

IOWA WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Winter, 1996

Summary, January 1996 Board Meeting

The IWOA Board of Directors met at Marion, IA, January 6, 1996. Present were Directors Frye, Grau, Krotz, Manning, Mensinger, Ritter and Winfrey and Treasurer Joanne Mensinger. Also present was State Forester Bill Farris.

Secretary Frye reported that current membership is 328, which represents a gain of almost 10% over this time last year.

Treasurer J. Mensinger distributed her Treasurer's Report for the quarter.

President G. Mensinger described a communication inviting IWOA to join the fairly new Iowa Environmental Council. Board decided not to join the organization at this time, and to seek further information.

Agreed to contribute \$200 to aid in supporting seven ISU Forestry undergraduate students to attend the Seventh American Forest Congress in Washington, D.C. February 20-24, 1996.

IWOA-Sponsored Field Day 1996 Chairman Manning reported his preliminary thoughts and findings for this event. Manning directed to pick a date and set up a tour of the Bacon Veneer works near Grundy Center followed by a visit to one of the nearby tree farms.

Annual Meeting Chairman Krotz presented a number of options regarding conduct of the Annual Meeting. Board agreed on a date of September 21 with the meeting to be headquartered at the Washington West motel in Washington, IA. Board directed Krotz to pursue the arrangements and to attempt to set up a joint meeting with the Walnut Council, and to have a Forestry Field Day as part of the meeting.

Discussed the deer depredation problem. President directed to follow up on previous IWOA-DNR correspondence on the matter and to set up appropriate meetings.

Bill Farris reported on his impressions of recent legislative and regulatory activity.

Discussed updating the IWOA member recruiting brochure. No formal action taken.

President reported on the Iowa Roundtable preparation meeting for the upcoming Seventh American Forest Conference.

Frye reported on suggestions for a new name for the IWOA Newsletter. Eleven have been received in response to a plea in the Autumn, 1995 Newsletter. Secretary to send out ballots in the next Newsletter for members to vote on these names. Secretary authorized to give the winner a complimentary one-year membership extension.

Next Board meeting was set for March 30, 1996 at Marion, IA.

1996 Dues Are Overdue!

If you have not already paid your 1996 dues, a dues notice is inserted in this issue of your Newsletter. Many thanks to the 231 members who have already renewed their memberships. Remember, IWOA dues remain at only \$10 per year.

IWOA Caps Available

Very nice green caps emblazoned with the IWOA logo are now available at \$8.00 each for the summer model and \$9.00 for the winter model, shipping and handling included. To order, send a check made out to Iowa Woodland Owners Association in the proper amount to:

Joanne Mensinger, Treasurer, IWOA
415 2nd. St.
Comanche, IA 52730

Tree Identification Booklets In Stock Again

The two pocket tree identification guides, "Tree Finder" and "Winter Tree Finder" by M. T. Watts are available from IWOA once more. Thus far, members have purchased over two hundred of these useful and handy booklets. Cost is \$3.00 each postpaid. Send orders and checks made out to Iowa Woodland Owners Association to:

Iowa Woodland Owners Association
2735 14th. Ave.
Marion, IA 52302-1848

Vote on New Name for IWOA Newsletter

Twelve names were proposed for the IWOA Newsletter in response to the solicitation carried in the Autumn 1995 Newsletter. Enclosed is a pre-addressed ballot listing these names. To vote, all you have to do is to mark no more than two of the names, refold the ballot along the original fold lines, tape shut, stamp and drop in the mail. Board Member Vernon Winfrey has kindly consented to tally the results. The nominator of the winning name will be awarded a complimentary one-year membership extension. The new name is expected to be announced and to take effect with the Spring 1996 Newsletter.

Iowa Tree Farm System

IWOA encourages its woodland-owning members to apply for certification of their woodlands as an Iowa Tree Farm, a part of the American Tree Farm System sponsored by the nation's forest industries through the American Forest Foundation.

To qualify for Tree Farm status in Iowa, the following criteria must be met:

1. Be privately owned or small public ownership
2. Be managed for the growth and harvest of repeated forest crops
3. Be completely protected from grazing
4. Be adequately protected from fire, insects and disease
5. Have a minimum area of 3 acres for conifer plantations and 5 acres for hardwood stands.

After application, a professional inspecting forester examines the property, discusses its condition with the owner, and reports to the State Tree Farm Committee. If approved by the Committee, certification follows. The new tree farmer receives a certificate, a green and white Tree Farm sign to mark the property, and periodic mailings on new forest developments from the American Forest Foundation.

As of December 1995, there were 962 certified Iowa Tree Farms representing 77,627 acres. In 1995, there was a net gain of 53 tree farms holding 6,489 acres. Over 40% of IWOA members are certified Tree Farmers.

If interested in Tree Farm certification, contact your DNR District Forester or:

IOWA TREE FARM COMMITTEE
251 Bessey Hall
Iowa State University
Ames, IA 50011-1021
Phone: 515-294-1168

Upcoming Forestry Meetings

Two meetings of importance to woodland owners nationwide are scheduled for the week of February 18, 1996 at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C.

The first is the Symposium on Nonindustrial Private Forests, February 18-20, 1996. The Society of American Foresters is the principal sponsor, with the USDA Forest Service and others providing financial support. Separate sessions will cover the major topics of Education, Regulation, International Forestry, Landowner Characteristics, Taxes, Benefits from NIPF Lands, and Cost-Sharing.

For more information, contact:

Mel Baughman, University of Minnesota
Phone: 612-624-0734, FAX: 612-625-5212
E-mail: mbaughma@forestry.umn.edu

This meeting will be followed by the Seventh American Forest Conference February 20-24 at the same location. This is a grassroots effort to bring people with divergent viewpoints together. Participants will share their visions for the forest, and, through interactive sessions, will attempt to reach common ground to create policy for America's forests. See the President's Corner for a review of the Iowa Roundtable held in preparation for this meeting.

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Mr. Thomas Brady
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For more information on this meeting, contact:

Office of the Seventh American Forest Congress
205 Prospect St.
New Haven, CT 06511
Phone: 203-432-5117
E-mail: treecong@minerva.cis.yale.edu

IWOA, along with the ISU Forestry Department, the Iowa Tree Farm Committee and others are providing at least partial financial support for seven ISU Forestry students to attend and participate in this meeting.

State Forester Bill Farris is scheduled to attend these meetings, and plans to provide IWOA with summaries of them. These summaries should appear in the Spring 1996 Newsletter.

Regional Timber Price Ranges

Presented below are ranges of timber prices reported paid in Illinois for the period November 1994 to February 1995. These are stumpage prices (unfelled trees) expressed in terms of dollars per thousand board feet. The figures were extracted from a report by the Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service, P. O. Box 19283, Springfield, IL 62794-9283, dated June 1995. This report is also available on the "Gopher" service of the University of Illinois on the Internet digital communications network.

Because these are Illinois prices for nearly a year ago, caution should be exercised in attempting to apply them to this area and to this year. However, these numbers can be useful to IWOA members in evaluating timber bids for reasonableness. In general, sawtimber prices were down somewhat from last year, but veneer prices were largely unchanged.

SAWTIMBER

Species	Low	High
Ash	130	200
Basswood	50	200
Cottonwood	20	50
Elm & Hackberry	30	150
Hickory	30	50
Soft Maple	40	130
Sugar Maple	80	200
Black Oak	80	200
Red Oak	100	400
White Oak	110	300
Black Walnut	250	400

FACE VENEER

Species	Low	High
Red Oak	300	1000
White Oak	350	2000
Walnut	400	3000

COOPERAGE

Species	Low	High
White Oak	150	220

The President's Corner

It was my privilege to represent the IWOA at the Iowa Roundtable of the Seventh American Forest Congress held December 20, 1995, at the Scheman Continuing Education Center in Ames. American Forest Congresses are convened at irregular intervals to address important issues. The first American Forest Congress, in 1882, was the impetus for the conservation movement in the United States. The second in 1905 led to the establishment of the national forest system, while subsequent Congresses have addressed critical policy issues of their time. The Sixth Congress was in 1975.

The Iowa roundtable was one of over 50 roundtables that are being held around the U.S. this fall and winter. These roundtables are facilitated workshops. They each follow a structure developed by the National Office of the Forest Congress. The goals of each Roundtable are to find common ground in our vision for the forests of the next generation; to develop principles to be followed in achieving that vision; and to propose some next steps that will move us closer to this shared vision. The results of these roundtables will form the foundation for discussion at the Seventh American Forest Congress to be held during February 1996 in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the forest congress in February will be to take the output of local roundtables and forge a shared vision and a set of principles that will guide how we as a nation deal with our forests into the twenty-first century.

The following vision statement was adopted by the Iowa Roundtable and contained the inputs of the approximately 40 participants representing various statewide groups having local and regional forestry concerns.

"The enhanced and maintained forest ecosystems of the future will produce sustained benefits to meet individual and societal needs."

The vision statement was then dissected by the five facilitated sub-groups to determine the necessary principles needed in obtaining the vision. The last action taken by the group was listing first steps necessary to move individuals and organizations toward the vision. The intensive day long process stimulated a great deal of discussion of present and future demands on the forest and included definitions and implications of "sustainability", "biodiversity", and "ecosystems".

Down on my wood lot, "the enhanced and maintained forest ecosystem" implies a wealth of biodiversity, a healthy, productive, expanding forest with forest products and by-products in many categories valued by society. Sustained benefits dictate that I balance harvest and regeneration, but it might also imply that the legal avenues permit the forest to flow intact to future family managers. "Individual and societal needs" drive the forest development. Diversity in tree species will occur if industry can utilize these species profitably. The tree farmer and/or his associates may also incur benefits which help adjust the cost/benefit analysis in a non-monetary fashion. Research, product development, marketing, education, and technology are some of the necessary tools at my disposal. I'm excited by the prospects but intimidated by the challenges. It'll be interesting to see the final product and how it impacts us and the next generation.

Gary C. Mensinger, President, IWOA