

IOWA WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Results, 1995 Director Election

In the recent election for IWOA Board Members, Eugene Frye, Joe Hansen and Larry Krotz won three year terms on the Board. Hansen and Frye were elected to second terms on the Board, and Krotz replaces Dan Fogle, who did not stand for re-election.

Summary, September 1995 Board Meeting

The IWOA Board of Directors met at Waverly, IA, September 29, 1995

New Director Larry Krotz was introduced to the group. Present were Directors Frye, Grau, Hansen, Krotz, Manning, Mensinger, Murphy, Ritter and Winfrey.

Secretary Frye reported that the current number of paid-up members was 304, a gain of 19 over that of this time last year. The total mailing list is 358. He reported secretarial and administrative expenses of \$519.95 for the year. Newsletter expenses were \$632.96. Approximately 180 tree identification booklets have been sold so far for a net gain of approximately \$100.

Treasurer Mensinger reported that the net worth of the organization was \$6578.26, a net gain of \$212.78 over that of last year at this time.

State Fair Chairman Murphy reported on State Fair activities. Board agreed to pay \$300 for IWOA's share of the display cost.

Voted to reimburse Kevin Kelly for shipping costs associated with delivering tree seedlings to the winners of the daily drawings conducted at the State Fair. Mr. Kelly donated the trees.

Agreed to contribute \$200 to the tree memorial for victims of last summer's bombing in Oklahoma City that the late Dan Cooper, State Horticulturist, was working on at his death.

Outgoing President Hansen opened the floor for nominations for 1995-96 officers. Directors elected Gary Mensinger President, Larry Krotz Vice President, Joanne Mensinger Treasurer and Eugene Frye Secretary. Board expressed appreciation to Joe Hansen for his excellent job of leadership during his two years as President of IWOA.

There was a discussion concerning the long-term goals of IWOA. No formal action taken.

Incoming President Mensinger made the following appointments:

State Fair Coordinator - Joe Hansen
FFA Coordinator - Jim Murphy
Membership Chairman - Al Manning
1996 Annual Meeting Chairman - Larry Krotz
Legislative Committee - Joe Hansen

Agreed, with consent of President, to authorize expenditure of up to \$300 on 1995-96 membership recruitment and maintenance activities.

Manning to report at the January Board meeting on plans for the Field Day IWOA intends to sponsor in summer 1996.

Next Board meeting set for January 6, 1996 at Marion, Iowa.

Summary, 1995 Annual Meeting

The excellent physical arrangements for the meeting were made by Board Member Al Manning, who also made most of the program arrangements. The meeting was held at the Red Fox Inn, Waverly, IA September 30, 1995.

Annual Business Meeting

Outgoing President Joe Hansen opened the general membership meeting, introduced the new IWOA Officers and Board members, then turned the meeting over to Incoming President Gary Mensinger.

Secretary Frye presented his Secretary's Report for the 1994-95 administrative year.

Incoming Treasurer J. Mensinger presented the Treasurer's Report for the year.

Annual Meeting Chairman Larry Krotz solicited ideas for the 1996 Annual Meeting, which will be held in the Washington, IA area.

The site for the next IWOA-sponsored Field Day was discussed. Members were favorable to having the event at a new veneer mill in the state.

Mike Brandrup of Iowa DNR offered the Forestry Division's continuing cooperation with IWOA on educational and other matters.

Technical Program

District Forester Gary Beyer presented an update on Stewardship Plans and Cost Share Programs, along with some discussion of the economics of woodland management.

Bob Grau talked on "What Makes Quality Timber" and showed a number of slides illustrating various defects that can reduce the value of timber dramatically.

Dr. Richard Torgerson of Wartburg College presented a talk on Trusts and Investments in Timber, with emphasis on the various options for conveying woodland properties to heirs and charities in ways that minimize taxes.

Field Trip

In the afternoon, members toured the woodlands which IWOA Charter Member and Past Board Member Wesley Tellinghuisen had owned and actively managed for nearly a half century and recently conveyed to Wartburg College as a working tree farm and outdoor laboratory. This tract, with its many high-value mature walnut and other trees, and promising younger trees, demonstrates vividly the benefits of good woodland management.

Banquet

The Annual Banquet featured an interesting talk by District Forester Bob Hibbs on "The Rain Forests of Costa Rica."

Officer-Director Addresses

As an aid in contacting IWOA Officers and Directors, their addresses and phone numbers are listed below. Your Officers and Directors encourage input from members.

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Dues Will Soon Be Due!

Yes, that time is rolling around again. If your membership will expire at the end of 1995, enclosed you will find a membership renewal form. Please fill in the form completely, enclose with your check and mail to IWOA at the address indicated on the form. Dues remain at \$10 per year.

Second Annual Tree Farmer Convention

The American Forest Foundation's second annual Tree Farmer Convention, entitled "Gateway to Forestry Frontiers", will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel, St. Louis, MO November 2-4 1995. For further information, contact the American Forest Foundation, 2900 Chamblee Rd., Bldg 5, Atlanta, GA 30341, phone 404-451-7106, Fax 404-451-2976.

Yellow River Fire Tower Listed in Register

The Yellow River Fire Tower located in the Yellow River State Forest has been approved for listing in the National Historic Lookout Register of the American Resources Group. The nomination was made by William A. Farris, State Forester.

The tower was acquired from the U. S. Forest Service in the 1950's and was rebuilt on the Yellow River Forest in 1962 by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. This 100' high Aeromotor tower with a 7'X7' metal cab has the distinction of being the only fire tower in the State of Iowa. Although it is no longer actively used for fire detection, it is a well-recognized and appreciated symbol of the importance of fire protection and conservation on the state forest. The view from this tower is spectacular.

THE RED CEDAR NEWS

The RED CEDAR NEWS can be a valuable resource for those interested in culture and marketing of Red Cedar trees. The publication runs articles on managing these trees, regional market prices and other information. Present subscription cost is \$5.00 per year. For further information, contact Carol Jones, Forest Prospects, 114 Wildwood Rd., Council Bluffs, IA 51503, phone 712-323-5198

The Oklahoma Red Cedar Association is an additional source of information on Red Cedars. Dues are \$15 per year. For more information on ORA, contact Dr. Steven Anderson, Oklahoma State University, Cooperative Extension Service, 239 Agricultural Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078-0497, phone 405-744-9431.

Congressional Activity

The U. S. Congress continues to work on a number of items of legislation that can affect woodland owners.

The Endangered Species Act is up for renewal, and there is considerable contention over modifications that are being considered. Many of these are of vital interest to woodland owners.

At this time, it appears that the Capital Gains tax rate will be lowered in some manner. Estate Tax reform is also being considered to allow passing of family-owned businesses to the next generation without onerous tax liabilities which presently often force sale of a family-owned business.

Although the National Woodland Owners Association is following woodland-related legislation carefully, and is often testifying before Congress on behalf of woodland owners, each

of us should monitor the situation carefully and advise our elected legislators of our desires.

New Name for Newsletter Needed

Not only is the present title of this newsletter, "Iowa Woodland Owners Association Newsletter" uninspiring, but it is easily confused with the excellent "Woodland Owners Newsletter" issued quarterly by the Iowa State University Cooperative Extension Service and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Division of Forests and Forestry. Let's get serious about a new name. Just submit your proposed title to the Editor or any IWOA Board member. This would be a great agenda item for the scheduled January 6, 1996 Board meeting.

A winner would certainly receive suitable recognition, and, the Board willing, may even receive a prize!

The President's Corner

The IWOA Annual Meeting is the event our organization utilizes for its transition of leadership. Fortunately, past transitions have been accomplished easily because the IWOA leadership has always been dedicated to serving its members. As your incoming President, I'm enthusiastic about the opportunities and challenges facing the Iowa Woodland Owners Association. I believe the newly-elected officers and board members bring credentials to the table that will enable us to explore issues thoroughly and formulate effective recommendations for woodland owner problems.

Information dissemination will continue to be a high priority with IWOA. Whether through technical presentations and field trips, as were so effective at our recent annual meeting in Waverly, or through the published word, as our newsletter and special releases, the information flow is vitally important. Those who attend the annual meeting or our summer field day get the added bonus of exchanging ideas with fellow woodland owners. If members receive the information and service they deem useful, our association will remain strong and will grow accordingly. Each and everyone who works a wood lot has an idea to share and is willing to listen, thus the need to exchange information.

Our partnership with the Forestry Division of the Iowa DNR and ISU Extension is vitally important as we try to keep membership apprised of current forestry practices. The rapport we share with these agency personnel also enables IWOA to enlist extremely valuable resources for problem solving. These agency relationships are among the IWOA's most valuable assets.

The 1995 annual meeting was a great success thanks to Al and Betty Manning, who organized the event. Also special thanks go to Past President Joe Hansen, Past Vice President Jim Murphy and retiring Board member Dan Fogle for their dedicated service to the association. Joe and Jim continue as Board members. I also want to thank those who attended the annual meeting (many new faces) and appreciate your sharing in the event. Keep in Touch!

Gary C. Mensinger, President, IWOA