

IRWA Region 3 – August 2020 Chapter/Leadership Call

Meeting Minutes

Attending:

- Reg. 3 – Chair: Dan Lesher
- Reg. 3 – Vice Chair: Carrol McCracken
- Reg. 3 – Secretary: Mindy Leadholm
- Ch. 5: Martha Long/Steve Grandon/
Natalie Meighan
- Ch. 20: Ben Barker/Ben Tozer
- Ch. 37: Kristin Bauman/Jody Harness
- Ch. 41: Brian DePrez
- Ch. 72: Mickie Abell
- Ch. 78: Jeremy Marlar
- IEC: X

Region Call – Topics Discussed:

1. Welcome to the Region 3 Leadership call!
2. Financial update – Mindy Leadholm
 - a. Region Checking: \$ 3,318.55
 - b. YP Balance: \$ 7,185.36
 - c. Region Money Market: \$ 4,331.21
 - d. Total: \$ 14,835.12
3. Chapter tax status – Chapter 41 and 72 still have final paperwork to send in. Both have had meetings with Rahkshan (HQ) and are close to completing their chapter's 2019-2020 taxes. All other chapters have completed their 2020 – 2021 taxes.
4. Chapter leadership and conflict of interest forms – If you have not sent in, please do so asap. Copy D. Lesher when sending in to HQ. In the future, we will work on getting these forms completed at the annual conference when we are all together.
5. Region 3 website – Mindy
 - a. Updates – Mindy will work with Jen Berry on a website refresh. Items to focus on: Chapter Leadership page updated to current 2020-2021 leaders, Region Secretary funding policy uploaded, eliminate “contact” page because all contact information is in a different location on website. M. Leadholm will work with C. McCracken on an Education page update. Anyone who has ideas/input/R3 photos to provide, please send to M. Leadholm.
6. IGC Update – July 17th, 2020
 - a. Updated budget –
 - i. Reducing costs and accounting for no in-person classes
 - ii. Investment strategy – International investment committee: money that has typically been invested in moderate risk investments have been changed to a more conservative investment.

There has also been an Investment sub-committee created to monitor IRWA's investments going forward.

- b. Virtual learning: A lot of discussion on the virtual learning. More to come in the future as there are more virtual courses offered over the next few months.
 - c. Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Task Force
 - i. Region 3 representatives have been selected by D. Leshar for the Task Force
 - ii. Next steps: kick-off meeting coming soon. D. Leshar will provide updates to the R3 Leadership Group as he has them.
7. Reg. 3- Education Report – Carrol
- a. New chip program as of July 1: Summary of the program has been covered in previous Region meetings.
 - b. Virtual classes: Any in-person course that was previously scheduled had the opportunity to switch to a virtual classroom. Most courses were able to switch with few issues. HQ has budgeted 300+ virtual courses to hold over the next several months. All virtual courses going forward will be coordinated by HQ – with chapter's receiving funds from the course according to how many of their chapter members participate. For a one day course, chapters will receive \$87/member. 2, 3, and 4-day courses will have increased funds going to each chapter.
 - c. Education Chair calls: C. McCracken has set up monthly calls with Chapter Education Chairs. First call was in August. If Chapter Presidents are interested in participating, let Carrol know.
 - d. Encourage your Education Chairs to be strong advocates for Virtual Courses – they are a huge benefit to members in allowing education to continue through pandemic and also allow Chapters to continue to earn education course income without hosting in-classroom courses.
8. Fall Forum – Virtual Meeting September 23rd 10-1pm CST
- a. Thank you, Chapter 72 for all of your work and willingness to host the Forum. D. Leshar has set up call for Virtual Fall Forum and sent out to R3 Leadership Group. Please send out to your chapter members and let Dan know if you did not receive the meeting invite.
9. 20/20 Vision Scholarship Program
- a. Chris Calderon-VanderKallen (78)
 - b. Kelsey McGregor (72)
10. YP Report – no report during this meeting.
11. Chapter Attendance by Reg. Chair/Vice Chair
- a. On hold until people can meet again. If any chapter would like Region representation at their virtual meetings, contact D. Leshar and we will make sure to have either Dan/Carrol/Mindy attend.
12. Next Meeting September 11, 2020 – scheduled and on people's calendars as a placeholder. May cancel if we don't need to talk again prior to Fall Forum.
13. Other:
- a. J. Marlar asked about getting CE credits from states (NE in particular) for virtual courses when in-classroom experience/testing is required. Chapter 20 has had success with this. HQ has helped by working with State agencies on accommodations for virtual courses and acquiring CEs.