



# Iowa Association of Naturalists

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## Executive Committee

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## **IAN Business Meeting-Thursday March 15, 2018 Mississippi River Eco Tourism Center- Clinton CCB**

**I. Call to order-** The meeting was called to order by President Johlas-Szalkowski at 5:01PM.

### **II. Secretary's Report-**

1. Approval of Fall Business Meeting Minutes- Michelle Berns presented the secretary's report. Jess Wagner made a motion to approve the Fall Business Meeting Minutes, seconded by Charlene Elyea, motion approved.

### **III. Treasurer's Report-**

1. Emily Ostrander presented the treasurer's report. The checking/savings total is \$38,339.03. The Joe Halbur savings is \$7,485.37. There are two certificate of deposits. A 19-month CD for \$5,039.67 and a 59-month CD for \$5,388.63. The total net is \$56,252.70. Jess Wagner made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report seconded by Charlene Elyea, motion approved.

### **IV. Committee Reports-**

1. Professional Development- Charlene Elyea presented the awards. There were 34 participants, with five new this year.

Heidi Anderson – Polk Co

Laura DeCook – Mahaska Co

Lyndsey Anderson – Black Hawk Co

Victoria DeVos – Plymouth Co

Aaron Askelson – Benton Co

Kinsey Edmonds – Nahant Marsh – new

Brianne Blom – Clay - new

Charlene Elyea – O'Brien Co

Katie Cantu – Jasper Co

Sunday Ford – Sioux Co

Megan Cook – Sac Co

Emily Herring – Marshall Co- 5

Danika Cox - Henry Co – new

Rebecca Horton - Scott Co – 5

Sarah Davelaar – new

Lilly Jensen – Winneshiek Co

Amy Loving –Nahant Marsh- new

Christina Roelofs – Shelby Co

Jen Meyer – Jackson Co

Chelsea Rowcliffe – Mitchell Co

Dave Murcia – Scott Co

Caitlin Savage – Benton Co

Cari Nicely - Henry Co

Emily Santiago

Michele Olson – Jones Co

Elizabeth Schramm

Emily Ostrander – Lyon Co

Katie Struss – Buena Vista Co

Miriam Patton – Palo Alto Co- 25

Sarah Subbert – Cedar Co

Karen Phelps – Benton Co – 15

Elizabeth Waage – Story Co

Heidi Reams – Floyd Co

Jess Wagner – Jackson Co

2. Junior Naturalists- Michele Olson- the order forms are available online.
3. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Lora Kanning reported that there are many applicants this year and the applications will be uploaded on the google drive for easier access for the committee to view.
4. IAN Scholarships- Jessica Steines reported that she is looking for recommendations for the IAN scholarships. She suggested looking at an increase of \$200.00, one per budget year, and handed out the current guidelines for the scholarships. She will bring something formal to the next meeting.
5. Membership- Victoria DeVos reported that there are 161 paid members so far for 2018, and 24 are new. If you need added to the listserv, please email her.
6. IAN Mentoring Program- Heather Hucka not present. Amy Loving mentioned the committee and if anyone was interested to contact Heather.
7. ICEC/IAN Awards- Sarah Subbert reported that there are awards that will be handed out during desert.
8. Traveling Exhibits- Karen Johlas-Szalkowski reported that there is a new exhibit that will be traveling around titled, "Hunters Lead the Way."
9. Fundraising- Mary Bulger reported over \$1,500 was raised at Fall IAN, and right now there are a few t-shirts left and she is selling the \$1.00 banners for your nametag.
10. IAN Website- Cari Nicely reported that the current website would have to be updated within the next year to 18 months as the old site will no longer function. She asked for volunteers for a committee that would help to revise the old website.
11. Social Media- Vacant- ExCom asked if anyone would be willing to help out with

the Facebook group. It was decided that social media would be included in with the website committee. Heidi Reams, Floyd County Conservation will help with Facebook as well as the website.

12. Wilderness Committee- Aaron Askelson reported that the standards were not ready to be adopted by the membership. The committee hopes to have something by Fall 2018.

13. Workshop Committee- Victoria DeVos reported for Emily Herring. There were 60 people registered for the spring workshop.

#### **V. Administrative Reports-**

1. NAI Liaison- Beth Waage is the new liaison. Beth reported that April 5<sup>th</sup> is the regional in Minnesota and they still need items for the Iowa Basket. In addition, next year, the regional will be in Stevens Point, WI on March 20-23<sup>rd</sup>.

2. DNR Liaison- no report

3. IACCBE Liaison- Christina Roelfs reported that the next conference will be the first week in February at the Coralville Marriott.

4. REAP-CEP Liaison- Charlene Elyea reported that the next round of due dates for the grant is on May 15.

5. ICEC Liaison- Alicia Vasto reported that there would be a conference in Ames on June 18 and 19, so look for details of that coming out soon.

#### **VI. Upcoming Workshops-**

1. Summer 2018- Aaron Askelson reported that this will be August 1-3<sup>rd</sup> and will be in Bremer County. Wilderness First Aid and Leave No Trace Training will be offered.

2. Fall 2018- Black Hawk County- Victoria DeVos reported this will be our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IAN, there will be swag and the dates are November 7-9<sup>th</sup>.

3. Spring 2019- Polk County

4. Summer 2019- Walking Stick Adventures, Maria Koschmeder in Iowa County.

#### **VII. Action/Discussion Items-**

1. Wilderness Committee Trip Leader Standards- Charlene Elyea made a motion to table to vote on the standards until fall 2018, seconded by Beth Waage, motion approved.

2. Website- The website committee has been chosen and members will start working on the revisions.

3. Strategic Plan- Karen Johlas-Szalkoski explained the strategic plan that was

completed at the winter ExCom meeting. The strategic plan focuses on a new website, the \$10,000 idea, a new survey of members, a new logo, and a marketing plan. The strategic plan will be posted in the google docs.

4. Annual Report- The 2017 annual report was presented to the membership by secretary Michelle Berns.

5. IAN/ICEC Awards- the awards will be presented after dinner.

6. Carpooling Efficiency Award- Lyon County (Emily Ostrander) wins the award.

7. Host County Recognition- An award certificate was presented to Clinton County Conservation Board for hosting spring 2018 IAN.

8. Rare Sightings- Long-eared owls were seen at the pre-conference fieldtrip. Lily Jensen saw red crossbills. Lora Kanning saw Rusty blackbirds on the AM bird cruise.

9. Other-

A. Lilly Jensen- ICEC is going to be launching a big trees fund; this will be in honor of those people who have been big trees in conservation.

B. Beth Waage asked if anyone was having trouble accessing the googledocs drive. If so, please email her.

C. Andrea Porter announced there is a prairie seminar June 1-3<sup>rd</sup>.

D. Mike Krebill announced that the Prairie States Mushroom Club will do programs for nature centers in the eastern part of Iowa.

**VIII. Adjourn-** Jess Wagner made a motion to adjourn at 5:52PM, seconded by Charlene Elyea, motion approved.