

Kathie:

The points you made at the Spring Forum and in the editorial in your chapter newsletter are insightful and well-articulated. Thanks for taking the time to research this.

Bill

William Larsen
IRWA Chapter 1

Thanks for stirring the pot.....I sure hope it does some good! Hope to see you in Calgary....

Best regards,

Doc
Chapter 35 Past President (several times)
Chapter 35 President-Elect
Region 2
(Michael L. "Doc" Weathers)

I commend you on the endeavor you took to fight through all of the glowing accolades about how rosy a picture the \$ for the upcoming IRWA budget year. I agree with everything you said. I think what disturbs me most is that HQ has taken a bigger chunk of the Chapters monies from putting on classes AND they have put the core and essential classes on-line, further reducing the incomes of the Chapters. This is the primary source of income to send our International Delegates to the Education Forum each year. When you look at what it costs to go to Calgary, its a super hit to the Chapters bank accounts. Also, the HQ gets the super majority of the dues that each member pays.

Joseph Freeman, SR/WA
President, Chapter 44

Hello Kathie,

First, thank you for your thoughtful letter to IEC. You took the time to analyze the budget and asked the questions that many of us wondered about, but for many reasons didn't.

What raise...I work for a government agency and many employees are not only concerned about their jobs, but possible furloughs!

Thank you for forwarding the responses you received to all the leadership.

If nothing else, IEC is now fully aware that IRWA members are looking at the budget.

Thanks again, Maybe I'll see you in Calgary. ☺

[Anonymous – prefers not to be identified]

Kathie, thank you for taking the time to provide this much needed analysis on the proposed budget of our organization. I agree with you 100% that we need a budget that provides realistic figures on projected income (not the wishful thinking that is evident in the current projections). The budget deficit that we face in the State of Arizona only took a year to create but the consequences will last many years. It would be a shame if our organization was not responsible enough to take corrective actions now. Thanks and keep us updated,
George

George Cardieri
President, Chapter 73

Hi Kathie:

I'm a member of Chapter 51 in Arkansas. I extend my thanks to you for your effort to state your opinion and ask questions. I think you should be persistent and until your questions are answered, keep asking. I also think you should continue to present your opinion and make it available to others.

I have asked questions and made comments to members of the IEC in the past and some of the comments returned seemed critical, maybe harsh. I understand membership to the IEC is voluntary and requires much effort, time and energy from its members but, I expect professional responses from our members chosen to lead the IRWA.

Please don't end your effort. If I can personally assist you with a contribution or gift to help your resources for this effort, please advise.

When I think of what you're doing I think of two quotes from the movie The American President:

- A. A.J. MacInerney: The President doesn't answer to you Lewis!
Lewis Rothschild: Oh, yes he does A.J. I'm a citizen, this is my President. And in this country it is not only permissible to question our leaders it's our responsibility!
- B. Lewis Rothschild: You have a deeper love of this country than any man I've ever known. And I want to know what it says to you that in the past seven weeks, 59% of Americans have begun to question your patriotism.
President Andrew Shepherd: Look, if the people want to listen to-...
Lewis Rothschild: They don't have a choice! Bob Rumson is the only one doing the talking! People want leadership, Mr. President, and in the absence of genuine leadership, they'll listen to anyone who steps up to the microphone. They want leadership. They're so thirsty for it they'll crawl through the desert toward a mirage, and when they discover there's no water, they'll drink the sand.

I will be in Calgary and I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely yours,

David

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