

Iowa Association of Naturalists
2002 Annual Report

Executive Committee

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Vice President: Heidi Anderson

Treasurer: Bradley Friedhof

Secretary: Linda R.F. Zaletel

Workshop Coordinator: Kelly Sonnicksen

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Application forms were available at the November meeting. The deadline for submission was December 31. Recognition will take place at the March 2003 meeting. Twenty seven members received this certification for 2002.

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IAN Mentoring Program

A mole program was begun at the spring IAN meeting. Several members were appointed to mingle with new members and match them up with veteran naturalists. Several regional groups of IAN members now meet at mini-workshops. Veteran members can share ideas and mentor new members.

Standards for Internships

These standards were developed for the Interpretive Naturalist Interns. This publication will outline the knowledge and skills an intern should possess opportunities to develop while working as an intern, and the role of the intern's supervisors. The completed standards were available at the fall meeting.

Master Conservationist

IAN sponsored the Master Conservationist Program at a cost of \$250 with 10 workshops being proposed. The cost covered the IAN booklets provided to each participant. This program will run for two years.

Junior Naturalist Program

A new patch design of the Iowa Wild Rose is being designed and will be added to the rotation.

Joe Halbur Scholarship

The scholarship has hit the goal of \$5,000. Development of scholarship xxxx is currently in the works. IAN will be awarding scholarships off the interest from the investment soon.

Newsletter

Three newsletters were produced and distributed.

REAP/CEP Grant Program

The General Assembly met in a special session and cut \$2.8 million out of FY02 appropriations plus \$8 million in FY03. Therefore, there is no money available for distribution through the traditional REAP formula. Another change happened: the REAP-CEP board will no longer be in the Department of Education (DOE); it has been moved to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and there was no money for November REAP-CEP grant round!

IAN Web Page

The IAN web page is running fine, (www.ianpage.20m.com). The web site includes the Guide to Interpretive Services, grant applications, intern standards available to download, job announcements, and a members chat room.