



MEETING MINUTES  
IRWA REGION 3 SPRING FORUM  
April 24, 2015  
Hotel Phillips, Kansas City, MO

Meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Mike Murray, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, Region 3 Chair with 44 in attendance.

GUESTS: Jeff Jones, SR/WA (Region 5), Tim Drennan (Headquarters) and Vivian Howell, SR/WA IEC Candidate (Region 1)

**WELCOME REMARKS** were given by Mike Murray

Attendance:

Chapter 5: Kent Fredlund, SR/WA & Steve Grendon, SR/WA  
Chapter 20: Michelle MacMillan, ARWP & Dan Leshner, SR/WA  
Chapter 37: Mike Collier & Brett Farner  
Chapter 41: Shelley Whiteing, SR/WA, R/W-RAC & Rita Rasmussen, SR/WA, R/W-NAC  
Chapter 72: Kelly Anderson, SR/WA & Vicki Severson  
Chapter 78: Stacey Kroeger, SR/WA, R/W-RAC & Brent Lundgren, SR/WA

**REGION SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:** Jake Farrell, Region 3  
Secretary/Treasurer

The minutes from 2014 Region Fall Forum were brought for approval:  
A motion to approve by Stacey Kroeger, and seconded by Kelly Anderson, with the motion carrying;

The Treasurer report was brought forward for approval with a motion to approve by Mike Collier and seconded Brent Lundgren with the motion carrying.

**VIEW LEADERSHIP VIDEO: BECOMING A TOP PERFORMING CHAPTER:** Mike Murray

There are 7 videos that have been created by the IRWA Leadership Institute to assist chapter leaders in their roles. As a region we watched one of the 7 videos.

**RESOLUTIONS & BY-LAW AMENDMENT:** Mike Murray

3 Bylaw Amendments are proposed to vote on in San Diego:

1. Adding Mexico as Chapter 85 in Region 2
2. Chapter compliance with IRS Rules – IGC discussed this in October 2014
  - a. Failure to comply with rules
3. Article 8 Section 3 deleted and subtitled
  - a. Sanctions and up to dissolving chapter
  - b. Board of Directors would vote to dissolve chapter on recommendation of the IGC

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Jeff Jones, SR/WA, IEC Secretary

Jeff informed the Region that things have changed so much that revisions to the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan are required. The IRWA is adding many new countries to the association. Currently we are reaching out to China. Need to bring the IRWA into the global faster paced world.

IRWA Vision: Central Authority for Global Infrastructure

The plan will be presented to the IGC for approval at the Board of Directors Meeting in June.

**CHAPTER TRENDS AND ISSUES:** Lou Ann Dollar

Chapter Reports: (see full reports on the Region 3 website [www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org))

Chapter 20: 2 SR/WA Candidates. 2 members received their SR/WA. Lost 10 members but gained 12 new members. **Aimie Mims running for IEC Secretary!** Penny Rolf running for Region Secretary/Treasurer. Sponsorship program doing well. Held 4 classes with 2 coming.

Chapter 41: 97 members. Title closings and condemnation classes. 33 attendees to the 100 course. Encouraging members to use MemberFuse. 12 members attending today. Only chapter in Region 3 that has uploaded all their financial statements to MemberFuse (Tim Drennen)

Chapter 78: Working to involve the members. Have active interaction at the meetings. Education has floundered a bit, working to get back on track. Will be offering Course 503 at the Fall Forum in Omaha.

Chapter 5: Increase membership through social media and new website. New website from godaddy.com (2.95 per month). Will a joint meeting with Chapter 37 this fall in Jeff City.

Chapter 37: 86 members, goal is 90. New website (\$63.00 per year). **Finalist for IRWA Website of the Year!** Sold cookbooks for Chapter 20 – raised \$70.00.

Chapter 72: Sold Cookbooks for Chapter 20 - \$205.00. Education has lost some money. Working to hold a few classes to make some money. Working to hold a joint

meeting with Chapter 20. Minor League Baseball game – losing teams chapter will travel to the winners location. Reached out to Chapter 66 in Canada for a joint class. 8 new members. Drop in oil has shown members leave the area. 3 new SR/WA.

**FISCAL YEAR END CHAPTER LEADERSHIP TRANSITION PLANNING:** Mike Murray and Tim Drennan

International is working on transition plans. Will have a yearend checklist:

- Outgoing leaders to sit down with incoming leaders
- Make sure we bring the incoming president to spring forums

Will be presented in spring forums. Should be accomplished by caucus and transition.

Will have checklists for every position, currently have the chapter president's checklist completed.

**COMMITTEE TRENDS AND ISSUES:**

See full reports on the Region 3 website [www.irwaregion3.org](http://www.irwaregion3.org)

**REGION:**

Region positions descriptions have been re-written

**2015 – 2016 DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Mike Murray

\$4.8M in Assets  
\$2.4M in Liabilities  
565 Course Attendees in January  
Net Income down at 71%  
Total Number of Members is 111%  
Course Income is 108%  
Online Course Income 88%

**ELECTION OF REGION OFFICERS:** Brett Farner, INEC Chair

Motion to ratify Lou Ann Dollar and Jake Farrell to Region Chair and Region Vice Chair respectfully was made by Rita Rasmussen and seconded by John Bohmen, SR/WA with motion carrying. Motion to approve Penny Rolf as Secretary/Treasurer was made by Aimie Mims and seconded by Stacey Kroeger, with motion carrying.

**REGION 3 SECRETARY/TREASURER TRAVEL FUNDING:** Lou Ann Dollar & Jake Farrell

Not all Regions have a Secretary/Treasurer but Region 3 feels that it is important to the support of its member to continue to fill the role. Travel is not reimbursed for the Secretary/Treasurer as it is for the Chair and Vice Chair.

At the 2014 Fall Forum a motion was made by Michelle MacMillan to voluntarily increase the individual region dues by \$1 (to \$2) with the approval from the individual chapters. Seconded by Stacey Kroeger.

All chapters support the increase. The support was capped at the value of the voluntary dues increase. It was also recommended that the Secretary/Treasurer's host chapter budget support as well.

**IRWA IEC CANDIDATES:**

The 2 candidates running for election to the IEC present their case for support.

Vivian Howell (Region 1) and Aimie Mims (Region 3)

**YOUNG PROFESSIONAL UPDATE:** Jake Farrell, R3YP Committee & Aimie Mims, R3YP Committee

The R3YP Group held its second event yesterday. 30 attendees, doubled our first meeting size. Thanks to Liberty Core for sponsoring the event. We will be holding an event at all forums and push to have attendees at the YP Symposium at the Education Conference.

**RWIEF FOUNDATION PRESENTATION:** Craig Poorker, SR/WA, R/W-NAC

Need support to continue the growth of education in the IRWA. Currently funding video classes and ethics updates.

Monday Night event at the Education Conference is at Maker's Quarter in Downtown San Diego. Is put on by Headquarters and is tax deductible.

RWIEF has \$1.3M in the account. Will be funding many new educational ventures. IRWA funds half of all educational costs that the RWIEF agrees to fund. Half of money RWIEF has is already spoken for. John Bohemen donated \$200.00 personally.

**REGION 3 PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR:** Brett Farner, INEC Chair

2014 Region 3 Professional of the Year is Kelly Anderson, SR/WA!

**2016 CONFERENCE:** Mike Murray

See everyone in San Diego June 13-17!!!

**OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mike Murray

We have been approached by Region 10 to have a joint meeting in Regina, Saskatchewan. Mike will respond back that when our forum is located in Chapter 72 or Chapter 20 we will schedule a joint meeting.

**ADJORN:** Motion to adjourn by John Boheman and seconded by Brent Lundgren with the motion carrying.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jake Farrell

Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer