

**IRWA BADGER CHAPTER 17**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter General Meeting  
December 8, 2022  
Concourse Hotel, Madison, WI

**Call to Order**

Michelle Somers called the meeting to order at 9:04.

Annual sponsors: We Energies, Coleman Engineering, Ayres, MSA, Dairyland Power, TerraVenture Advisors

Meeting Sponsors: TerraVenture Advisors and Compass Land Consultants

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Jeff Olson led the pledge of allegiance.

**Induction of Officers -**

- President-Elect – Jeff Olson, Compass Land Consultants

**Treasurer's Report – Laura Heier**

- i) **Statement Balances as of 11/30/2022**
- (1) **Checking Account – \$26,539.91**
- (2) **Money Market Account - \$16,564.73**

**New Members – Michelle Somers, SR/WA**

- Guest introductions

**President's Report – Michelle Somers, SR/WA**

- **Region 5 Fall Forum**
  - Held in Detroit, MI October 7 & 8, 2022
  - IRWA filed a Brief of Amicus Curiae on NC Ct of Appeals Case, Sanders v. NCDOT.
    - (a) Region 5 was opposed to this action. It could potentially create issues for appraisers who need to remain independent and work with both Agencies and private property owners.
  - Chapter 17 has the greatest number of members who certifications or SRWA designation in Region 5.
    - (a) 40 members hold SRWA designation
    - (b) Roughly a dozen members hold certifications, RWA, RWP, RW-NAC
  - Spring Region Forum April 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>
    - (a) French Lick, IN
    - (b) RR Symposium Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Fall Forum 2023 – West Virginia
  - Spring 2024 – WI – Location TBD
- **IRWA Education Conference – Denver, CO – June 25-28, 2023**
  - Public Agency Day, Monday June 26, 2023
  - Reimbursement for Chapter members
- **Leader's Light the Way 2.0 Memorial Scholarship**
  - 1 - \$2,500 Scholarship available to each Chapter
    - (a) Member for at least 2 years
    - (b) Write a 300 word or less essay answering 3 questions
    - (c) Used within 2 years from June 1, 2023

- (d) Apply visit [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org) click on “Leaders Light the Way 2.0 Memorial Scholarship”
- Application deadline is March 1, 2023
- **Membership Renewals**
  - 5% NET membership growth = 3 free memberships and 1 conference registration.
  - 10% NET membership growth = 3 free memberships, 2 conference registrations and a \$500 travel voucher.
  - 90% member retention = 1 free conference registration.
- **IGC Meeting February 24 & 25, 2023, Milwaukee WI**
  - Chapter meeting will be in conjunction with IGC meeting on Feb 23 & 24
- **Chapter meetings**
  - 2 meetings a year

**Professional Development Committee – Michelle Somers, SR/WA/Beth Smith, SR/WA**

**Education Committee- Michelle Somers, SR/WA**

**Survey Committee – Jake Braun, PLS**

**Meeting/Chapter Programs (Jeff Olson & Jenny Frese, SR/WA)**

- December Meeting:
  - 10-11 am – Felipe Avila - GIS Coordinator for the Wisconsin Historical Society
  - 11-12 pm – Greg Hicks – WDNR Chief Review Appraiser
  - 1-2 pm – Andrew J. Lawton – Prescriptive Easements: Overhead to Underground. Attorney Lawton is with Coyne, Schultz, Becker & Bauer in Madison. A recent decision by the Wisconsin Supreme Court effectively cements judicial interpretation of the Statute and precedent in a clear and meaningful way.
- February 23 & 24, 2023 – Milwaukee

**Other Chapter News/Announcements**

- **Passing of Carol Croft**
  - Donation to RWIEF in her honor

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**Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 by Michelle Somers, SR/WA**