



## Sierra Nevada IRWA Chapter 46

### Membership Meeting Minutes –October 15, 2008

President Dana Abney called the meeting to order at 12:10.

Minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2008 were seconded and approved with minor revisions.

#### **Introduction of Guests:**

Guests included John Bear, Marty Bibi, James Hilton, Rhonda Bennet, Eileen Hobbs, Joe Castaneda, Daryl Saylor and speaker Paul Urban.

#### **Treasurers Report:**

Vice President Kelly Hirning read the treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer Patti Espin (absent). The current balance in the CD is \$1,563.49, and in the checking account \$2,908.14.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Education. Classes offered include #502, Business Relocation ,January 15 and 16, 2009; (likely to have a date change); #100 (in progress); and #220, Cultural Awareness, December 3 and 4, at TMWA.

Returned class books will have a return fee for those in excess of the minimum.

Membership. No new members.

Newsletter. The chapter website has been paid for and renewed until 2010.

#### **Old Business**

Carolyn Carrica, Heather Edmunson and Dana Abney discussed the Fall forum, held in Hawaii on October 4. The Hawaii location was strategic in maintaining direct contact with the few IRWA members there. Meetings costs were defrayed by several chapters and member companies. Region realignment was a major topic of discussion.

#### **New Business**

The Online Learning center provides Skillsoft recertification credits. Opportunities will be evaluated at end of year by International. The courses should be less expensive and much easier to take. The chapter gets a nice piece of the fees for each class taken. More details will be available in November.

President Dana Abney called for active involvement by committee chairs, including articles in the newsletter, and reports on new trends and/or projects related to the committee focus.

President Dana Abney called for the support of a charity over Thanksgiving and Christmas, suggesting the Childrens Cabinet, which was approved. Patty Paulson volunteered to organize this effort.

#### **Raffle/Drawing**

Daryl Saylor won the wine raffle. Carol Buonanoma's name was drawn for the membership raffle. Carol not being present, the drawing increases to \$30 for November.

**Speaker**

VP Kelly Hirning introduced the speaker, Paul Urban, PE, Project Manager of the Truckee River Flood Project. Paul described the history of flooding in the Truckee Meadows by the Truckee River, and the magnitude of flood damage. Washoe County has led the multi-agency, interdisciplinary effort to alter the Truckee River channel, change land use planning around the river, improve upstream floodwater storage, acquire funding and involve the community in the design and planning to mitigate the size and impact of future flooding.

President Dana Abney adjourned the meeting at 1:20.

Respectfully submitted,

John Dyer, Secretary