



## **International Governing Council Meeting Minutes**

September 26, 2015

Marina del Rey, California, USA

### **Attendance:**

#### **IGC Members:**

Wayne Goss, SR/WA – President  
Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA – President-Elect  
Jerry Colburn, SR/WA – Vice President  
Aimie Mims, SR/WA – Secretary  
Eric Finn, Esq. – General Counsel  
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

Absent: Jeff Jones, SR/WA - Treasurer

#### **Staff:**

Mark Rieck – EVP  
Daniel Stekol – VP – Field Operations  
Barbara Billitzer – VP – Publisher, Editor-in-Chief

#### **Guests:**

Joe Currie, SR/WA, R1 Vice Chair  
Teri Morgan, SR/WA, R2 Vice Chair  
Doug Hummel, SR/WA, R4 Vice Chair  
Stewart Anderson, SR/WA R10 Vice Chair  
Piet-Nel De Vos, President, IRWA Chapter 83  
Rakhshan Mazarei – Controller & Personnel Manager  
Tim Drennan – Manager – Field Operations

**Welcome and Call to Order:** President Wayne Goss, SR/WA welcomed IGC members, staff and guests and called the meeting to order at 8:05am PST.

**Roll Call and Approval of Minutes:** Secretary Aimie Mims, SR/WA acknowledged all members of the IEC and IGC as present, with the exception of Jeff Jones, SR/WA, International Treasurer.

Aimie Mims moved to accept the minutes of the Saturday June 13, 2015 IGC Meeting as presented. Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Liaison and Committee Assignments:** President Goss provided an overview of the 2015-2016 IEC assignments document, as assigned annually by the president.

**Finance Action Items:** Standing in for Treasurer, Jeff Jones, SR/WA, Finance Committee member, Aimie Mims presented overview of the current year budget with the Key Measures for June and July.

Secretary Mims then presented IRWA Community of Practice project budget requests and made the motion that that the IGC fund the Relocation Planning Tool, and Survey and Engineering Legal Descriptions projects as presented, and the Valuation Corridor Textbook Project request on the condition of signing a contract with the Appraisal Institute, for a total expenditure of up to \$11,100. Jerry Colburn seconded the motion. Phyllis Lilly, SR/WA and Brad Thomas, SR/WA abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

David Finkle of Mann, Weitz & Associates, our audit partner, presented the fiscal year 2014-2015 IRWA Audit, noting that the Association continues to make excellent progress against its goals and objectives while reducing administrative travel and adding to reserves. Following Ms. Finkle's presentation, a motion to accept the audit was made by Wayne Larsen, SR/WA, seconded by Brad Thomas, SR/WA. The motion carried with 14 in favor, 1 absent, and none opposed.

**Committee and Work Group Action Items:** Vice President, Jerry Colburn, SR/WA presented an overview of IRWA Association Priorities. Jerry Colburn then made a motion to approve Association Priorities for implementation this fiscal year. Janet Parks, SR/WA seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention.

Executive Vice President, Mark Rieck provided an Education Update on the CLIMB IRWA Instructor Training Workshop and the Partnership for Infrastructure Professional Education Instructor Recertification Requirement. Wayne Larsen, SR/WA made the motion to make effective October 1, 2015, the IRWA CLIMB as the requirement for Instructor Recertification and to retire C219 as a prerequisite and recertification product for instructor development. Sharon Slauenwhite, SR/WA seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 in favor, 1 absent, and 0 against.

Bylaws Working Group Chair, Stewart Anderson, SR/WA provided an update on progress to address our Association bylaws. The work group is working on updating the membership section of the bylaws and plan to bring a recommendation forward to the IRWA Board of Directors next June. Additionally the group would like to address the Advisory Council and a change of title for the EVP at that time. The recommendation was made for the Bylaws Work Group to continue to work on the membership categories and provide an update at the next IGC meeting.

IRWA General Counsel and International Ethics Group trustee, Eric Finn, Esq. provided a report on progress toward a global initiative to adopt a common set of ethics when dealing with real estate transactions, noting that the IRWA, with its current ethics and standards is a pacesetter in this area. So far, over 50 organizations have joined the group and work continues on identifying a comprehensive set of standards.

**Global Pricing Model Discussion:** Mark Rieck made a presentation on Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), an economic theory that estimates the amount of adjustment needed on the exchange rate between countries in order for the exchange to be equivalent to each currency's purchasing power. IRWA members in countries with less PPP find themselves paying more for IRWA membership, education, and credentials than high PPP countries.

IGC members had a mixed reaction to the concept that membership dues and professional development costs should reflect fairness and make the Association more accessible to all infrastructure project professionals around the globe. Mark will work with the IRWA Mexico Chapter 85 in a pilot effort to grow that chapter's membership and encourage IRWA professional development in that country.

**Region Alignment for Chapter Support:** President-Elect, Mary Anne Marr, SR/WA facilitated a series of small group activities designed to gather input on how to focus our chapters, regions, and the IGC on outcomes that drive member value and industry relevance in real terms like membership growth, professional development, and engaging meetings and events at the chapter and region levels. The IGC and guests also discussed how IRWA's structure might best support those efforts, going forward.

**Region Forum Meeting Preparation:** VP, Field Operations, Daniel Stekol conducted a session with Region Chairs to create a suggested Region Forum agenda template in advance of our nine region forums planned for this fall. The focus of the fall forums is geared to orient and prepare our chapters for a year of success.

**Other Business:** Brian Taylor, SR/WA reported that he had chaired a group looking at the efficacy of IRWA sanctions for non-complying chapters as it relates to IRS issues and shared that the group does not recommend any changes to the original listing of sanctions at this time.

**Next Meeting Date:** President Goss noted the IGC will be meeting more often this year by videoconference, in order to manage our growing Association and the next meeting of the IGC will be with IRWA Leadership in October on a date to be determined.

**Adjourn:** With no further business, Sean Sampson, SR/WA moved and Brad Thomas, SR/WA seconded a motion to adjourn at 4:39pm PST. The motion carried.

*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 Mims \_\_\_\_\_ 12 | 7 | 2015  
Signature Date