CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES- June 11, 2025

At 12:00 PM, the meeting was called to order on June 11, 2025. Roll call was held, and a quorum was established. The following members were in attendance: Andrea Olden, Kerry Travilla, Wendi McAleese, Sarah Boggs, Barbara Strouse, Katherine Lopez, Adam Raad, Jonathan Kasper, Rachel Parker, Pamela Taylor, Emily Bower, Huchani Dodd.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: motion to approved by Andrea Olden, seconded by Jonathan Kasper

Treasurer's Report: Andrea Olden read Treasure's Report, subject to monthly reporting with HQ:

- Current Balance: $43,564.14
- Pending some expenses for International and conference
- Motion to approve report pending final reports Thursday 6/12/25: Adam Raad motioned, Jonathan Kasper seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Chapter Business:

2025 Annual Conference – June 1-4, Virginia Beach, VA

- Several chapter members and board members attended.
- Sarah Boggs won national Young Professional of the Year
- Florence Greene was awarded the legacy award for Region 6
- AGS and AAG were finalists for Employer of the Year under / over 20 employees.
- Chapter 26 was finalist for Social Media of the Year Award
- Be sure to ask your employers about attending future conferences.

Discussion to Bid on hosting 2030 International Conference

- Need to form a committee to host
  - Volunteers
    - Wendi McAleese
    - Andrea Olden
    - Ashley Horton
    - Pamela Taylor
    - Barbara Strouse

        - Victoria Bucher
- Best location needs to be Tampa with large convention center, many local attractions.
- Deadline to bid sometime early 2026.
- Motion to approve to be coming at a future board meeting.

2025 Chapter 26 Symposium – September 3-5

- Drury Hotel/Orlando
- September 3-5
- Budget of $15,467
- Motion made to approve fee of $175 for conference attendance, unanimously approved.
- Two Happy Hour Events with a budget of $500
    - Bus Networking Crawl – 2 bids received
        - Small World estimate was approximately half the other vendor – approximately $700
        - Estimated charge of $20 per person, max 50 people on bus.
- Speakers - Looking for a total of 6 speakers.
    - Currently 3 with Wendi as backup.
        - Jonathan to ask Duke to speak
        - Barbara asking Florida native specialist from Gulfport (Kathy S?)
            - Runs Gabber Magazine
            - Cost is $500 as a guest speaker
                - Barbara made a motion to approve the $500
                - Andrea / Jonathan
                - Unanimously passed
                - Andrea to ask AAG for Sponsorship once sponsor levels are determined.
    - Should provide hotel room for speakers. Barbara may be able to donate room.
- Sponsors – same sponsorship levels as last year
    - Pivotal has committed to being a bronze sponsorship.
- Florence has committed to hosting the class (213) if another instructor doesn't work out.

2025 Annual Meeting Recap

- Wendi to remain President
- Adam to remain VP
- Andrea to remain treasurer
- Ashley Horton to take over as Secretary
- Everyone on the Board / Chairs / Committee needs to fill out the Conflict of Interest form ASAP.
    - May need to wait until July 1 to make it count.

Region 6 Fall Forum

- September 25th – Symposium & Shrimp Boil
- September 26th - Forum
- Orange Beach Alabama
- Need to vote on budget for Fall Forum for Directors in July meeting

Region 6 Spring Forum

- To be hosted by Chapter 22

Nominations and Elections Committee

- Election complete with no issues, new officers have been sworn in.

Social & Events Committee

- Meeting for S&E on 6/12/25 – to discuss upcoming happy hour(s).
    - Tampa Happy Hour at Bahama Breeze Rocky Pointe
    - To charge for non-members?
        - Not this one, guests are ok.
    - Chapter to purchase appetizers
        - Andrea made a motion to approve summer happy hour at this location with no guest charge, motion seconded, unanimously approved.
- Andrea noted Home State Brewing charged $500 and didn't provide a private space or any real table service, maybe not to use for future events or discuss that feedback with them if we want to use them again.

Membership Committee

- 3 new members
    - Total members now 208
- 5 Chip Chips available to spend
    - 3 Chips – to be used to reimburse Victoria for conference.

Professional Development Committee

- Pam Taylor recertified RAC
- Florene Green recertified SRWA and RAC
- More recertifications in progress.

Website/Communications Committee

- Linked in followers now 1200 (+24)

Young Professional Committee

- No update - Working on Disney Springs Splitsville event for Symposium – need to wait until 60 days out to book

Education Committee

- Course 900 went well 6/9-6/10, 8 participants

Closing Comments

- Adam was selected for the Region Global Education Initiative Scholarship
- Huchani's daughter also won a scholarship which was announced at the 2025 International Conference

Minutes drafted by:

Andrea Olden

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IRWA Chapter 26 Treasurer

Approved By:

Wendi McAleese

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