

Dear IRWA Chapter 4 members,

I hope my latest message finds you all well and healthy, and at least enjoying some of this beautiful weather we've been having. I have been taking advantage of cheap child labor, finally getting the back deck cleaned up and stained; teens love this sort of thing, so much character building! And to help keep things interesting, as if times aren't interesting enough, we adopted a puppy. Fittingly, her name is Rona....

As you all know at this point, much of our spring programming has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our favorite Tulalip meeting has been postponed, if not cancelled until next April and our May program is cancelled as well. We are hopeful that the June officer installment cruise will happen as planned; however, things change on a daily basis and we'll just have to wait and see what happens. A Zoom officer installment, while tantalizing, just doesn't quite have the same flavor as cruising around Lake Union, enjoying a cocktail and mingling with friends and colleagues.

Speaking of officer installment, please keep your eyes out for e-blasts over the next couple of months, as we will be coordinating electronic voting of the 2020-2021 chapter officers. You should have all received information about those running for the various board positions; their bios and photos are located on the chapter website. From this date, there will be a 30 day period to nominate someone else for one of the positions. Once this 30-day period ends, no additional nominations will be accepted. Those nominated persons will be placed on a ballot, and all IRWA Chapter 4 members in good standing will receive an email with a link to a survey (in this case, a ballot) to cast your vote for each of the board positions. Once the ballots are counted, the 2020-2021 Chapter 4 officers will be announced on the Chapter 4 website.

The Tacoma Rainiers baseball game scheduled for May 31 has not been cancelled as of this message, and we will be monitoring things closely. Again, hard to say at this point.

IRWA just sent out information on several virtual classes being offered in April and May. Take advantage of this opportunity; maybe you have a little downtime, maybe your kids are driving you nuts, maybe you need CE! No matter the reason, check it out, there may be a class available that would not ordinarily be available virtually. Class information and how to register will be on the Chapter 4 website. Or if you have any questions, you can contact our Education Chair, Andrew Sorba, at [asorba@appraisalgroupnw.com](mailto:asorba@appraisalgroupnw.com).

Everyone stay safe out there, enjoy your Zoom happy hours with friends and family, and may the warm weather stay!

Your President,

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