

Board of Directors Meeting

January 19, 2022

10:00 – 11:30 pm

In-Person/WebEx/Conference Call

Meeting called by: Matt Hagelin



Attendees: Mindy Leadholm, Sean Lawler, Brian Mielke, Matt Hagelin, Shawn Zepper, Joe Haefner, Michelle Macmillan, Doug Johnson, Michael Stupka, Michele Selbitschka, and Greg Ewig

10:00 – 10:05 **CALL TO ORDER** Matt Hagelin, SR/WA
Roll Call *Everyone*
December Board Meeting Minutes Matt Hagelin, SR/WA
• *Approved via email on January 3rd, 2022 (Moved by Brent Rolf with a 2nd from Sean Zepper)*

10:05 – 10:10 **TREASURER'S REPORT** Sean Lawler, SR/WA

Checking Account	\$ 51,476.99
Chapter Event Fund Savings Account	\$ 5,581.00
Gary Ostrom Memorial Fund	\$ 3,067.53
CD	\$ 11,396.71
PayPal	\$ 406.75
TOTAL:	\$ 71,928.91

10:10 – 10:20 **OLD BUSINESS**

PicRights-Reuters New and Media Matt Hagelin, SR/WA
Continuing to work with IRWA HQ on this issue (this is a new one vs. the prior instance which was settled.) Michelle Macmillan may have some information on a policy option to insure against this type of issue.

IRWA Strategic Plan – Key Objectives Review Matt Hagelin, SR/WA
Discussion on upcoming meetings and ID possibility to do the July meeting in Duluth at ALLETE, Inc. and then have a member event and a course tagged together after the meeting.

10:20 – 11:10 **NEW BUSINESS**

Next Meeting (Date, time and Location) Brian Mielke, SR/WA
3/16/22 and location TBD. Tentatively going to pursue use of drones in ROW as a topic.

Membership Drive Matt Hagelin, SR/WA
HQ has some incentives to put on a member drive event. It cannot be part of a meeting or course, but a Stand alone event. Some discussion of possible members and a drive was had. Matt Hagelin is going to Work with HQ to put together an event.

A motion was made by Sean Lawler and seconded by Joe Haefner and unanimously passed to spend up to \$300 on a reimbursable event for a member drive.

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College Outreach Discussion

Sean Lawler, SR/WA

Our 2021 recipient has been hired for an internship, as a result of the meeting, with one of our member Meetings.

May move to Jan. setting for this coming year from Sept. for several factors. The scholarship application Could still be open in earlier fall and then keep open longer. The funds/award timing would need to meet The timing need for 2nd semester tuition but that should be able to be met. We will also reach out to St. Thomas and open up the scholarship as well as invite them to attend the meeting if desired.

If additional scholarships are to be awarded, then we'd need to update the guidelines/policies around the scholarship program.

Education Groupings discussion

Shawn Zepper

Member survey discussion & next steps

Matt Hagelin, SR/WA

- Meeting/Events/Classes
 - July
 - MNDOT Conference
- Outreach to Employers/Sponsors/Gov't
- Continuing Education credits with DOC
 - Promote as part of outreach
 - Discuss Doug's replacement

As we've had discussions on prior topics above today, several of our meetings and events will meeting the survey needs. In addition, we will work to have the Sept. meeting run together with the MnDOT conference. We'll plan to have a board meeting the day prior along with an IRWA golf event similar to prior chapter golf events. We'll have a discussion w/the MnDOT conference planners to discuss if/how this could be communicated and/or officially coordinated.

We are also going to be making an effort to reach out to employers/leaders to identify how to best assist them and their employees as well. This may include an aspect of sponsorship questions of what would be of value to give to the sponsors.

11:10 – 11:30 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

SERVICE COMMITTEES

Nominations & Elections

Brian Mielke, SR/WA

Brent Rolf nominated as Region 3 Professional of the Year and also will have a nomination process coming Into March with elections in May and installations either at the May meeting or subsequently after.

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Professional Development

Sean Lawler, SR/WA

Steve Johnson from Enbridge recently renewed his SR/WA

Ethics

Ben Tozer

Education

Shawn Zepper

HQ is still working on the new/updated certification program.

Discussion about having a 3 year plan organized was had. That plan is being developed.

Communications & Marketing

Brent Rolf

Membership

Ben Barker, SR/WA

INDUSTRY COMMITTEES

Electric & Utilities

Craig Knudsen, SR/WA, R/W-EC, R/W-NAC

Local Public Agencies

Jason Alt

Oil & Gas Pipeline

Andy Girga

Transportation

Vacant

COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

Asset Management

Sean Lawler, SR/WA

Environmental

Craig Knudsen, SR/WA, R/W-EC, R/W-NAC

Relocation

Penny Rolf, SR/WA

Surveying & Engineering

Jerry Ripley

Valuation

Vacant

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:

Motion to Adjourn by: Mindy Leadholm

Seconded by: Sean Lawler

Minutes Approved: 2/23/22