

**COLONIAL REGION 4
FALL FORUM CROMWELL, CT
OCTOBER 7, 2017 MINUTES**

Chair Craig Curtis, SR/WA called the Colonial Region 4 Forum to order at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 7, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel Cromwell, Ct. the members pledged allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence for those who had passed away since we last met.

The Chair welcomed all and noted that an attendance roster was being circulated.

The Chair recognized past region chairs Joseph S. Bottino, SR/WA, Ken Davis, SR/WA, Shelby J. Hicks, SR/WA, Rick Pino, RW/AC, Gordon Gibson, SR/WA and Lara T. Bailey, SR/WA. The Chair introduced and welcomed first-time attendees and guests.

The Secretary called the roll of Chapters and the Chapters Responded:

| | Members | Guests | Youths |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|
| Pennsylvania Chapter 9 | 3 | 4 | |
| Potomac Chapter 14 | 5 | 0 | |
| Garden State Chapter 15 | 1 | 0 | |
| New England Chapter 16 | 5 | 0 | |
| Empire Chapter 18 | 4 | 0 | |
| Connecticut Chapter 23 | 3 | 2 | |
| Old Dominion Chapter 52 | 2 | 0 | |
| Delmarva Chapter 56 | 3 | 2 | |
| Total | <hr/> 26 | <hr/> 8 | |
| Grand Total | 34 Attendees | | |

The Chair recognized the region forum host Chair Ken Goldberg who welcomed the attendees to the forum and reviewed housekeeping items for the day.

The Chair addressed the Region that since the Caucus in Anchorage the Region has experienced a change in leadership as last year's Region Chair Doug Hummel, SR/WA resigned this past July and he assumed the Region Chair position. His moving forward left the Region Vice Chair vacant and needed to be filled. Under the International Bylaws, "the vacancy of the RVC position shall be filled by the IEC upon the recommendation by the Region." Therefore I recommended Ida Parrett, SR/WA, R/C-NAC, R/C-RAC to fill the role as Region 4 Vice Chair for the 2017-2018 term. The Chair recognized Ida to speak on her credentials to fill the position of RVC. The Chair called upon Lara Bailey, SR/WA to administer the oath of office to Ida.

The Chair advised the Region that with Ida becoming RVC it left the position of INEC Region Representative empty. He advised the Region he appointed Patty Quinn to fill the position.

At the Region 4 Caucus at Conference the minutes of the Spring Forum 2017 were unable to be approved, as there was revisions that needed to be done prior to approval. These revisions have been made and the final minutes have been distributed. He called upon Region Secretary Joseph S. Bottino, SR/WA to review the changes, after his review he polled the body if there were any further corrections to the minutes of the Region Spring Forum Minutes held in Baltimore, MD on March 31, 2017 that were distributed. Hearing none he requested a motion be made to accept the minutes, motion made by Chapter 52 President Dave Arnold seconded by Chapter 9 President Matt Kulpa, SR/WA and so voted and passed.

Region Treasurer Joseph S. Bottino, SR/WA, reviewed the treasury report of October 6, 2017 and polled the body if there were any questions to the report. A motion then was made by Chapter 52 President Dave Arnold to accept the treasury report of October 6, 2017 motion seconded by Chapter 9 President Matt Kulpa, SR/WA and so voted and passed.

Chair Craig Curtis SR/WA reviewed items from the IGC meeting of September 15, 2017. He advised that an independent auditor had completed a review of the IRWA books. HQ was updating the Website and it should be released in about 6 months. The following promotions have taken place at HQ Daniel Stekol, Sr. VP International Relations, Tim Drennan, Director of Field Operations, Jamie Rose Mathews, Manager of Field Operations. Member Revenue was discussed struggling Chapters/Member based vs. Course based revenue. The following was voted on and approved by the IGC. Chapters would be asked to participate – not mandatory. Eligible Chapters would be able to focus on membership growth \$10/Retained Member; 20/New Member. To alleviate the burden of holding classes HQ would take over putting on courses, Chapters would not receive any revenue from courses held. Question by Chapter 15 President Leigh Rutter, when will this be available to the Chapters, Chair said it is available immediately. The Chair advised the group a new consultant has been retained Strategic Thinking with Glenn Tecker, Chair has the results President Dave Arnold requested the Chair to furnish the Chapter Presidents a copy of the results. The consultant will look at what we will look like in 10 years. They will look at the climate today and 10 years from today, future trends, key drivers of change, etc. The IRWA has been awarded special consultant status with the United Nations.

The Chair spoke on our responsibility as Leaders and Leader Styles. He spoke on Higher Purpose, it drives us as individuals. It elevates us into being the best we can be in our lives and professions. The IRWA's Higher Purpose is to improve the quality of life through infrastructure. The Region broke into groups to discuss our purpose, core values and mission.

The Chair recognized RVP Ida she up-dated the Region on her attendance at the RVP meeting on 9/23/17 in Chicago. RVP Ida spoke on the new 40 – 40 Scholarship program offered through RWIEF and IRWA, you take a class, pass it, and you get reimbursed the Region is guaranteed two per region. Please contact Ida for more info on the program. She advised all there is a scam going around to Chapter Presidents and Treasurers having

the Chapter write a check to cover a phony bill. Ida informed the group of HQs Education Winter Incentive Program. RVP Ida reviewed the course break-even sheet on IRWA Web Site. She mentioned that Facilitators fees are negotiable, course coordinators must recertify every two years.

The Chair recognized Rick Pino, Board Member of the Education Foundation who he mentioned that the IRWA Yellow Book appraisal course was 25 o/o more than the Institutes course.

The Chair called upon Patty Quinn to review the up-coming Spring Region Elections, she advised the Region please submit candidates no later that February 1, 2018.

The chair reviewed the future forum calendar.

Future Region Forum

Spring 2018 - Philadelphia Chapter 9

Fall 2018 – New England Chapter 16

Spring 2019– New Jersey Chapter 15

Fall 2019 Virginia Chapter 52

Spring 2020 Delmarva Chapter 56

Adjourn – Motion made Chapter 52 President Dave Arnold and seconded by Chapter 15 President Leigh Rutter so moved. Meeting adjourned at 4 PM.

Attest, Secretary

Joseph S. Bottino, SR/WA