



Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2023

Meeting Location: Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

Meeting Date: January 25, 2023

Attendees: 45 including members and guest

The Chapter meeting was called to order at 12:04 P.M. by Tara Green, President.

CHAPTER 37 BUSINESS

I. Welcome and Overview of Chapter 37 Website

- Tara Green; President presented the welcome message and Chapter 37 Website where past meeting minutes can be viewed.
- Tara Green advised members and guest that virtual meeting was being recorded and link will be shared via Chapter 37 website.
- In-person meeting rescheduled to 2/15/2023 due to inclement weather. Location to be determined.

II. Meeting Minutes from 11/17/2022

- Minutes submitted by LaToya "Toy" Franklin; Secretary reviewed.
- Minutes from 11/17/2022 meeting approved by Tim McLean and seconded by Teresa McClure.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Report submitted by Scott Gross; Treasurer and presented by Tara Green; President in Scott's absence.
- This will be the last report in which we will see both Bank of America & Chase Account, as funds have now been all reconciled into Chase Bank.
- Treasurer's Report approved by Kristin Bauman and seconded by Tim McLean.

IV. Ongoing Chapter Business

- A. **Membership:** presented by Chair-Vint Hoffeditz
-Currently 109 Members in Chapter 37. Per Corporate there have been issues that IT is currently working on. As of 1-25-23, 16 members have not renewed, however there is still time to renew without a late fee. Chapter 37 qualified for the incentive and received

(3) free memberships. Congratulations to winners; Scott Rayho, Terrance Green and Mark Frankenberg!

- B. **Education:** presented by Chair-Kristin Bauman
Chapter 37 will be hosting Course 600-Environmental Awareness virtually on Friday, February 3, 2023. 20 available slots, please register soon.
Course 209-Negotiating Effectively with a Diverse Clientele to be held virtually on April 6-7th, 2023. Both courses count toward SR/WA credentialing.
Course 803 is likely to be held in August 2023 with a tentative date being the 2nd week in August. Please contact Kristin Bauman regarding the Leaders Light the Way Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is for \$2500 and is awarded to each Chapter in IRWA. The deadline is approaching fast, however this is a great opportunity that members do not want to miss out on. Please continue to send all course suggestions to Kristin Bauman.
- C. **Professional Development:** presented by Tara Green; President in Kim's absence
Please continue to reach out to Kim Gross for assistance with credentialing.
- D. **Young Professionals-:** presented by Chair-Bronte Fencel
Bronte Fencel and Max Turner are working to find a new location for the next in-person meeting/networking event on 2-15-2023. If you should have any suggestions, please communicate those to Executive Board members or Chairs.
- E. **Communications:** presented by Chair Brendan Weiler
Updated meeting minutes will be on the Chapter 37 website, along with all communications. If you have announcements, please communicate those to Brendan.

V. **New Chapter Business**

A. Nominations for International Awards and Recognitions for IRWA Education Conference are still being accepted for the following awards/recognitions: see highlighted

- Chapter Professional of the Year-Tara Green-nominated
- YP of the Year-Bronte Fencel-nominated
- Website of the Year-Brendan Weiler-nominated
- Employer of the Year
 - Less than 20 employees in ROW department
 - More than 20 employees in ROW department-Ameren nominated
 - Government employer of the year

The deadline for submission is 2/1/2023. Nominations for these employers can be submitted to Tara Green or Chris Scharth.

- B. During the 2/15/2023 in-person meeting, if we have a quorum the new bylaws may be voted on at that time. If there are any questions regarding the bylaws, please contact Tara Green or Chris Scharth.
- C. Nominations & Elections-Tara Green; President has appointed the past (3) Chapter 37 Presidents to the committee; Jody Harness, Chris Scharth and Teresa McClure.
- D. Region 3 Spring Forum will be held by Chapter 20 in St. Paul, Minnesota, all information regarding the forum may be viewed on the Chapter 37 website.

- E. Attendance drawings will be done during the 2/15/2023 in-person meeting. Drawings to include (1) \$500 scholarship to the education conference in Denver, CO, (1) \$250 Scholarship for Region 3 Spring Forum, (1) drawing for a free class to be taken in 2023 and (4) drawings for Visa gift cards sponsored by Volkert. Please make sure you're in attendance and Good Luck!

VI. Open Discussion

- New Member Introductions
- Warm Welcome to all new members and guests. We are delighted to have you!

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 12:58 P.M. by Tara Green, President, approved by Brett Farnier and seconded by Chris Scharth.

These minutes respectfully submitted by LaToya "Toy" Franklin, Secretary, IRWA Chapter 37.