

## Region 3 Leadership Conference Call

### Conference Call Minutes Taken by Carrol McCracken

January 11, 2019

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Attending: Penny Rolf, Dan Leshner, Carrol McCracken, Jake Farrell (IGC/78), Teresa McClure (37), Andy Girga (20), Mindy Leadholm (20), Martha Long (5), Joel Walker (78) and Nikkiy Bestgen (YP) present. Jay Walton and Brittany Oglesby (41) had a scheduling conflict with their Chapter meeting starting at the same time, so they were not able to participate with this call.

2. Spring Forum Discussion:

- a. It is April 28-30, 2019
- b. There is a draft flyer, but it has a typo (April 29 listed twice)
- c. On Sunday, there will be a YP social event and then later a separate networking session for the entire membership later.
- d. There was a question if there will be a YP educational event. Carrol volunteered to check. Mindy and other Region YP members have not been asked to assist.
- e. There is a course offering and a baseball social event
- f. Course 802, Legal Aspects of Easements will be offered April 30.
- g. No one knew who would be attending as the flyer hasn't been out for members to register
- h. The hope is the flyer will be out this next Monday or Tuesday
- i. For the IEC, Sharon Slauenwhite is planning to attend, Jake Farrell may attend, but he is also scheduled to go to the Region 8 forum which is around the same time.
- j. Mindgym will not be offered at this forum, maybe sometime in the future. It wasn't budgeted for later offerings by IRWA.

3. Jake Farrell said the IEC Finance Committee is going to meet on January 31-Feb. 1 on budget income and expenses. They are going to take a harder look at the budget than they have in the past. Some of the financial documents can't be sent out of headquarters according to California law, so this is forcing a meeting at headquarters.

4. International Conference:

- a. Hotel registration is open, but it may be going fast
- b. Nikkiy said there will be a YP event on the evening of June 8. Make sure this is publicized for good participation.
- c. The 2020 booth in Portland will need some volunteers and Michelle MacMillan may be coordinating the booth and volunteers, probably using Sign Up Genius.

5. YP Scholarship:

- a. There was discussion on schedule as the early registration deadline for the annual conference is February 22. The form will need to be finalized by early next week so there is time to review applications and decide with still leaving registration time.

- b. There was some discussion between the younger and older YP members when they were drafting the form and requirements for them while attending the conference. Some feel award winners will be overwhelmed, others think award winners should be able to attend everything possible. It is about education and networking. There are no option B plans. All call participants in the topic thought it was not overwhelming, even with going to social events. The option people have is to either apply or not apply. Employers that allow staff to attend send them for the employer's benefit.
  - c. Proposed requirements for the YP scholarship are: attendance at the YP event Saturday night, Region 3 Caucus, opening ceremony, 6 education sessions (out of 10), attend SRWA awards recognition dinner, plenary session, volunteer at YP booth for one session. Winners also need to do a report on their attendance.
  - d. Would like the plan finalized today or early next week so it can be sent out and posted on the website. Feb. 1 deadline for applications, winners will be notified by Friday, Feb 15. It was agreed if the applicants are motivated to attend, these timelines will work.
  - e. There was discussion on whether to send two people at \$1,000 each or three at \$750 each. There was a mention of considering different levels of funding, but that seemed difficult to coordinate and enforce. YP fund has a balance of \$3,685.36.
  - f. Region officers will review the scholarship form and guidelines and get back to Mindy with approval, concerns or corrections.
  - g. Sarah Cook may be going up to International YP, and Brittany Oglesby and Amanda Vande Voorde and possibly a person from Chapter 37 will be sharing Region 3 responsibility
6. There was a reminder of Brett Farner's candidacy for the IEC Secretary position.
7. Awards:
- a. The February 1 deadline for awards is approaching. Applications should be sent to Michelle MacMillan. A reminder was sent to chapter leaders.
  - b. There were six applicants for Region Professional of the Year are being reviewed by Dan, Penny and Carrol. Award will be announced at the Spring Forum.
8. IRWA Region Education Calendar:
- a. Dan has chapter classes entered. Remind your members of the class offerings.
9. Committee Representation:
- a. We need to get updates on who are committee leaders and committee members for the region and international websites. This way people needing assistance have a resource to call.
  - b. It was mentioned Brian Currie is on the electrical utilities committee from Region 3
  - c. If someone wants to be on a committee, contact that committee chair which is named on the IRWA website.
  - d. Some committees have an application form.
10. Election:
- a. There will be an election at the Spring Forum for the Region Officer Positions. Officers can be voted in to fill out the remainder of their terms, Members can put in nominations, or members may run from the floor.

11. Governance Task Force:

- a. Carrol McCracken reported the Governance Task Force is still going over the history of where the governance changes started. Only some people on the call were involved in past decisions and all the knowledge. People want to know why it went the way it did.
- b. Nikkiy questioned the use of the committee's time, is there need for the history review, and Carrol felt it was necessary to ensure there was an understanding of what they were doing and why to help with future decisions. It will help them make an informed decision.

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.