

IRWA REGION 2 CAUCUS

2007 Sacramento International Conference

June 18, 2007 – 7:00 A.M.
Hyatt Regency Hotel
+/- 35 members in attendance

Region Chair Randy Williams, SRWA, called the meeting to order and welcomed all Region 2 members to the Caucus.

Dave Neil from Chapter 21 in West Virginia gave a short presentation about their bid to host the 2012 conference in Charleston, West Virginia.

Region Secretary Steve Beck, SR/WA performed a roll call of each chapter in the Region and all chapters except Chapter 35 had a representative in attendance. He then passed out the 2007 Winter Forum Minutes. A motion was made by Lori Keeter to approve the minutes, Allen Wagers seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Bill Milton, a representative for the IRWA Education Foundation, thanked Region 2 for all their support. Randy Williams pointed out that Region 2 donated \$21,000 to the US Education Foundation and \$1,000 to the Canadian Foundation this year.

Jim Struble visited about amendments to the By-Laws. One in particular deals with the INEC. He read the amendment out loud to the group.

"WHEREAS International Executive Committee has made a motion to clarify responsibilities of INEC;

AND WHEREAS the existing By-Laws are vague in describing the role of the INEC as they do not address the evaluation that INEC have been carrying out with regard to the existing IEC members for the past many years;

AND WHEREAS INEC have continued to have the responsibility of evaluating the performance of the existing IEC which included and continues to include recommending the position that each existing IEC member should hold within IEC by determining whether the existing IEC member should advance; remain in their current position or whether some other recommendation would be beneficial to the performance of the IEC Committee as a whole;

AND WHEREAS INEC is the only Committee receiving, reviewing and making recommendations based on the confidential information it solicits and receives from Chapters, Regions, International Committee Chairs and IEC members that allows a performance appraisal of this nature to be conducted;

AND WHEREAS INEC FEEL it is extremely important that this Committee be allowed to continue this process of evaluating and recommending the positions for the existing IEC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article V, Section 2 of the Association By-Laws be amended as follows:

Section 5. Nomination and Election of Officers

Nominations by the International Elections and Awards Committee: The Committee will qualify all nominations for vacant IEC positions and evaluate and make recommendations with regard to the existing IEC members with regard to their nominations.

The Committee shall submit a report to the International President, with a copy to the International Secretary, containing the names of all the qualified persons for all vacant positions; and recommend the names of the persons for the positions that the existing IEC members have submitted nominations for in conjunction with any other nominations for these same positions, except those of International President, Region Chairs and Region Vice Chairs, not less than forty days prior to the date of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors provided, however, that in the event that the International President Elect has assumed the office of the International President, as a result of a vacancy in that office, a nominee for the office of International President shall also be named in said report."

Jim basically stated that the IEC doesn't want a slate of officers presented by the INEC as the IEC feels that anyone qualified for the IEC should be able to run for it. The IEC also wants the evaluation of the IEC members to be done by the Region officers.

Duncan Bush visited with the group about their bid to hold the Annual Conference in Anaheim, California in 2012.

Representatives from the Seattle chapter gave a short presentation about their bid to hold the Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington in 2012. They also noted that they were giving free gifts at their booth to sway support.

Steve Benson reported the INEC's position on the amendment dealing with the slate of officers and evaluations of IEC members. He stated that the IEC is already evaluated by the Region officers as the INEC sends a form to the officers asking for their comments/evaluations of the IEC members. There was a lot of discussion among the members of Region 2 about presenting a slate of officers. Steve Benson said if nothing else, it would be best to table the amendment until both sides could discuss the matter further.

Randy Williams stated the dates for the Region 2 Seminar in College Station are August 1st – 3rd. There are still a couple of chapters that need to get their speakers bios and information to Housman by the end of June.

Dan Wright stated he has a course calendar if anyone needs it. He also said the issues with TALCB were resolved. Dan said everything is running smoothly at the moment. He also stated that it is getting harder to get credit for luncheon seminars. Randy Williams said that last year the region spent approximately \$4,700 for providers, while this year that figure should only be about \$1,500. It all has to do with when the course needs renewal. He also said that courses

need to be submitted 45 days ahead of time for approval and luncheon courses must be a minimum of 2 hours. Randy said that we get \$500 from International for audio visual needs. We are going to use that money and purchase our own audio visual equipment for \$700. Steve Beck will keep the equipment in College Station as the annual seminar is held there.

Wayne Goss talked about the Rio Grande satellite chapter. He stated it was moving along slowly. The goal is to get the application on the IEC agenda in September.

Randy Williams said the Winter Forum will be held in Austin next year. There will be no class the day before the meeting. Steve Beck stated that the date for Winter Forum is January 24th & 25th, 2008.

Randy and Wayne talked about the joint effort between the Arkansas and North Louisiana chapters putting on a course last fall. The course was a success. Randy stated that the region is trying to help smaller chapters wanting to hold courses. Course 200 will be held in Lubbock, Texas this year by the Midland chapter.

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Randy told the voting directors to think about the 4 cities wanting to host the 2012 conference. He said to think about what facilities each host city has in place.

Juan Zaragosa talked about the bylaws change. He stated the IEC doesn't feel the INEC needs the burden of making a slate of officers. He also didn't want to burden the INEC with evaluating IEC members. He said we should let the region chairs do it. He also stated that a new resolution would do away with charging members that join in the last ¼ of the year pro-rata dues. He stated that this resolution was necessary because of timing issues involved with invoicing the dues. David Blakeney asked if the IEC had gone to other non-profit organizations to see how they evaluate officers. He said this would be a "best practice" approach. Juan replied that the approach in the bylaw change made the most sense. He also said that November 1st was the deadline for applying for the IEC. Steve Benson stated that the INEC looked at other non-profit organizations and they found that those organizations have a nominating committee that presents the slate of officers. There was much more debate between the members about which way was best.

Randy Williams stated that he would like to run for the IEC next year and asked for Region 2 support.....we said "Go For It". He then asked for any additional items of new business and there being none, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Steve Beck, SR/WA
Region Secretary