



**International Governing Council
Meeting Minutes**
Thursday January 14, 2016
Videoconference

Welcome and Call to Order: President Wayne Goss, SR/WA called the meeting to order at 9:03am PST, welcoming International Governing Council members to the meeting.

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 moved that the minutes from the November 2015 International Governing Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

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
Mark Rieck - EVP
Janet Parks, SR/WA, R1 Chair
Ana Rausch, SR/WA, R2 Chair
Lou Ann Dollar, SR/WA, R3 Chair
Phyllis Lilly, SR/WA, R4 Chair
Brad Krabel, SR/WA, R5 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:

Daniel Stekol, VP – Field Operations
Tim Drennan, Manager Field Operations
Jaime Rose Mathews, Manager Field Operations
Fred Nasri, Chief Financial Officer
Barbara Billitzer, VP – Publisher, Editor-in-Chief

Guests:

Doug Hummel
Brian Chossek
Darin Gibson

Purpose Driven Associations: IRWA consultant Brian Chossek provided a presentation on purpose driven associations, noting they have the potential to grow, retain members and inspire participants to share the higher purpose of the organization. IGC members discussed how we integrate "The Why" into IRWA meetings and activities as we introduce IRWA's higher calling to our membership.

Currently "The Why" is defined as a set of actions designed:

- >To share quality standards and ethics throughout the industry and around the globe.
- >To represent the project, the landowner and oftentimes the taxpayer, making certain that people are treated fairly, equitably and uniformly while completing projects on time and on budget.
- >To enhance the quality of lives in the communities we work in, with better and more accessible transportation, energy and utilities systems.

The why becomes a very powerful motivator when we stand back and look at the larger picture—the role of infrastructure projects and the professionals who bring them to completion. Clean water keeps people healthy. Secure pipelines keep people safe. Reliable power allows developing countries to run a second shift in a manufacturing plant and do surgery when people need it. Telecommunications connect loved ones, business partners and service providers to help families and communities thrive. Building a Better World –Together takes on real meaning when we focus on the why.

Action and Discussion Items: President Goss called on Treasurer Jeff Jones, SR/WA to present an action report from the Finance Committee. Jeff then introduced Darin Gibson, President of Burnham Gibson Wealth Advisors, INC. to present an overview of the firm and present an Investment Policy Statement that will support the IGC's desire to increase the investment returns on IRWA reserves, currently invested primarily in CDs. Mr. Gibson noted that the Finance Committee had opted for a conservative investment model that will yield stronger results with low to moderate risk, in keeping with the industry standard for a non-profit organization. Jeff Jones moved and Jerry Colburn, SR/WA seconded a motion to accept the Investment Policy Statement as presented and initiate a new investment program in due time. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the International Governing Council.

Next Wayne Goss called on President-Elect Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA to present the actions of the Bylaws Review Group, chaired by Stewart Anderson, SR/WA. Mary Anne reported that the review group is currently focused on four key areas, Membership Categories, seeking to reduce the number of categories; International Affiliates, with a goal of providing representation with voice but no vote for those chapters not currently represented by a region; EVP title change to match other international associations and Advisory Council, to provide voice to all Advisory Council Members with a 5-10 year limit on voting rights. The Review Group will continue its work and present these initial resolutions at upcoming region forums for feedback.

Other Business: EVP Mark Rieck shared that work continues to provide a new IRWA Member Network product for membership that will be easier to use, for sharing information and posting chapter documents. He also noted that the January issue of Right of Way Magazine will for the first time carry an international theme. Mark ended with an education update announcing that IRWA's Instructor Development Program, The CLIMB (Communication Skills, Content Knowledge, Leadership, Instruction & Methods and Behaviors) will be conducted at the end of January and a new IRWA offering from OR Colan Training, Non-Residential Special Payments would be rolled out in January as well.

Next Meeting Date: President Goss shared that the next meeting of the IGC will take place via videoconference on March 3, 2016 where members review and approve a fiscal 2017 budget proposal for region review, along with proposed bylaw resolutions.

Adjourn: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:49am.

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

Aimie L. Mims

3/22/2016

Signature

Date