



NEWSLETTER

CHAPTER 33 | FEBRUARY 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello IRWA Chapter 33!

I hope everyone had safe and happy holidays as well as a strong start to this new year! Our chapter and region have several exciting things in our recent past or coming up this quarter, so I'd like to take a moment and outline some of the highlights.

Firstly, our new chapter website has been launched. Check it out at <https://irwachapter33.org/> – it's a big improvement for us, and on behalf of the entire chapter board I'd like to thank everyone that helped make this a success. In particular, a huge thanks to our chapter's Outreach Committee Chair Mr. Mark Pearce. Mark was instrumental in the set up and has been digging into the functionality. Many of you likely noticed that the invitation to our upcoming meeting was sent out from the new site, and Mark sent a separate email for any that might have missed the email due to filtering policies (speaking of filtering policies and the new website, be sure to whitelist the email info@irwachapter33.org or the domain irwachapter33.org to continue receiving important chapter updates).

While parts of the site remain under construction as content is developed, you can already see some of the exciting features such as accessing newsletters, info on upcoming meetings, etc. If your company has interest in sponsoring the website, we have an exciting sponsorship opportunity! A \$250 sponsorship for one year will get your company's logo on the chapter's website (both the home page and a sponsors page) and in our newsletters, and will also give you the ability to post job openings on our chapter's website for free. If your company is interested, please reach out!

We're also looking forward to the upcoming chapter meeting referenced above; it is set for March 3, 2023 at the Cattlemen's Steakhouse Banquet Center in Oklahoma City. The meeting flyer has been sent out to the chapter and will be included in this newsletter as well! This is a critical meeting for our chapter as it is the meeting in which we hold our annual election of officers for the coming year. And speaking of elections, the chapter will be accepting nominations in advance of that meeting as well. As of the time of writing this I am not aware of any nominations for next year's Secretary, so if you know of anyone that might be interested please speak with them and feel free to nominate and/or have them reach out if they have questions. More information regarding submitting nominations will be sent to the chapter in advance of the meeting if they have not yet been by the time this newsletter is released.

Remember that our chapter also has several course offerings in the coming months – though those have already been distributed to the chapter, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about what we have coming up!

As for the region, everyone is likely aware of the upcoming joint forum between Regions 2 and 6 in Hilton Head, SC. There is an educational course being offered on March 30, 2023, along with the Young Professionals event (to which all are welcome). March 31, 2023 will be the International Transportation Committee Symposium, while April 1, 2023 will be the region forums. This combined forum promises to be a spectacular time at a great location, so we hope to see many familiar faces in attendance!

There is so much more to look forward to on the horizon as the year continues to unfold – International Education Conference in Denver, our region's fall forum, and countless other exciting opportunities to get involved. Be on the lookout for additional communications from the chapter, region, and IRWA headquarters to stay on top of everything going on!

For now I'll close by thanking the chapter for allowing me to serve as President this year. It's already been wonderful and I am excited by what the future holds! Stay safe, everyone, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Best,

Andrew Thomas-Rogers, RWA
President, Chapter 33



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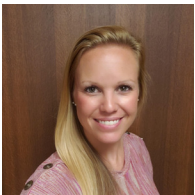


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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2022 MEETING

1. Call to Order

Andrew Thomas-Rogers, President, called the meeting to order at 11:46 AM CT.

2. Introduction of Attendees

Attendees introduced themselves and their guests.

3. Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

Amanda Murrell, Treasurer, a balance of \$12,980.69 with outstanding deposits that will bring the balance to \$13,106.97.

Membership Committee Report

Brandi Simon, Membership Committee Chair, shared the IRWA partner program flyer for group memberships.

Membership renewals should be coming to chapter members.

New members: Jamie Shaun Cox, Jerry Wayne Case, and Luke Elliott Farmer

Education Committee Report

Lacie Jones, Education Committee Chair, reported that the chapter has many upcoming courses and encourages participation; additionally, a new payment process is in the works.

Nominations and Elections Committee Report

Candace Deleplank, Nominations and Elections Committee Chair, reported that nominations are being taken for YP and Professional of the year as well as Secretary. The election will be held at the March meeting.

Professional Development Committee Report

Sean Harrison, Professional Development Committee Chair, had nothing to report.

Pipeline Committee Report

Chris Gomez, Pipeline Committee Chair, was absent. No report.

Utility Committee Report

James Stuart, Utility Committee Chair, had nothing to report.

Young Professionals Committee Report

Hailey Benson, Young Professionals Committee Chair, is looking at doing an outing in April or May 2023; more information to come.

Outreach Committee Report

Mark Pearce, Outreach Committee Chair, reported that the new chapter website was launching soon. The chapter is looking for website sponsorships.

4. Old Business

No old business.

5. New Business

Approval of August 26, 2022, and September 27, 2022, meeting minutes as printed in newsletter; Lori Vernon made a motion to approve minutes as printed, Nikki Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Upcoming education courses were discussed in Education Committee update. Website sponsorship opportunities were discussed in Outreach Committee update.

Next Chapter Meeting – March 2023 at Cattlemen's Steakhouse (Oklahoma City, OK) Specific date and time TBD

Next region meeting – March 30, 2023 – April 1, 2023, at The Beach House (Hilton Head, SC) 2023 Region 2/6 Joint Spring Forum Education Course & YP Event Thursday, March 30, 2023

International Transportation Committee Symposium Friday, March 31, 2023 Region 2 & 6 Forum Saturday, April 1, 2023

6. Adjournment

Andrew Thomas-Rogers adjourned the meeting at 12:02 PM CT.

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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING



Cattlemen's

S T E A K H O U S E



BOARD MEETING: 10:30AM - 11:00AM

CHAPTER MEETING: 11:00AM - 1:00PM

WHEN: FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2023

WHERE: 1309 S. AGNEW AVE., OKC, OK 73108

*****SPONSOR DRINK TICKETS*****

**PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOUR COMPANY WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN SPONSORING.**



Please RSVP by Feb. 10th, 2023
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