



**IAN Business Meeting  
Thursday, March 10, 2016  
Iowa Wesleyan University  
601 N Main Street  
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641**

**I. Meeting was called to order by President Crayne at 4:30 PM.**

**II. Secretary's Report**

Jess Wagner moved to approve the minutes

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen Meyer

Motion approved

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Victoria DeVos reported that IAN spent \$288.50 and deposited \$180.

**IV. Executive Committee Reports**

**1. JR Naturalist (Diane Hall)**

Diane Pixler explained the program and patches. If you need patches fill out the form and pick up patches at the workshops. Michele Olson will be the new chair.

**2. Joe Halbur- no report**

**3. Scholarships**

Aaron Askelson reported that 2 scholarships were given for the NAI workshop in North Dakota. There is \$1,000 each year budgeted for scholarships up to \$100 per applicant.

**4. Membership- Logan Roberts (Warren County)**

Logan Roberts reported there are 115 members. Logan & Emily Herring are working on updating the IAN listserv. Matt Crayne explained the listserv. You must be a paying member to be on the listserv. Contact Emily H. to join the listserv.

**5. REAP Alliance Liaison- Logan Roberts (Warren)**

There is a REAP event on March 22, 2016 at the capital from 9AM-1PM. If attending wear blue and there will be a citizen meeting at 8:30 AM.

**6. IAN Website- Cari Nicely (Henry County)**

The IAN workshop information is always listed on the website under the newsletters. Send updates or committee reports to Cari and be specific about where the information is located on the website.

**7. IAN Mentor- Heather Hucka (Story)**

Victoria DeVos reported that ExCom and Heather have decided to expand the mentoring program and have changed it to a welcome committee. Contact Heather H for a mentor.

**8. Wilderness Trips- no report**

**9. Professional Development**

There were 27 members who received a professional development award. Victoria presented awards to those present. Requirements of the awards were explained. Contact Miriam for more information.

Heidi Anderson, Lyndsey Anderson, Aaron Askelson (new), Katie Cantu, Megan Cook, Laura DeCook, Victoria DeVos 10 years, Charlene Elyea 15 years, Chelsea Ewen, Sunday Ford 10 years, Diane Hall, Abbey Harkrader, Emily Highnam (new), Trenton Hoekstra (new), Rebecca Horton, Lilly Jensen, Jennifer Meyer, J. Dave Murcia, Cari Nicely 5 years, Michele Olson, Emily Ostrander, Karen Phelps, Christina Roelofs, Emily Santiago, Katie Struss, Sarah Subbert, and Jessica Wagner.

**10. Traveling Exhibit**

Jen Meyer said IAN is making money on the prairie exhibit. Contact Jen for the stream tables.

**11. Fundraising- Mary Bulger (Lee County)**

Mary reported that the Fall IAN auction made about \$1,600.00 New IAN t-shirts are available for \$15.

**12. Awards Committee**

Angi Reid has stepped down from chairperson.

### 2015 Awards Winners:

Bohumil Shimek Environmental Educator  
Aldo Leopold Environmental Education Award  
Outstanding Environmental Education 2 or less  
Outstanding Environmental Education 3 or more  
Chris Holt Youth Environmental Education

Julie Schnedler, Mediapolis Community School  
Larry Reis, Winneshiek County Conservation  
Marshall County Conservation  
Polk County Conservation  
eXtreme Adventures & eXtreme Kids, Louisa  
County  
Mike Meetz  
Wapsi Valley Archery Coaches, Angie Auel  
Johnson County Conservation

Outstanding Volunteer

Ding Darling Outstanding EE Program or Event  
Outstanding Interpretive Print Media Award

### 13. Workshop Coordinator's Report

Annette reported this would be her last term as chair. She is preparing a binder with schedule, call for papers, and other information for the next chairperson. Please fill out workshop evaluations with suggestions or speaker ideas. If you have something specific that needs explaining contact an ExCom member.

## V. Administrative Reports (3 minutes each)

### 1. NAI Liaison

Victoria DeVos reported the Regional NAI would be April 6-10 in North Dakota.

### 2. DNR Liaison

Barb Gigar brought top clips for fishing racks & posters. The DNR is working on a new edition of Project Wild that will be aligned to NGSS. Contact Holly Schulte for Fish IA training.

### 3. IACBB Rep.

Christina Roelofs reported the Winterfest meetings start next week, so let her know ideas for speakers. The workshop will be January 24-26, 2017.

### 4. REAP-CEP

Victoria DeVos reported that Charlene Elyea will remain as representative. REAP provides grants for educational displays.

### 5. ICEC-Linette

ICEC is interested in providing a summer workshops in each area. Let her know if you can host a workshop.

## VI. Upcoming Workshops

1. Summer 2016- Shelby County August 1-3
2. Fall 2016- Floyd November
3. Spring 2017- Plymouth
4. Summer 2017- Jackson
5. Fall 2017 – open

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

### 1. Professional Development Awards

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### 2. IAN/ICEC

Sarah Subbert will be the new chair and Christina Roelofs & Emily Ostrander will be added to the committee. Awards were presented to those present.

### 3. Newsletter Items

Matt Crayne reported the deadline for the newsletter is May 15. Submit your article, book review, grapevine news, or favorite green thing.

### 4. Carpooling Efficiency Award

Lyon County is the winner

### 5. Host County Recognition

Thank you to Henry County and Iowa Wesleyan University

## **6. Rare Sightings**

Spring time sightings: frogs, worms, ants, dead baby squirrel, and a butterfly

## **7. Workshop Committee**

ExCom is creating a workshop committee to assist in coordinating workshops, if you are interested contact Annette. Heather Ballou, Jill Schmidt, Holly Schulte, and Liz Schramm will serve on the workshop committee.

## **8. Social Media**

ExCom is creating a social media committee to review the current website, Facebook, and other social media interests. A committee of 3-5 people are needed to develop a social media policy, review current website & other websites, and propose a yearly budget. Jackie Gautsch will be the chair with Megan Cook, Amy Loving, and Logan Roberts on the committee.

## **VIII. Jess Wagner** moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:18PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie

Motion approved