



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Directors

PO Box 44722, Phoenix, AZ 85064

DATE: June 18, 2026

TIME: 11:30 AM

The meeting was conducted on Zoom with options for public participation.

Some items may be taken out of order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

JoAnn Holland, President
Adelaida Severson, Vice President (11:34 AM)
Lisa Hartsock, Secretary
Lauren Chazal (left 12:30 PM)
Shannon Clancy
Mary Mitchell (11:53 AM)
Heather Rausch
Mindy Weinstein
Carey Chambers
Vanecia Kerr

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT PRESENT

Heather May

MEMBERS ABSENT

Hershey Khan

GUEST PRESENT

None

1. President's Call to Order and Roll Call

President JoAnn Holland called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:31 AM. Secretary Lisa Hartsock conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

2. Items from Guests Present

No guests present.

3. Approval of Minutes from April Board Meeting

President JoAnn Holland called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2026, board meeting.

Carey Chambers motioned to approve the minutes from April 16, 2026, board meeting; seconded by Lauren Chazal.

President JoAnn Holland declared the motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Carey Chambers presented the June 2026 and YTD financial reports

Carey reported that of the \$77,700 expense budget, \$31,509 has been spent, leaving \$46,190 available for the remainder of the year. She also noted that Leadership Fellows expenses initially

paid from the general account have been reimbursed by the mentorship fund—the designated source for Fellows program costs—ensuring proper allocation of resources.

Additionally, the 2024 audit is in its final stages. The auditor has recently requested supplemental documentation, which is currently being compiled and will be submitted shortly—this is the last step before the audit report is finalized.

Separately, the Forum has filed a claim under the Discover Card merchant settlement. If approved, the claim will result in a cash payment to The Forum.

BOARD QUESTIONS | COMMENTS

In response to a question, Carey explained the Discover Card merchant settlement, including the 2007–2023 eligibility window for organizations that accepted the cards and the fact that any payment is contingent on approval of the claim.

5. Program Chair's Report

Program Chair Lauren Chazal presented the program report and thanked everyone who attended the recent WNBA Phoenix Mercury event in the Bell Bank suite, which members found memorable and enjoyable. Two upcoming highlights were included in today's materials.

- **Family event, Arizona Science Center:** a behind-the-scenes experience on Monday, September 28, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, including an immersive planetarium show. Inspired by last year's popular Phoenix Zoo family event, the program is designed for members and their families, with thanks to Carey Chambers for coordinating the event. Additional details will be posted to the website soon.
- **WOW 2026:** scheduled for October 23 and 24, with the theme "Wine Or Wilderness," celebrating the spirit and beauty of Arizona. Details are being finalized, with additional details will be posted to the website soon.

Lauren noted that the Forum is finalizing its third- and fourth-quarter Conversations Unplugged and Leadership Roundtables, and that the fourth-quarter community service project will partner with the Girl Scouts, Arizona Cactus-Pine Council, and Southern Arizona. The Forum is also exploring a Breakfast Roundtable and a Behind-the-Scenes event in Tucson. Lauren expressed gratitude to members who support and encourage attendance, noting that every program this year has been offered at no cost to members, with guests welcome for a nominal fee.

BOARD QUESTIONS | COMMENTS

In response to a question about timing, Lauren confirmed the Arizona Science Center event will take place from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, on Monday, September 28th.

6. Membership Chairs' Report

Membership Chair Heather Rausch reported that the second-quarter Leadership Roundtable was held on June 10, hosted by Shannon Clancy at St. Vincent de Paul, with eight members in attendance and strong feedback on conversations about navigating leadership. Additional roundtables will be scheduled and announced soon.

The Membership Committee reviewed the 2026 nominations—three submitted through the legacy process and 11 through the regular process—and advanced all 14 nominees to the new member slate, which was included in the supplementary materials for this meeting.

The committee noted the slate represented strong diversity and exceptional qualifications. This slate marks a significant milestone, welcoming the Forum's first member from New River, Arizona, the return of a Native American member, and a notably younger cohort, reflecting a vibrant evolution of our community.

Motion: Heather Rausch moved to approve the 2026 new member slate of 14 nominees; seconded by Carey Chambers.

President JoAnn Holland declared the motion passed.

Heather Rausch and JoAnn Holland reviewed the next steps: the new member slate will be emailed to the membership today, with voting closing on Thursday, July 9. A vote in favor counts as "yes," a vote against as "no," and any non-vote will be counted as a "yes."

New members will receive a welcome email on Friday, July 10, which includes login instructions, details about upcoming programs, IWF global resources, billing information for prorated dues, and information about an new member welcome program which is being finalized.

BOARD QUESTIONS | COMMENTS

In response to a question, Heather Rausch confirmed that the slate of 14 is the largest new members in at least the past seven years.

7. Communications Chair's Report

Communications Co-Chair Mindy Weinstein presented the communications report. The committee completed a press release for the Leadership Fellows program and is distributing it across Arizona, including targeted outreach to Native American tribes through community-specific publications. All media outlets have been contacted and the release has already been picked up by Front Doors.

Work on the second-quarter newsletter began early, with thanks to members who contributed content, photos, and ideas. Mindy noted process improvements carried over from the first-quarter newsletter to support timely distribution, and the second-quarter edition will be released in mid-July.

BOARD QUESTIONS | COMMENTS

President JoAnn Holland thanked Mindy and the Communications Committee, noting that the first-quarter newsletter was well received and that the press releases are raising the Forum's visibility across Arizona.

8. Mission Advancement Chair's Report

Mission Advancement Chair Lauren Chazal reported growing interest in the Leadership Fellows program across Arizona, with inquiries from Sierra Vista, the Navajo Nation, and communities throughout greater Phoenix, and with members actively referring qualified candidates. Lauren

thanked JoAnn Holland for fielding many of these inquiries and the Communications Committee for strategic outreach, including a statewide news release to broaden awareness and attract a diverse applicant pool. The application deadline is July 31, with the cohort capped at 12 participants to support a personalized, high-impact experience.

BOARD QUESTIONS | COMMENTS

President JoAnn Holland noted that the Fellows initiative aligns with an IWF global effort, with forums worldwide developing similar programs, including one of the newest Forums, IWF Brazil.

9. President's Report

President JoAnn Holland reported on the following items.

- **IWF Cornerstone Conference (London):** Eight IWF Arizona members attended, including five board members. Board attendees were reminded to submit conference write-ups and photos for the second-quarter newsletter by early next week. Members shared highlights including the dine-arounds, behind-the-scenes experiences, strong programming, and meaningful connections with leaders from around the world.
- **IWF Presidents' Council update:** President Holland reviewed the Presidents' Council deck and highlighted several items.
 - o **Forum expansion:** New and developing forums continue to grow globally, with Switzerland among those going live this year. Sixty-nine Forums are currently in good standing, and IWF Arizona is in compliance.
 - o **Business model changes:** The Cornerstone Conference will be discontinued. IWF Global will introduce Stakeholders Leadership Summits (board members only, capped at 250 attendees, rotating annually, with the first one scheduled in the Bahamas in the first quarter 2027), IWF Explorers (field-based, experiential, launching next year with optional add-on experiences), an Encore curriculum program in development, and a Wellness Retreat (capped at 75 members, launching next year). The World Leadership Conference will continue.
 - o **Elly's Ladder:** To date, 483 members have committed over \$4 million in unrestricted funds, with a goal of 500 members by year-end and 10 percent membership participation which IWF Arizona meets.
 - o **Major gifts:** IWF Global Board Chair Kimberly Cooper-Jaqua donated \$250,000, joined by a gift from Global Board Director Anne Drake, and the Kerr Foundation contributed \$150,000 to Global.
- **IWF Global New Member Orientation:** Scheduled for June 24. Our new members officially join on July 10th so they will receive a recording of the orientation.
- **IWF Global Membership Chairs meeting:** Scheduled for the end of the month.
- **New member welcome event:** In development, with a format different meeting format from previous years. The program will focus on the introductions of the new members. The date, time, and location are being finalized.

- **The Finance Committee:** members are Carey Chambers, JoAnn Holland, and Adelaida Severson.
- **The Nominating Committee:** members are Carey Chambers, JoAnn Holland, Judith Leonard, and Adelaida Severson.

10. Old Business

No old business was presented.

11. New Business

No new business was presented.

12. Announcement

There is no board meeting in July. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2026, via Zoom at 11:30 AM.

13. Adjournment

President JoAnn Holland adjourned the meeting at 12:31 PM.

Submitted by:



Lisa Hartsock, Secretary