

Dear IRWA Chapter 19 Members,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 season of IRWA. I hope you all had a wonderful summer with your family and friends. It is with great enthusiasm that we begin a new year with our IRWA Chapter 19 community. As we emerge from the days of this pandemic, we do so with great excitement that life shall return to normal, while acknowledging how our professional and personal lives have changed since the early days of 2020.

While we have faced great challenges over the past many months, we have managed to come out stronger and more resilient than most of us thought we ever could. One of those challenges has been learning to use all the virtual tools thrown at us. One such tool has been the utilization of chapter websites. Over the summer we finally updated our Chapter website and it has now gone live. Our goal will be to keep the site updated with the latest industry news and events happening within the IRWA, as well as in our own communities. We feel this will be a valuable resource going forward. Please check out the website at <u>IRWA Chapter 19</u>. If you have any ideas or thoughts on how we can improve our chapter or the website, please reach out and let us know.

This year, Chapter 19 is hosting the Region 7 Fall Forum that will be held at the Northern Quest Casino on October 7th and 8th, 2021. All members are welcome to attend and you will find more information along with the registration form on our Chapter website. We will be hosting an evening social event on October 7th, with location and time to follow. If you are interested in attending the Fall Forum or the social event and want any additional information, please reach out to myself or karen.phillips@avista.com.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor of being your 2021-2022 Chapter President. I am excited and hopeful for this coming year. If you want to be more involved with your chapter, please reach out, we would love to have you join us.

Best Regards,

Teresa Weaver, SR/WA, RW-RAC Chapter 19 President