sharth

- 115 Members
- Planning another Membership Matters event
- Planning more in-person meetings

### 41 Brian DePrez

- Hosting quarterly in-person meeting
- Carbon Capture rep speaking
- Looking to fill vacancies in
- 3 members received SR/WA
- Launched new website

- 72 Meghan Bratvold (virtual)**
- First in-person meeting for two years
  - Maintaining 80 members
  - Retirements have affected count
  - Planning membership events
  - Trying to fill leadership rolls
  - 1-Term creating vacancies. Open to input/suggestions

- 78 Jeremy Marlar**
- Good attendance with last couple members. Free food seems to help
  - 3 upcoming courses
  - Offered 5 \$1000 gifts to attend annual conference to promote more attendees

#### **ITC Update - Roger Osthoff**

- Meeting monthly now
- Pool of speakers available for presentations/meetings, etc.
- Promoting in-person meetings

#### **Asset Management - Shauna Laber**

- Issues including homeless encampment / public right-of-way
- Will have sessions in Cleveland including:
  - Homeless Encampments
  - Public ROW
- Considering a name change of the committee

#### **How to Conduct a Region Forum - Stacey Kroger**

- Reviewed the information Stacey assembled as a tool for Chapters when hosting/planning a Region Forum.
- Document will be sent to all Chapters for future use

#### **Region Vice Chair Update – Mindy**

- Region Vice-Chairs are currently meeting monthly

#### **IEC Candidate – Carrol**

- Carrol introduced Koby Godwin, SR/WA (Chapter 62 – Edmonton, AB) who is running for election to the IEC at the June Board of Directors Meeting.
- Koby addressed the attendees (virtually) to formally introduced himself.

#### **International Conference (Cleveland, OH) Update – Carrol**

- Specifics of the conference were discussed including a virtual option for the Region 3 caucus.
- It was decided the virtual option is not needed.
- A headcount was taken of Region members that plan to attend

### International Professional Education Committee Update – Carrol

- Discussion centered around the revised SR/WA Pathway Program which begins July 1, 2022

### RWIEF Report – Craig Poorker, SR/WA

- Craig presented information on Monday Night Event, Auction and Golf Tournament
- Steve gave update on 9<sup>th</sup> annual FUNdraiser motorcycle ride from Cleveland to the site of the 2023 conference in Denver, CO

### International Service and Industry Committee Updates

- Professional Education Vacant
- Ethics Mike Murray, SR/WA
- Nominations & Elections Michelle MacMillan
- Finance Amanda Vande Voorde, SR/WA
- International Relations Vacant
- Young Professional Amanda Vande Voorde, SR/WA
- Electric and Utility Brian Currie, SR/WA
- Environmental Mickie Abel, SR/WA
- Oil & Gas Pipeline Steve Grandon, SR/WA
- Public Agency Alison Bennet
- Relocation Stacey Kroeger
- Surveying and Engineering Chad Johnson
- Transportation Roger Osthoff
- Valuation Joel Walker
- Asset Management Shauna Laber, SR/WA

### Region 3 Officers – Michelle

- **Slate of 2022-2023 Region 3 officers were sworn in**
  - ✓ Carrol McCracken Region Chair
  - ✓ Mindy Leadholm Region Vice-Chair
  - ✓ Steve Grandon Region Secretary/Treasurer

### Region 3 Professional of the Year – Mindy

- **Candidates:**
  - ✓ Kristin Bauman
  - ✓ Martha Long
  - ✓ Carrol McCracken
  - ✓ Brent Rolf

Mindy presented Carrol McCracken with the Region 3 Professional of the Year plaque for his tireless contribution to Region 3 and the entire organization.

**Other Business:**

- Jake Farrell announced that Chapter 78 (Nebraska) is considering a bid for the 2026 International Conference in Omaha. Stay tuned.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- IRWA Annual Conference & Region 3 Caucus: June 5-8, Cleveland, OH
- 2022 Region 3 Fall Forum: Chapter 41, Iowa – Tentative Dates: October 23-25

**Meeting Adjourned**