



MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2021

Amy Griffin, President Irwa53.org Tim Solinski, Vice President
Deanna Miglio, SR/WA, Treasurer Meghan Bayer, Secretary

CHAPTER 53 MEETING – January 8, 2021 12:00PM

Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

CALL TO ORDER: President Amy Griffin called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

PRESENT/INTRODUCTIONS: President: Amy Griffin, Secretary: Meghan Bayer, John Tekin, Chris Basista, Monica Rodriguez, Amanda Velarde, Celicia Villegas, Ernie Franzoy, Alan Benham, Barry Phillips, Joann Blair, Catherine Duarte, David Vielma, Michelle Gaillour, and Art Sanchez.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ernie Franzoy moved to approve the January 8, 2021 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Monica Rodriguez. Unanimous in favor.

APPROVAL MEETING MINUTES: Ernie Franzoy moved to approve the November 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Chris Basista. Unanimous in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Treasurer– Deanna Miglio, SR/WA was absent. Amy Griffin gave the report.
 - The Chapter’s balance is currently \$14,098.01.
 - The Chapter has approximately an additional \$1,000.00 to deposit.
- Membership – Marisa Trujillo was absent. Amy Griffin gave the report.
 - The Chapter has sent out a survey and encourages everyone to take it and provide feedback to the Chapter. We would like to receive people’s input to see how we can improve. There is a chance to win one of two gift cards as an incentive for responding to the survey.
- Education – Meghan Bayer
 - Amy Griffin gave a report on what was discussed at the executive committee meeting.
 - We will resume in-person classes in fall 2021 and will be starting with one of the 900 classes. Tim Solinski will be teaching the class for the Chapter.

- Professional Development - Deanna Miglio SR/WA
 - Congratulations to all members who have achieved certifications!
 - Cicilia Villegas obtained her SR/WA Designation
 - Catherine Duarte obtained her SR/WA Designation
 - Amy Griffin, passed her SR/WA Exam
 - Monica Rodriguez, passed her SR/WA Exam
 - Tim Solinski, passed his SR/WA Exam

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

- Spring Forum
 - The Spring Forum was originally planned to be held in Colorado at the end of March 2021. The Region Chair asked each chapter for feedback about holding the forum in person. The spring forum will be held virtually.
- National Education Conference – Ernie Franzoy
 - Ernie reported that IRWA HQ will be sending information to all members at the end of January. There will be some modifications to the format this year although we don't know all of the details yet. It is scheduled to be held in San Antonio, TX.
- Nominations for Member of the Year
 - Monica will be sending a google survey to nominate the Member of the Year. We need responses quickly because the Chapter needs to submit the Member of the Year by February.
- We will submit Chapter 53's website for the small chapter website award. Monica Rodriguez regularly maintains the website and has done a fabulous job. Great job and thank you, Monica!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Amy Griffin made an announcement about the upcoming speaker for March.
 - March 12, 2021 meeting professional development topic: NEPA Process and Overview presented by Allison Getty, Tierra Right of Way Services.
- Monica Rodriguez asked that if anyone is interested in speaking at an upcoming meeting to please contact her.
- Ernie Franzoy, the Chapter's nominations and election foreman, discussed the need for some new blood in leadership. Ernie made a plea for nominations and asked everyone to consider becoming involved. Ernie is taking nominations right now. Amy Griffin also encouraged everyone to consider volunteering.

ADJOURN:

Ernie Franzoy moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Art Sanchez. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 AM.