

IRWA Chapter 4 President's Message



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your IRWA Chapter 4 President. I look forward representing our Chapter for this upcoming 2021-22 session, working with the elected officers on the Board and interacting with the chapter members. First, let me thank Jesse Ray for his outstanding leadership over the last year and for the upcoming support he will be providing me and the chapter as I navigate this new role. He did a fantastic job so these will be big shoes to fill. The Presidency for me came a little earlier than expected but none the less I am ready for the challenge.

The last year has been one for the record books. We all adjusted to a new way of living, working, and socializing. I never imagined when working on the Continuity of Operations Plan for my prior employer that our reality only a few years later would be a Worldwide pandemic where we would be struggling to figure out alternative ways to work and live. We used to think we had to show up to the office to work and

had to navigate congested roadways to get to meetings. We now have a new reality, that of home offices, virtual meetings, and business mullets. We learned a few new phrases “your muted” and “I can’t hear you” and learned some enjoy working from home and others cannot wait to get back to the office. As a chapter we even learned how to do a virtual Holiday party with an ugly sweater contest.

My goals for the year, as your President, include reestablishing in-person meetings as soon as feasible, increasing chapter membership, and focusing on increased member involvement. I look forward to great networking opportunities and getting back to some memorable social events. Speaking of member involvement, we have some key roles that need to be filled as soon as possible and I am hoping that several of you will step up and volunteer. The following chapter positions need to be filled:

- President Elect - (Chapter to hold Special Election to elect President Elect)
- Website/Communications Committee Chair
- Nominations, Elections, and Special Awards Chair (NESA)
- Social events

We cannot do this alone and need your support. Together, with your help, we can make this a great year. Please feel free to reach out to me or any of the Board members at any time if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. I look forward to working with you and getting to know everyone a little better over the next year.

Again – thank you for this opportunity!

Your Chapter 4 President – Dianna Nausley-McKeon