IRWA Chapter 5 Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2018

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, KCMO

Claudia Vines, President, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. There were no prior meeting minutes to approve.

Those in attendance were as follows: Claudia Vines, Martha Long, Kevin O’Crawley, Marilyn Labbuck, Wilma Goodwille, Matt Armfield, Bill Wright, Natalie Meaghan, Steve Grandon, and Mellisa Wurtz, and Dennis Keegan.

Claudia asked those in attendance if it was OK for Martha Long to be the secretary for the meeting. The 65th Anniversary of the Chapter was discussed and there was a discussion of the old Record Books and Newsletter. There are 5 years where the name of the President is unknown. Dennis recommended contacting HQ for a list of past presidents.

Claudia asked for ideas for new members for the upcoming year and Steve Grandon said that Wichita and Liberal KS used to be hotbeds for Oil & Gas activity and we had many members from that area.

There was a discussion about recruiting new members and Young Professionals from area college campuses where we could do a job fair etc. Mindy Leadholm at Chapter 20 does an annual event.

We discussed the possibility of doing a joint meeting with Chapter 37 and touring the Bagnall Dam at the Lake of the Ozarks. Claudia asked if anyone wanted to host the February Meeting and Matt Armfield said that he would get a speaker and arrange the lunch at Macelli’s in Lawrence.

There was a discussion about Governance and the group preferred that it be kept local and that the IRWA headquarters should move out of CA to a more central location. We thought is was better to “tweak what we have” and that it was good to have personnel continuity.

Claudia asked for nominations for Professional of the Year for the Chapter and people suggested Claudia Vines and Daniel Kann.

The next meeting will be 12/7/18 probably at the Hollywood Casino even though 3 members would like to see it moved.

Bill Wright, Treasurer, said that as of 9/23/18 there was $11,751.06 in the bank account. There will be significant charges to the account due to the Fall Forum expenses.

Claudia asked for ideas for the next Newsletter and someone suggested an article about the Fall Forum or for Paul Blees to write a report how IRWA credentialing has changed and how it now tells you what classes are needed for the next credentials.

Claudia read the PCC report from Paul Blees that stated that Fred Abernathy has been submitted for the SRWA; James Gray for the RWA; Erin Quintanella for RWP and Jarrod Barta for the RWNAC.

Meeting was Adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Martha Long