

Iowa Association of Naturalists

2001 Annual Report

Executive Committee (ExCom)

President: Steve Martin

Vice President: Ann Burns

Treasurer: Bradley Freidhof

Secretary: Patti Petersen-Keys

Workshop Coordinator: Kelly McKeown

Membership: 167 paid and honorary members

Meetings:

Spring Workshop: March 14-16, Wapsi River Environmental Education Center

Featured: Tracks and Scat, Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge, Nocturnal Imagery, Fragile Flora of Iowa, Interpretive Animal Care Round Table, Prairies for Schools, Naturalist Swap Meet, The Value of Live Animal Demonstrations is EE, Archaeological Sites in Your Area, Take a Closer Look at Your EE Program, Older Wiser Livier Seniors, Classy Weather Programs, Nahant Marsh Field Trip

Attendance: 57

Summer Outing: "Travels through Northeast Iowa" July 6-8

Fall Meeting: November 7 - No workshop was held due to the National Association of Interpreters Conference in Des Moines.

The Executive Committee met three times during the year:

February 26, 2001

July 9, 2001

October 15, 2001

Committees

Three standing committees and 12 subcommittees were in existence in 2001:

Promotions

Guide to Interpretive Services

Fundraising

Web Page

Junior Naturalist

Mentoring

Outreach Education

EE Materials in Schools

Professional Development

Standards for Internships

Professional Development

ICEC/IAN Awards

Scholarships

Joe Halbur Memorial Scholarship

Residential EE

Administrative Tasks

Twelve administrative tasks were the responsibility of the ExCom during 2000:

Archives/Records Elections

DNR Liaison Member Packets and Certificates

NAI Liaison Policy

IDOT Liaison Grant Program

Newsletter Calling Tree

Awards and Recognition Workshop Planning

2001 Highlights

IAN Web Page: IAN is now on line. The site includes upcoming workshops, IAN newsletter, history, employment opportunities and pictures. The web site is www.ianpage.20m.com

Awards Program: Iowa Association of Naturalists (IAN) and the Iowa Conservation Education Council (ICEC) presented the following Environmental Education Excellence Awards

- Aldo Leopold Environmental Education Award:
- Bohumil Shimek Environmental Educator Award:
- "Ding" Darling Environmental Education Award:
- Chris Holt Youth Environmental Education Award:
- Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program (pop. >35,000):
- Other award categories are the Sylvan Runkel Environmental Education School Award for whole-school program; the Ada Hayden Conservation Education Award for preservation, land management, or natural resource education; and the Frederic Leopold Environmental Education Award for Business, Industry, or Labor.

Junior Naturalist Program: This program continues to grow through-out the state.

Joe Halbur Scholarship: Original T-shirt designs were offered to naturalists to sell at their centers. Additional T-shirts were sold at the NIW conference. This proved to be a good fundraiser.

Newsletter: 3 newsletters were produced and distributed.

Iowa Materials Booklets: The biological series of the IAN booklets was updated. Some of the IAN books can be found on the extension website.

Professional Development: 27 people received this certification for 2000.

Standards for Professional Development: Standards have been recently changed. That information can be found on our website.

Scholarship Program: Four scholarships were awarded to IAN members to attend NIW. Those receiving scholarships include Leslie Luft, Dave Bakke, Greg Wolf, and Lori Foresman-Kirpes

REAP/CEP Grant Program: Rule changes have been made. Changes to the rules will not go into effect until fall of 2002.

National Association of Interpreters Conference: Many IAN members helped to make this huge conference run smoothly and made Iowa look fantastic. They served at workshop chairs, program chairs, committee members and volunteers.