

# TIMBER TALK

## Newsletter of the Iowa Woodland Owners Association

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### Summary, April 4, 1998 Board Meeting

The IWOA Board of Directors met in Marion, IA April 4, 1998. Present were Directors Frye, Hansen, Krotz, Manning, Mills and Twedt. Also present was Asst. State Forester Mike Brandrup. The meeting was called to order by President Allen Manning.

Secretary Frye reported that the current membership is 379, a gain of 14 over that of this time last year. He stated that 298 of the 300 tree identification booklets IWOA had purchased for resale at the Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference March 28 were sold, netting IWOA approximately \$350.

Treasurer Mensinger's quarterly report was distributed. The net worth of IWOA is currently \$6649.69, a decrease of \$1,491.83 from that of January 1998. This decrease is mainly due to the \$1000 contribution made to help support the Iowa Master Woodland Manager Training program and other contributions. This report did not include the proceeds of the book sales reported by Frye.

Twedt reported on his activities to prepare for IWOA's participation in the upcoming Iowa State Fair. He stated that the Iowa Christmas Tree Growers are seeking \$327.50 from IWOA for IWOA's share of the booth costs at the 1997 State Fair. Twedt and Mensinger directed to determine what is owed and pay it. Board decided to sell the Tree Identification books at the State Fair.

Membership Chairman Woodruff by letter asked that IWOA Gift Membership forms be included with the Newsletters. Frye to work on the matter.

Arrangements for the IWOA 1998 Field Day scheduled for July 17 at Bertch Cabinets Co. in Cedar Falls are in process.

Jim Murphy will be representing IWOA at the FFA Awards meeting April 17 at the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines.

Acting 1998 Annual Meeting Chairman Manning reported some progress in planning for the meeting. Board decided to hold it in the Dubuque area Sept. 5, 19 or 26, 1998, whichever works out best.

Mike Brandrup presented an analysis of the 128 responses DNR received from the approximately 400 survey forms sent out with the last Newsletter. Landowner education and training was clearly the service thought most important by respondents.

Mills presented drafts of four different versions of a possible new logo for IWOA.

Hansen suggested that IWOA consider holding its year 2000 or 2001 meeting in the Loess Hills area.

There was some discussion about raising IWOA dues from the current \$10 per year, but no action was taken.

Next Board meeting was set for 10:00am June 20, 1998 at Marion, IA.

### Mike Bevins Appointed State Horticulturist

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Dale M. Cochran announced that he had appointed Michael Bevins of Madrid, IA to serve as Iowa's new State Horticulturist. Mr. Bevins began his new duties on Monday, February 16, 1998.

"Michael Bevins has an outstanding record as both a horticulturist and a businessman," Cochran said. "I felt that he was the ideal candidate for the job."

Cochran said Bevins had extensive education in horticulture including a B.S. degree in forestry from Iowa State University, with a minor in horticulture, and experience in business management. "This combination of expertise in both production and marketing will be of great benefit to the horticultural industry in Iowa," Cochran said. "Agriculture, including horticulture, is changing rapidly, and we need to use a broad range of skills to keep up."

Bevins was formerly the Nursery Manager at Miller Nursery Co. in Johnston, IA, and was co-owner of TNT Landscaping in Ankeny.

### Experimental Sites Sought

Researchers at Iowa State University have developed a system for augmenting rose rosette disease as a biological control for multiflora rose. The system works well in open, sunlit areas, however, the disease moves very slowly in tree-shaded sites. A new system of transmitting the disease which is much less labor-intensive than the graft transmission method has been developed. It also seems to have promise as a method for use in tree-shaded sites. If you have wooded lands with multiflora rose infestations, and would be willing to allow experimentation with this new method (at no cost to you) please contact:

Dr. A. H. Epstein  
Department of Plant Pathology  
Iowa State University  
Ames, IA. 50011  
Telephone, 515 - 294 - 3807

### Professional Forestry Assistance Survey Results

Mike Brandrup, Chief, DNR Forestry Services Bureau, has summarized the responses he received from the Professional Forestry Assistance Survey mailed out with the Winter 1998 issue of TIMBER TALK. He received 127 responses from the roughly 400 mailed out to members, which is very good for a mail survey.

The DNR forestry services deemed most important to respondents were, in descending order of importance:

Landowner education and training  
Woodland management plans  
"One-on-one" on site forestry assistance information  
Tree planting and other reforestation plans.

The most important issues facing Iowa's forest resources were:

Availability of sound and timely professional forestry assistance  
Recognition of values and benefits from forest land  
Inadequate protection and management of forest resources.

The median reasonable waiting time for an on site visit with a District Forester was 2-4 weeks with 98% of the responses falling within the one week to 2 month range.

Cost share assistance was moderately to highly important to 81% of the respondents.

On site visits by a professional forester were moderately to highly important to 96% of the respondents.

Copies of the complete summary can be obtained from:

Michael E. Brandrup  
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Wallace State Office Bldg.  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
Phone 515-281-8657

### Gary Mensinger Featured in NATIONAL WOODLANDS

IWOA Immediate Past President Gary Mensinger was featured in the "And Then Some" column in the April 1998 issue of NATIONAL WOODLANDS, a publication of the National Woodland Owners Association.

This column presents profiles of woodland owners throughout the U. S. who have made significant personal commitments to private forest stewardship "and then some."

Gary's contributions to IWOA are well known to its members, as are his woodland related activities. Additionally, he is a Past President of the Clinton County Chapter of The Izaak Walton League, is a founder of the Camanche (IA) Urban Foresters, is a member of the local Tree Board, and is in his 24<sup>th</sup>. Year on the Camanche School Board, 15years as its president.

Gary's wife Joanne currently serves as IWOA Treasurer.

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## WORLD FORESTRY CENTER

An experience of a lifetime for a Woodlands junkie is to tour the World Forestry Center in the beautiful fir covered west hills of Portland, Oregon. We have been making this sojourn for 16 years and this year's visit was the very best. If you haven't been there, put it on your agenda.

Founded in 1971 as a private non-profit operation, the World Forestry Center has expanded from its original Exhibit Hall and Educational meeting facility. They have now added a Conference Facility, a World Forestry Institute and the Magness Memorial 80 acre Tree Farm in nearby Wilsonville. The purpose remains to provide a balanced perspective on global forest issues of growing importance and increasing concerns.

The building is an impressive wooden, two level, six-sided, one hundred feet diameter cedar shake roofed structure located against the backdrop of wooded hills. You enter amid the vertical wood columns into the eighty foot high open center area. There stands an impressive and giant six foot talking redwood tree whose height extends to the building top.

Permanent exhibits include the Burnett Collection of Petrified Woods, Forest stream/salmon display, Smithsonian developed tropical rainforest exhibit and the Tillamook forest burns which covered over 900 square miles.

How do Iowa and Oregon compare in Woodlands? Iowa has about half the land mass as Oregon and approximately 2.1 million acres of woodlands compared to Oregon's 21.7. Iowa has 39,000 acres devoted to tree farms compared to Oregon's 6.3 million. Private citizens in Iowa own 92% of the woodlands while in Oregon it's only 39%. The pressure on private woodland owners in Oregon due to large government ownership and environmental/social activists has reached overwhelming proportion. Countless well-funded offices by these groups line the more upscale office buildings in downtown Portland. I'm convinced its only a matter of time until Woodland owners in Iowa, probably through the guise of farming practices, will be forced by these pressures to relinquish many of their landowner management rights.

We must be active and involved in our IWOA organization to help shape a positive direction for these challenges.

Thomas A. Woodruff, Membership Chairman

## IWOA LOGO

Some have expressed an opinion that the IWOA logo (See upper left corner of this page) should be upgraded. Accordingly, Board Member Lawrence Mills has generated drafts of four different candidate logos, each of which is printed below.



Logo 1



Logo 2



Logo 3



Logo 4

Please indicate your reactions, comments or suggestions to these draft logos to either:

Lawrence F. Mills  
1104 University  
Pella, IA 50219

or

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## Iowa Forest Data Available on Internet

The USDA Forest Service has an Internet Web site which can be used to access forest data for Iowa as well as for other states. The Iowa data is that of the 1996 forest survey. A great variety of information is available at this site, which includes acreage by species and volumes for each county. This information can be useful to many of our members. The Web address is:

<http://www.srsfia.usfs.msstate.edu/scripts/ew.htm>

## The President's Corner

At our April board meeting we decided to have our annual meeting in September 1988 in or around the Dubuque Iowa area. If any IWOA members living in the Dubuque area could offer their help in chairing the meeting I would appreciate it very much. Please give me a call at 515-228-5755 if you would be willing to help.

The 1999 annual meeting is tentatively scheduled at the Iowa City/Coralville area with Tom and Doris Woodruff as chairpersons. Looking ahead to the year 2000 we have had a suggestion we look into the Loess Hills area in western Iowa-feedback on this would be appreciated.

We also discussed the problem some people have when approached by a timber buyer who is cutting trees in the area and wants to buy some timber from you because "he is in the area and can give you a better price now".

Most District Foresters cannot look at your timber on a moment's notice, for they have appointments scheduled from 2 to 6 months in advance. An alternative is to have a private contractor look at your timber and advise you what to do. Your district forester can give you a list of private consultants and probably recommend 2 or 3 that would do the job for you.

Remember that private consultants are going to charge for their services. What you gain in a timber sale that is done right will more than offset any cost that you incur.

Allen D. Manning, President, IWOA