



# NEWSLETTER

## CHAPTER 33 | APRIL 2023

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello IRWA Chapter 33!

I can hardly believe it's been nearly a year since my term as President began. It's been a privilege serving the chapter over these past months, and I thank you all for your trust and faith in me.

I'd like to begin this newsletter by congratulating our officers-elect for the 2023-2024 year:

Director 1-Year: Tyler Maune  
Director 2-Year: Andrew Thomas-Rogers, RWA  
President: Nikki Patterson, SR/WA-TN, R/W-NAC, R/W-URAC  
Vice President: Megan Franklin  
Treasurer: Audrey Fincannon, R/W-NAC  
Secretary: Harrison Grove

I know the chapter is in the best possible hands as we look forward to the next year!

Speaking of the new officers-elect, we hope you'll make plans to join us at the Hard Rock in Tulsa on the evening of Friday, May 12, 2023, for our annual installation banquet. This is when the new officers will be sworn in to their positions in advance of the board transition July 1. For those that have never been, the annual installation banquet is always a great time – easily one of my personal favorite IRWA meetings. We'll have great food, the chance to network and meet other members of the chapter, and of course, the option to stay over night and continue the fun with friends and colleagues in the Hard Rock Casino (of course, please enjoy yourself responsibly). The flyer for this meeting has more details!

In other IRWA news, I'm excited to announce that we have a new Region 2 Office from our very own chapter – Lacie Jones, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC, was elected to serve as the region's Secretary/Treasurer at the recent region forum. My congratulations to Lacie; I cannot think of a better person to serve the region as I'm sure she'll take the same care in her service to them as she has in her service to our own chapter.

Another point of excitement is the upcoming International Education Conference in Denver, CO taking place June 25-28, 2023. Many of you have been to these conferences in the past and know how incredible they can be for education and networking, but for any of our members that have not attended an international conference before, I would encourage you to consider making Denver your first! This is the largest association meeting of the year and people from all over the country (and world) attend to learn and meet others in the industry. The planning group for this year has some great sessions set up, and the nightly events are looking to be extraordinary. You can get all manner of information (including registration information) online at <https://eweb.irwaonline.org/eweb/StartPage.aspx?Site=denver2023>.

Finally, I'd also like to briefly remind our membership of the new chapter website that launched at [www.irwachapter33.org](http://www.irwachapter33.org) – and remember that since we're using this new platform to send communications, please consider permitting/allowing the email [info@irwachapter33.org](mailto:info@irwachapter33.org) or the domain [irwachapter33.org](http://irwachapter33.org) in your email settings to continue receiving important chapter updates. If your company has interest in sponsoring the website, 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!

Again, I thank you all for the opportunity to serve you this year.

Best,

Andrew Thomas-Rogers, RWA  
President, Chapter 33



**Andrew Thomas-Rogers**

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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**

Brandi Simon  
Coates Field Service, Inc.

### **OUTREACH**

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

### **NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS**

Candace Deleplank  
Coates Field Service, 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-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC  
Meshek & Associates, LLC

### **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

Hailey Benson  
Universal Field Services, Inc.

### **UTILITY**

James Stuart

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

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## MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2023 MEETING

### **1. Call to Order**

**Andrew Thomas-Rogers** called the meeting to order at 12:39 PM CT.

### **2. Introduction of Attendees**

See meeting sign in sheet

### **3. Committee Reports**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

**Amanda Murrell**, SR/WA, R/W-RAC - reported checking balance of \$22,232.19

#### **Membership Committee Report**

**Brandi Simon** - 10 new members have joined us since we last met

#### **Education Committee Report**

**Lacie Jones**, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, R/W-RAC, R/W-URAC - reported the upcoming classes

#### **Nominations and Elections Committee Report**

**Candace Deleplank** - Announced the election today

#### **Professional Development Committee Report**

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

#### **Pipeline Committee Report**

**Chris Gomez**, SR/WA - No report

#### **Utility Committee Report**

**James Stuart** - No report

#### **Young Professionals Committee Report**

**Hailey Benson** - upcoming YP event in Tulsa. Stay tuned for sponsor email

#### **Outreach Committee Report**

**Mark Pearce**, RWA, R/W-RAC, R/W-NAC - No report

### **4. Old Business**

- a. Chapter website update and sponsorship opportunity. Reminder given on website and kudos to Mark Pearce. Chapter invites are sent via the website.
- b. Upcoming education courses

### **5. New Business**

Approval of November 4, 2022 meeting minutes as printed in chapter newsletter. Megan Franklin Motioned, Nikki Patterson, 2nd: motion carried

### **6. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Next chapter meeting – Installation Banquet – May 5, 2023 (tentative date) at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino (Tulsa, OK)
- b. Next region meeting – March 30, 2023 – April 1, 2023 at The Beach House (Hilton Head, SC)
  - i. 2023 Region 2/6 Joint Spring Forum
    1. Education Course & YP Event Thursday, March 30, 2023
    2. International Transportation Committee Symposium Friday, March 31, 2023
    3. Region 2 & 6 Forum Saturday, April 1, 2023

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### **7. Recess for Guest Speaker**

Motion made to adjourn until the speaker has concluded. Laci Jones made motion. Nikki Patterson 2nd. Motion passed.

### **8. Election of 2023-2024 Chapter Board**

See attachment for voting record

### **9. Adjournment**

**Andrew Thomas-Rogers** adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM CT.

## BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

**Andrew Thomas-Rogers** called the meeting to order at 12:39 PM CT to begin the election portion.

### **Secretary**

Harrison Grove: Andrew Thomas-Rogers motion, Gretchin Fisher 2nd, motion passed

### **Treasurer**

Audrey Fincannon: Lacie Jones motion; Nikki Patterson 2nd, motion passed

### **Vice President**

Megan Franklin: Nikki Patterson motion, Amanda Murrell 2nd, motion passed

### **President**

Nikki Patterson: Andrew Thomas-Rogers motion; Lacie Jones 2nd, motion passed

### **Director Year Two**

Andrew Thomas-Rogers: Lacie Jones motion; Sean Harrison 2nd, motion passed

### **Director Year One**

Tyler Maune: Lacie Jones motion; Sean Harrison 2nd, motion passed

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

2023 Installation Banquet  
IRWA Chapter 33

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino  
Sky Room  
Catoosa, Okla.

Friday, May 12, 2023  
Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m.  
Chapter Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

\*\*Dinner Buffet and Sponsored Bar



2023-2024 SPONSORS

