



IAN Business Meeting  
Thursday March 19, 2015

NAI Ames, IA  
Quality Inn & Suites Starlite Village Conference Center

**I. Meeting was called to order by President Crayne at 5:17 PM.**

**II. Secretary's Report**

1. Minutes from meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2014 in Iowa County- Crayne (Chickasaw) notified members that the following corrections were made: the 'e' was dropped off of the name Angie due to a misspelling of the name Angi Reid in the Treasurer's Report; under 'rare sightings' in sections VII, article d., the words "dead porcupine found in Mills, Ia." were changed to 'dead porcupine found near Lake Mills, IA.'
2. There was a motion made by Karen Phelps (Benton) to approve the minutes, Seconded by Jess Wagner (Jackson), carried unanimously.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

1. Crayne read notes that he had received from Treasurer DeVos (Plymouth) regarding the March 2015 Treasurers Report. These notes informed members in attendance of reasons why the accounts were where they were based on current grants and the spring workshop being put on by NAI.
2. Jess Wagner motioned to approve the report, seconded by Karen Phelps, carried unanimously.

**IV. Committee Reports**

1. Fundraising- Mary Bulger (Lee) wanted to know that the committee could use help from additional members.
2. Junior Naturalist- Jess Wagner spoke on behalf of Diane Hall (Marshall): she reported that the wild rose and goldfinch patches are in production for the Junior Naturalist Program. More information can be found on the IAN website.
3. Scholarships- Jess Steines (Clinton) reported that the bigger budget that was made to help people get to NAI made things easier. There were 42 people that applied. The members that received scholarships will not be eligible for 2 more years for another one.
4. IAN Mentoring Program- Heather Hucka (Story) reported that there were no new mentees and that anyone interested should be in contact with her.
5. IAN Website- Cari Nicely (Henry) reported that everything has been running smoothly and appreciated everyone for giving her a good description on the location where their items needed to go.
6. Wilderness Trips- Phelps reported for Sondra Cabell (Buchanan): A teleconference was held in Spetember discussing leadership training. Nothing will take place until 2016.

## **V. Administrative Reports (3 minutes each)**

1. IACCBE Rep.- Christina Roelofs (Shelby/Audubon) reported that the 45 year anniversary for Winterfest is coming up and the Winterfest committee is looking for keynotes and are willing to spend a little bit more for the anniversary year.
2. ICEC- Phelps reported that they are looking for a new executive director due to the retirement of Linda Zaletel. It is a part-time paid position.
3. REAP-CEP- The deadline for REAP CEP is May 15, 2015.

## **VI Upcoming Workshops**

Workshop coordinator Annette Wittrock (Wapello) reported the following dates for upcoming workshops

1. Summer 2015 – Cerro Gordo County: August 12-14
2. Fall 2015 – Linn County: November 4-6
3. Summer 2015- Henry County

## **VII. Action/Discussion Items (5 minutes each)**

1. Crayne mentioned that he had received an idea from Treasurer DeVos to move excess money from the Joe Halbur Scholarship account to a 10-year CD in order to earn more interest. The Joe Halbur account currently has enough to cover 27 years. There would be enough kept in a checking account to fund the scholarship for 10 years. Fundraising efforts could go toward professional development grants or mini-grants. A motion was made by Jess Wagner to move the excess money to a CD and fundraise toward scholarships and minigrants. Following much discussion that included using 2-3 year CD's in order to have flexibility in case of interest rates going up, there was a motion made by Heather Hucka to table the motion until further information could be brought forth as far as interest rates go, seconded by Jess Wagner, carried unanimously.
2. Travelling Exhibits- Jen Meyer (Jackson) reported that the travelling Tallgrass Prairie exhibit is reserved through October, 2015. The committee has been in contact with the Iowa Museum association about possibilities of them managing the rental of the exhibit. Others ideas mentioned by members included talking to libraries, AEA's and colleges about use. Karen Phelps made a motion that organizations that previously hosted the exhibit could rent the exhibit for free, providing that they pay a \$50 refundable deposit and carry the necessary insurance to cover other damages, seconded by Chelsea Ewen (Mitchell), carried.
3. Professional Development- Miriam Patton (Palo Alto) reported awards & recognitions for the following participants: Heidi Anderson, Lyndsey Anderson, Katherine Brakeville, Ann Burns, Katie L. Cantu, Megan Cook (new), Laura DeCook, Victoria DeVos, Charlene Elyea, Chelsea Ewen, Sunday Ford, Diane Hall, Emily Herring, Rebecca Horton, Heather Hucka, Lilly Jensen (5 years), Lora Kanning, J. Dave Murcia, Cari Nicely, Michele Olson, Miriam Patton, Karen Phelps, Tina Popson, Christina Roelofs (10 years), Emily Santiago (new), Katie Struss, Sarah Subbert. There was a drawing to give away prizes to attending winners.

4. Newsletter Items- Crayne asked for any news or article ideas to be sent to him or Secretary Kelly Dix (Pottawattamie).
5. Carpooling Efficiency Award goes to Lee County for two employees travelling the longest distance of a 3 ½ hour drive.
6. Host Organization Recognition- Crayne expressed thanks on behalf of all in attendance to the IAN members that took part in organizing and working at the NAI workshop.
7. Rare Sightings- No rare sightings were reported, but there were reports of Leopard Frogs singing and sightings of killdeer and turkey vultures in parts of Iowa.

**VIII.** Phelps motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 PM, seconded by Heidi Reams (Floyd), carried unanimously.