

# TRAILER TALK

## Newsletter of the Iowa Woodland Owners Association

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### Summary, January 9, 1999 Board Meeting

The IWOA Board of Directors met at Marion, IA January 9, 1999. The meeting was called to order by President Manning with Directors Ahrens, Frye, Harmon, McClain, Manning and Ulfers present. Also present were Asst. State Forester Mike Brandrup and DNR Wildlife Depredation Biologist Jim Jansen.

Secretary Frye reported that to date, IWOA has 254 members paid up through 1999 or beyond, compared to 239 last year at this time, with 112 paid up through 1998, compared with 128 paid through 1996 last year. There are 30 people on the complimentary mailing list, for a total mail distribution of 396. Total distribution last year at this time was 390. He said that so far there have been 9 gift memberships given. He also reported that 14 out of 41 1998 Master Woodland Manager graduates had accepted a complimentary one-year membership in IWOA. Frye was directed to contact Extension Forester Paul Wray to furnish IWOA with "graduation" dates for the 1999 MWM's in order that an IWOA representative could make a pitch for IWOA and to pass out complimentary membership applications to the graduates.

Copies of Treasurer J. Mensinger's quarterly Treasurer's Report were distributed. The report shows that IWOA's current worth is \$8,494.01, an increase of \$352.49 over that of last year at this time.

Frye passed around a packet of "Thank You's" and other materials from FFA. Materials will be forwarded to Joe Hansen, who has agreed to continuing serving as IWOA's FFA contact.

Frye distributed request from Iowa State Horticultural Society for volunteers to man the All Iowa Store at the 1999 Home and Garden show in Des Moines February 17 to 21. Those interested are to fill out the form and send to ISHS.

President appointed Larry Krotz to coordinate setting up and manning an IWOA booth at the Farm Progress Show scheduled for September 28, 29 and 30 at the Amanas.

Frye was directed to obtain contact information on woodland owner associations of nearby states with the object of exchanging newsletters with them. The idea is to obtain a better feel for woodland ideas and happenings near Iowa.

Regarding a 1999 Field Day, Board agreed to explore cooperation with Iowa Tree Farm Committee to co-sponsor a Forestry Field Day as had been requested by ITFC previously. Frye to discuss at January 15 meeting of ITFC. Greg Twedt, was appointed to serve as coordinator for IWOA's efforts to set up a 1999 Field Day activity.

President appointed Board Member Greg Twedt to coordinate IWOA activities for a booth at the 1999 Iowa State Fair.

Harmon agreed to represent IWOA at future meetings of the DNR Wildlife Damage Task Force. Frye to so advise DNR.

Mike Brandrup reported on Iowa Forestry matters. State Forester Bill Farris is retiring from that post January 29, and a successor is yet to be appointed. Congress has zeroed out appropriations for the Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP) for this year, and that it will have some impact on Iowa woodland owners. Brandrup reported that the Forestry Division fully supports the NE Iowa Forestry Advisory Committee's (NIFAC) proposal for additional funding. The State Forestry Nursery has seen tremendous increase in demand, and is now completely out of shrubs, and has only limited stocks of hardwoods. He said that in the last few years planting success has improved dramatically due to improved techniques, but that the costs have gone up to several hundred dollars per acre, making cost sharing even more important.

Jim Jansen, DNR Wildlife Depredation Biologist described a number of measures that are being taken to minimize wildlife damage, and outlined the qualifications necessary to obtain deer depredation kill permits. He was urged to write up these measures and qualifications for publication in various printed media.

Authorized contribution of \$500 to Iowa Tree Farm Committee to apply toward purchase of "Biltmore Sticks" for Master Woodland Manager trainees. IWOA will again be listed as a Co-Sponsor of the MWM training program.

Declined to participate in a potential major fund raising activity with the Iowa Tree Farm Committee.

Approved creation of an IWOA lending library for forestry references. Library to be patterned after that of the Iowa Practical Farmers Association. Ahrens and Ulfers will administer the project.

Authorized purchase of 24 winter and 24 summer caps with IWOA logo on them for resale to members.

Set next Board meeting for April 10, 1999 in Marion, Iowa.

### Increased Iowa Forestry Funding Sought

The Northeast Iowa Forestry Advisory Committee (NIFAC) is requesting legislation to increase the annual budget of the IDNR Forestry Division by \$1 million for cost sharing of forestry improvement practices plus an additional \$500,000 to support staffing increases to Forestry Division for 2 foresters, 5 technicians and 1 media specialist. House File 63 has been introduced by Rep. Roger Thomas from Elkader, and a companion Senate bill is expected to be introduced by Sen. Kitty Rehberg from Rowley. Both NIFAC and IWOA are requesting that interested individuals contact their legislators on the matter. For further information contact Michael Miller, 2607 Scenic View Rd., Decorah, IA 52101, phone 319-382-9606 (O) or 319-382-0023 (R).

The IOWA Board of Directors supports this measure.

### All Iowa Store Needs Volunteers

The Iowa State Horticultural Society (of which IWOA is a constituent member) is seeking volunteers to man the All Iowa Store at the Home and Garden Show, February 17-21 in Des Moines. Each shift is from 3-1/2 to 5 hours in length. A variety of jobs ranging from stocking products to operating the cash register are available, and volunteers will receive free admission to the event. For further information contact Mary Nieland, All Iowa Store, Iowa State Horticultural Society, Wallace Bldg., Des Moines, IA, 50319, phone 515-281-5402.

### IWOA To Establish Lending Library

The IWOA Board of Directors authorized the establishment of a lending library from which members can borrow materials relating to forestry and woodland management. Board members Jim Ahrens and Jane Ulfers will organize the effort, and the library is to be located at the Ulfers residence. The library will operate in a manner similar to that of the Practical Farmers of Iowa. IWOA will pay outgoing postage and the borrower will be responsible for return of the materials. Donations of books, videotapes and other reference materials are now being accepted. Materials can be sent to Jane Ulfers, 2301 Hawthorne Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613. For further information contact Jim at 319-643-2445, e-mail jahrens@mail.coin.missouri.edu, or Jane at 319-266-4228, e-mail sailors@forbin.com.

### 1999 Dues are Overdue!

If you have already paid your 1999 dues, many thanks. If not, to renew all you have to do is to fill out the enclosed renewal form and mail to IWOA at 2735 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Marion, IA 52302-1848, along with your check made out to IWOA in the amount of \$10. The upper right corner of your mailing label shows the last year for which dues are paid.

### Prominent Foresters to Retire

State Forester William Farris and Extension Forester Dean Prestemon will be retiring shortly.

Mr. Farris will be retiring effective January 29, 1999. His office has been very helpful to IWOA, and Bill or a representative has attended and contributed to almost all IWOA events including Board meetings. A successor has not yet been appointed.

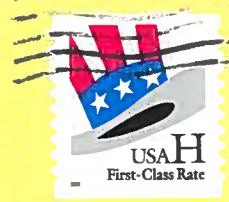
Dr. Prestemon will be concluding a phased retirement from Iowa State University this spring. He was instrumental in founding IWOA, and is well known to those interested in Iowa woodlands through his work in organizing and instructing at Master Woodland Manager training sessions and in Forestry Field Days. Until recently, he served as Chairman of the Iowa Tree Farm Committee.

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### Prominent Foresters to Retire (Cont'd)

We will miss Bill and Dean, and wish them the best in their future activities.

### 1999 Master Woodland Manager Training Programs Set

Dates for the 1999 Master Woodland Manager training programs have been set by Dr. Paul Wray, Extension Forester.

The 25<sup>th</sup>. Session of this highly successful educational program will be held in Monroe County this spring on six successive Thursdays beginning May 27 and concluding on July 1. Headquarters for the program will be the Lake Miami State Park Shelter north of Albia, IA.

The 26<sup>th</sup>. Session is currently scheduled to be held in northeast Iowa beginning on Tuesday, August 17, and finishing on September 21. This session will meet at the Gilbertson Nature Center east of Elgin.

These educational programs involve a total of 32 hours of intensive forestry instruction consisting of four 4-hour evening sessions and two 8-hour afternoon plus evening sessions. No registration fee is charged to participants, but graduates of the program are expected to contribute at least 32 hours of public service after completing the program. Anyone interested in receiving an application form for either of the 1999 sessions should contact Forestry Extension at Iowa State University, phone 515-294-1168 or e-mail phw@iastate.edu.

IWOA strongly supports the MWM training programs and is an official co-sponsor of them along with the Iowa Tree Farm Committee. Over 1/3 of IWOA members have graduated from this program. Again, IWOA will offer this year's MWM graduates one complimentary year of membership in IWOA, or for those who are already members, IWOA will extend their memberships for one year.

### Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference

The 1999 Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference has been set for Saturday, March 13 at the Sinsinawa mound Center, Sinsinawa WI just northeast of Dubuque, IA. Six different one-hour sessions covering a wide range of woodland topics will be held. The conference is sponsored by the USDA Extension Services, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services of Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, the Forestry Departments of Iowa State University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences.

Registration cost is \$35 which includes a buffet lunch. Registrations must be received by February 26, 1999, and will be limited to 650 people, on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be no walk-in registration on the day of the conference. For additional information and for registration forms, contact Mike Bolin at 217-333-2778 or Judy Stoll at 217-333-3650.

### Iowa Timber Sales, 1998

Summarized below are the ranges of timber prices paid as reported by Iowa District Foresters for 1998. These are stumpage prices (unfelled trees) expressed in terms of dollars per thousand board feet (\$/MBF). We caution that they represent only a few percent of the total Iowa timber sales for the period, and are most likely on the high side since they are

"sealed bid" sales of marked trees. These sales totaled 4481 MBF with a total sales price of \$1,489,878, for an overall average of \$332/MBF.

As explained in previous issues of TIMBER TALK, the price paid for a particular lot of trees depends upon a number of factors, including quality, ease of access and distance from markets. However, these figures can be useful in evaluating timber bids for reasonableness.

Summary, 1998 Timber Prices  
(Dollars per Thousand Board Feet)

Species Group*	Low	High	Average	Change (%)
Walnut	505	1564	989	-17
Oak, Red/White	117	818	346	-12
Oak, Mixed	99	522	328	-20
Hardwood, Tolerant	312	460	447	-2
Hardwood, Mixed	326	526	329	-28
Maple, Bottomland	173	595	316	-7
Bottomland	31	300	259	

#### \*Species Group Description:

- Walnut - >90% of sale
- Oak, Red/White - >50% of volume
- Oak, Mixed - Total Oak >50%, Red/White <50%
- Hardwood, Tolerant - Hard Maple, Basswood/Ash >50%
- Hardwood, Mixed - Upland <50% oak <50%
- Maple, Bottomland - Soft Maple >50% of total volume
- Bottomland - Typical bottomland species < 50% soft maple

The % Change is from 1997. As can be seen, these prices are noticeably lower than those of the same species groups last year.

Reported price trends for Missouri stumpage are noticeably lower than the Iowa prices presented above.

Thanks to DNR Forestry Supervisor Jerry Kemperman for the data which is summarized above.

### The President's Corner

As usual I seem to be behind. The Holiday season seemed to go so fast and then the New Year was upon us with the cold temperatures and snow. Having been in Chicago January 1 when they had 22 inches of snow made me thankful that at home I have some place to move the snow to!

IWOA's membership is continuing its slow increase, and the treasury remains sound. Our 1998 Field Day in Waterloo, our booth at the Iowa State Fair, and the Annual meeting in Dubuque were all successes. I want to thank all the officers and members for doing a great job.

I believe that in 1999 we are going to see many changes, some of which have already been seen in the new administration in the Iowa State House. The new Director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Paul Johnson, will have many challenges in his new position. IWOA wishes him the best in resolving the natural resource problems in the state.

Special thanks to IWOA Board members Jim Ahrens and Jane Ulfers for volunteering to set up and operate an IWOA lending library for woodland reference materials.

Allen D. Manning, President, IWOA