

# NEWSLETTER

CHAPTER 33 | SEPTEMBER 2022

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Chapter 33!

As we are nearing the end of the first quarter of our chapter's 2022-2023 year, the chapter board is pleased to bring back our chapter's newsletter.

It's my distinct honor to serve as your President for this year. For those who don't know me, my name is Andrew Thomas-Rogers. I've been a member of the chapter for roughly five years now and have previously served in the roles of Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President. I've enjoyed each of these roles deeply and cannot describe how pleased I am to continue serving the chapter.

In my professional life, I work for Coates Field Service, Inc. as Assistant Vice President, Director of Centralized Operations. Coates was my introduction to the industry, and I've been with them for eight years. As with so many others, I only knew of the existence of the industry thanks to my father, Kenny Rogers (no, not that one... my father will be the first to tell you that nobody would pay to hear him sing). My father worked with Coates for several years before I joined the company working on projects for Coates in the northeast. The eight years I've worked for Coates have been truly incredible and I cannot adequately express how grateful I am for Coates taking a chance on me all those years ago and allowing me the opportunity to prove myself and to make it to where I am today.



Andrew Thomas-Rogers

I know the past few years have been difficult on all of us, but I hold out hope for a better and brighter future. I know the chapter's elected board members and various committee chairpersons are working diligently to bring the chapter together. We have several upcoming course offerings, for example, and are working to plan this year's chapter meetings. Our Young Professional committee has had success with events in the recent past and I know will continue to do so. I'd like to thank every member of the chapter board, both the elected officers and the committee chairs, for their commitment to the success of the chapter. It is my greatest hope that every member will be able to attend at least some of our meetings, courses, and events this year.

I hope you are all as excited for the future as I am, and I look forward to seeing you (or meeting you) at our upcoming events! Please feel free to reach out any time if you have questions about our educational offerings or chapter meetings – or if you have any feedback, input, or interest in becoming involved with the chapter. Our education and networking opportunities are the reason many of us belong to the chapter, so I hope to see everyone take full advantage of those!

Here's to a great 2022-2023!

Best,

Andrew Thomas-Rogers, RWA

President, Chapter 33

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## 2022-2023 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

**PRESIDENT:**

Andrew Thomas-Rogers  
RWA  
Coates Field Service, Inc.

**SECRETARY:**

Megan Franklin  
  
Poe and Associates, Inc.

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

Nikki Patterson  
RWA, R/W-NAC, R/W-URAC  
Universal Field Services, Inc.

**DIRECTOR ONE YEAR:**

Gretchin Fisher  
SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC, R/W-URAC  
Meshek & Associates, LLC

**TREASURER:**

Amanda Murrell  
SR/WA, R/W-RAC  
Universal Field Services, Inc.

**DIRECTOR TWO YEAR:**

Tyler Maune  
  
Terra Resources, LLC

## 2022-2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**MEMBERSHIP**

Danny Herrera  
Pinnacle Consulting

**OUTREACH**

Mark Pearce  
RWA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC  
Meshek & Associates, LLC

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS**

Megan Franklin  
Poe and Associates, Inc.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Sean Harrison  
SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC, R/W-URAC  
Pinnacle Consulting

**PIPELINE**

Chris Gomez  
SR/WA  
CobbFendley

**EDUCATION**

Lacie Jones  
SR/WA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC, R/W-URAC  
Meshek & Associates, LLC

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

Hailey Benson  
Universal Fields Services, Inc

**UTILITY**

James Stuart

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

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## MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2022 MEETING

### 1. Call to Order

**Tyler Maune**, President, called the meeting to order at 5:45PM  
Location: Hard Rock Casino, Tulsa, OK Skyroom

### 2. Introduction of Attendees

Attendees introduced themselves and their guests. A total of 38 members signed the attendance sign in sheet.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

No Minutes have been mailed out to the board members to vote out

### 4. Committee Reports

#### Treasurer's Report

**Nikki Patterson** reported a balance of \$25,855.28 in the chapter's bank account. She also reported that ODOT is now a vendor so payments from them should not be delayed

#### Membership Committee Report

**Danny Herrera** (absent) - no report please note that a new membership chair is needed

#### Education Committee Report

**Lacie Jones** reports that she is scheduling a total of 13 classes. Course 100 is scheduled for July 14 and 15 and Tammy Benson is teaching it. She believes she also has 901 and 902 scheduled for August 2022 and 213 in September. She is hoping to schedule 225 however there is only 1 instructor for that class and it's difficult to book. They are looking at getting back to in person classes and that International is requesting a two year schedule for classes. She is working on putting together some schedule classes and if anyone has anything they would like to please get in touch with her. Lacie also reports that he need some course coordinators for a couple of classes. Coordinators get to attend the class for free.

#### Professional Development Committee Report

**Sean Harrison** (absent) -SRWA path is changing again. They are going back to a generalist program. May 11 phone call with education chair will have more details. Stay tuned for updates.

#### Nominations and Elections Committee Report

**Megan Franklin** - no report

#### Pipeline Committee Report

**Chris Gomez** - No report

#### Utility Committee Report

**James Stuart** - No report

#### Young Professionals Committee Report

**Hailey Benson** - reports that VP is having a

#### Outreach Committee Report

**Mark Pearce** - No Report

### 4. Old Business

**Lacie Jones** updated the board on the Region 2 Spring Forum. She stated that there was a lot of technical difficulties (audio and visual) and the location was not great.

### 5. Next Chapter Meeting

Next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

### 6. Installation of New Officers

The following new board members were sworn in:

**Tyler Maune**, Director 1 year

**Andrew Thomas-Rogers**, President

**Nikki Patterson**, Vice President

**Amanda Murrell**, Treasurer

**Megan Franklin**, Secretary

**Gretchin Fisher**, Director 1 year

### 7. Adjournment

**Stevanna Winningham** moved for the meeting be adjourned. **Lori Vernon** seconded the motion. All board members present voted in favor of approving the motion; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM CT.



**IRWA Chapter 33 Meeting**  
**November 4th, 2022**  
**Board Meeting: 10:30 – 11:00am**  
**Chapter Meeting: 11:00 – 12:30pm**

# HAPPY HOUR

12:00 - 3:00 PM



**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!**



**RSVP BY OCTOBER 17TH, 2022**

## 7th Annual "Alex E. Souder IRWA Chapter 33 Memorial Golf Tournament"

There will be a 4-man golf scramble on

**Friday September 30, 2022** at the

**Buffalo Rock Golf & Gun Club - 4615 E. 9th St. - Cushing, OK 74023**

Shotgun start will be at **9:00 A.M.**

**\$75.00** per person (Includes cart, greens fee, drinks and lunch)

**\$5.00 mulligans** (2 per person - not mandatory)

**To enter**, please complete the following form and mail with your money (checks payable to IRWA - Chapter 33)

To Bart Waits

E-mail: [bwaits@ufsrw.com](mailto:bwaits@ufsrw.com)

You can also bring your form and money to the course, however please call or e-mail by **September 23, 2022** to ensure the count is correct.

Come join the fun! Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Prizes for closest to the hole and straightest drive. There will also be a tee gift along with door prizes given away with a grand prize. If you do not have a foursome, we will try to pair you with another group **but cannot guarantee a 4 man team**. Drinks will be provided on the course. After golf, lunch (included in golf fee) with a Chapter meeting will occur.

**NOTE: If you would like to participate as a sponsor please contact Bart Waits (918)494-7600. I need to know no later than September 16, 2022 in order to make your sign.**

Hole/Prize Sponsor - \$500.00

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hole/Prize Sponsor receives:

- Company Logo sign that will be placed on a tee box
- Recognition for providing the prize for that particular hole

# Team Information

Company \_\_\_\_\_

**Player #1:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Player #2:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Player #3:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Player #4:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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