

IRAA Meeting Notes – April 13, 2015

Attendance – Michael Storey, Renee Robbins, Christina Boyce, Nicole Holm, Willis Pope, April Milanowski, Warren Jackson

1. Past President by-law addition
 - a. Micheal Storey proposed that a position be added to the board – a non-voting, advising role of a past president.
 - b. After much discussion, we are going to look into other alumni association's by-laws and discuss further on Facebook.
2. Who's running for board in June
 - a. Willis & Warren are unsure
 - b. Nicole & April are running – positions undecided
 - c. Potential members that might run – Nali
 - d. You don't have to be present to vote or run
3. IRAA brick
 - a. Member Jenn Braden proposed on Facebook that IRAA should purchase a brick for HQ.
 - b. Bricks are \$100
 - c. Michael Storey will be taking donations towards the brick up until the June convention
4. June Convention
 - a. Members planning on attending – Mike, Kevin Braden, Ali, Christina, Warren, Willis, Renee. Nicole will be in on Saturday. April is unsure. Adam (assumed yes)
 - b. Alumni events
 - i. We decided to wait on the schedule from the region before making too many plans
 - ii. We will start a thread on Facebook to discuss ideas.
 - iii. Possibly a Sunday afternoon event
 - c. Service Project
 - i. It was proposed that we do a food drive for a service project.
 - ii. We could offer \$5 discount on IRAA membership
 - iii. Nicole will develop a flyer to send to advisors from district reps.
5. Contacting Advisors
 - a. South – Warren heard back from JALC, Shawnee, IL central, SWIC-Belleville
 - b. Central – April heard back from Heartland, Lakeland, John Wood
 - c. North – Willis heard back from Kishwaukee, McHenry, Wabonsee (forward to chapter officers), Sauk Valley
 - d. NE - ??
 - e. Next email should be about graduating members and directing them to join IRAA (Renee was going to draft an email??)
6. HST Hangouts

- a. Invite MAA & CVP Megan Lovins
 - b. **Nicole** will create a Facebook event
7. HST Jeopardy
 - a. Susan was requesting a time frame needed for this. Roughly 3 hours.
 - b. We need to promote at June.
 - c. **Renee** will put a form on the website & a page with all the details on the website as well.
8. Satellite Socials
 - a. We decided to push off the wine tasting event until May 14th. **Nicole** will update the Facebook event page.
 - b. July 11th – Six Flags social
9. Committee updates
 - a. (I apologize – I have no idea what my notes mean that I wrote down for this section.)
 - b. I did write that Barbara Wolf would be willing to help...
10. Rising Star Membership
 - a. See Renee’s email regarding the rising start membership details. In short, chapters will have to nominate an active “rising star” members when they graduate and IRAA will select a new alumnus that will get their membership waived.
 - b. **Renee** will have a blog post about this and add it to IL Regional page
 - c. **Michael** will ask Susan to include the nomination info to the advisors with the regional convention info.
11. IRAA Blog schedule
 - a. Warren
 - b. Willis
 - c. Nicole
12. Monthly Newsletter
 - a. **Michael & Christina** will start working on the monthly/bi-monthly newsletter for members.
13. Membership forms
 - a. **Michael** is going to follow up on getting a PayPal account set up.
 - b. **Renee** will talk to PNC about possibly having new members send money and form straight to bank and forward us the membership form.
 - c. **Renee** will look into setting up a fillable membership form for IRAA (& HST Jeopardy) for the website.
14. Next meeting
 - a. **Renee** will send out a Doodle link to determine the next meeting – the week of May 9th?
15. NerdNation recap
 - a. Potential New members
 - i. Handed out several forms to members/advisors
 - ii. Only got 2 back
 - b. Regional meeting
 - i. Still need RO for NE & Central

- ii. Only 171 members from IL in attendance
- iii. VPs district events
 - 1. Central – April 30 Disc golfing
 - 2. North – April 23 DeKalb Park for kick ball tournament
 - 3. NE – May 5 Game Night at Malcolm X school
 - 4. South – not announced (will be in Harrisburg)
- iv. June convention – June 3-5 – Prairie State, Chicago Heights, IL
- v. October IHI/LC – Oct 7-9 – McHenry County college
- c. Alumni Meeting
 - i. Alumni will be under chapter development and not the foundation going forward. Mia Ramos-Shirley will be over alumni.
 - ii. HQ has sincere interest in keeping alumni active and engaged.
- d. Awards night recap
 - i. Dist college admin award – Moraine Valley CC
 - ii. Dist chapter member – Elgin Cc & John A Logan CC
 - iii. Dist chapter officer team – Moraine Valley & Elgin
 - iv. Top 100 chapters – Parkland & Kishwaukee
 - v. Dist HIA – Parkland
 - vi. Dist CP – Parkland
 - vii. Beta Alpha Continued Excellence – Parkland
 - viii. Five star chapters – 17
 - ix. Four star chapters – 8
 - x. Three star chapters – 3
 - xi. Two star chapters – 2
 - xii. One star chapters - 21