



**International Governing Council  
Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, May 9, 2016  
Videoconference

**Welcome and Call to Order:** President Wayne Goss, SR/WA called the meeting to order at 11:03am PST, welcoming International Governing Council members, representing region vice chairs and staff to the videoconference.

**Roll Call and Approval of Minutes:** Secretary Aimie Mims, SR/WA acknowledged the following members in attendance and announced that there was quorum for the meeting. Aimie then asked that the minutes from the March 2016 International Governing Council meeting be approved as presented. Brian Taylor, SR/WA moved and Wayne Larson, SR/WA seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

**IGC Members:**

Wayne Goss, SR/WA – President  
Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA – President-Elect  
Jerry Colburn, SR/WA – Vice President  
Jeff Jones, SR/WA – Treasurer  
Aimie Mims, SR/WA - Secretary  
Mark Rieck – EVP  
Eric Finn, Esq – General Counsel  
Janet Parks, SR/WA, R1 Chair and Joe Currie, R1 Vice Chair  
Ana Rausch, SR/WA, R2 Chair  
Lou Ann Dollar, SR/WA, R3 Chair  
Phyllis Lilly, SR/WA, R4 Chair  
Greg Matthias, SR/WA, R5 Vice Chair  
Sean Sampson, SR/WA, R6 Chair  
Brad Thomas, SR/WA, R7 Chair  
Sharon Slauenwhite, SR/WA, R8 Chair  
Wayne Larson, SR/WA, R9 Chair  
Brian Taylor, SR/WA, R10 Chair

**Staff:**

Barbara Billitzer, VP – Publisher, Editor-in-Chief  
Deidre Alves, M.Ed., VP – Professional Development  
Fred Nasri, Chief Financial Officer  
Francis Vicente, Manager - Credentialing  
Jaime Rose Mathews, Manager Field Operations  
Tim Drennan, Manager Field Operations

**Action and Discussion Items:** President Goss introduced a series of discussion items and recommendations from committees and working groups for action by the International Governing Council.

**Finance Committee:** Treasurer Jeff Jones, SR/WA presented IRWA's March 2016 Key Measures, noting that the Association is meeting and exceeding its goals in all areas except classroom education scheduling. Chapters have been encouraged to ensure their member education needs are being met and IRWA anticipates a strong class schedule planned for May and June. Treasurer Jones also shared that IRWA's new investment program is already performing well.

Mr. Jones then reviewed the fiscal 2017 budget request, noting that there have been no requests for changes to the original draft budget. Jeff moved that the IGC approve the draft budget for presentation at the upcoming Board of Directors Meeting in June, seconded by Ana Rausch. The motion carried with no opposition.

**Bylaws Working Group:** President-Elect, Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA presented each of four pending bylaw resolutions with the support of General Counsel, Eric Finn, Esq. The first was Classes of Membership, designed to simplify IRWA membership categories to three; Regular, Student and Retired Member. The Regular Member category will include all designated, certified and non-credentialed active members. The second category is Student Members and the third, Retired Members, both Active, who may hold office and continue to use the SR/WA or other credentials with an annual dues reduction of 25% and Inactive, who may not hold office and must use (Ret.) after their credentials with an annual dues reduction of 75%.

The second was Affiliates, designed to broaden the definition to include those organizations, which have entered into a mutually beneficial agreement with the IRWA and provides officer representation of those organizations at meetings of the Board of Directors with voice by no vote.

The third was CEO, driven by the need to be in compliance with the California Corporations Code and identify a consistent CEO. There are no compensation or authority changes linked to this resolution and it will be presented in the form of a Board motion, followed by a resolution to change the wording as needed in the body of IRWA's bylaws.

The fourth was Advisory Council Voting, designed to limit the current lifetime vote of past presidents on the Board of Directors. Given the considerable feedback on this issue, it was determined that the IGC would not present the Advisory Council resolution and instead study the larger structural needs of the Association for presentation of a comprehensive resolution at a future Board of Directors Meeting.

Brian Taylor moved and Jerry Colburn, SR/WA seconded a motion to present the first three resolutions to the Board of Directors at its June meeting. Following discussion, the motion carried with unanimous approval.

**IRWA Australia Application:** EVP, Mark Rieck presented a Chapter Application from Australia, centered in Brisbane, with at large members from Adelaide. Sharon Slauenwhite moved and Wayne Larson seconded a motion to approve Queensland Chapter 86 as an at large chapter of the IRWA. The motion carried unanimously.

**Credentialing:** President Elect, Mary Anne Marr presented two recommendations from the Credentialing Committee, the first directly from the Region 7/9 Forum and the second from the committee chair. The Region 7/9 recommendation adds additional time for members to qualify for the pre-2016 SR/WA Program. Wayne Larson moved and Anna Rausch seconded a motion to extend the date to complete the qualifying 64 course credit units and extend the date to apply for the Pre-2016 SR/WA Program to December 31, 2016. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Then Brad Thomas, SR/WA moved and Brian Taylor seconded a motion to eliminate the 5-year course credit unit expiration, along with the RWA.RWP & SR/WA levels 5-year completion period requirement in the new Industry Certification Program. Following discussion the motion failed by a vote of 13-1.

**Other Business:** President Goss asked for other business, which generated feedback on the spring forum format, IRWA's governance structure and Industry Seminar success.

**Next Meeting Date:** President Goss then reminded members that the International Governing Council will next meet in Nashville on Friday June 10, 2016.

**Adjourn:** With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm PST.

*Minutes reviewed and approved by IRWA International Secretary, Aimie Mims, SR/WA for presentation at the next regular meeting of the International Governing Council.*

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Signature

Date