



# Iowa Association of Naturalists

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## Executive Committee

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## **Fall 2018 IAN Business Meeting**

**Hartman Reserve Nature Center, Black Hawk County**

**November 8, 2018 (4:30 PM)**

- 1. Call to order-** President Karen Johlas-Szalkowski called the meeting to order at 4:40.
- 2. Secretary's Report-** Michelle Berns presented the secretary's report for the business meeting minutes from March 2018. Cindy Blobaum made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Jen Meyer, motion approved.
- 3. Treasurer's Report-** Victoria DeVos presented the treasurer's report. The checking/savings total is \$39,146.98. The Joe Halbur savings is \$7,015.83. There are two certificates of deposits. A 19-month CD for \$5,047.24 and a 59-month CD for \$5,388.63. Annette Wittrock made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Jess Wagner, motion approved.
- 4. Committee Reports-**
  - A. Committee Updates and Reports-**
    - i. Professional Development- Charlene Elyea-** Applications for professional development will be accepted until December 31. The application can be found on the website.
    - ii. Junior Naturalists- Michele Olson-** Jess Wagner reported for this committee. The brochure and certificate are located on the website. You can order for next year's patches, which will be the dragonfly and the painted turtle.
    - iii. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Lora Kanning-** Last year, the committee used the google drive to view all of the applications. This worked very well and will be utilized for this year.
    - iv. IAN Scholarships- Jessica Steines-** The committee has recommended several changes this year. 1.) Increase the amount of money that the scholarship committee allots. 2.) Allow one scholarship per year instead of one per 24 months. 3.) Scholarship only applies to the registration cost, including the meals imbedded. 4.) Change the deadline to apply from 40 to 30 days and notification from 20 to 15 days.
    - v. Membership- Victoria DeVos-** 168 paid members and three honorary members.

- vi. **IAN Mentoring Program- Heather Hucka-** Karen Johlas-Szalkowski asked if there would be any volunteers for a new chair for this committee.
- vii. **ICEC/IAN Awards- Sarah Subbert-** Awards due December 1. The awards will be given out at Spring IAN.
- viii. **Traveling Exhibits Committee- Jen Meyer-** Several traveling exhibits available including Secrets of the Slough and Secrets of the Shell (Mississippi River Museum), Tallgrass Prairie (IAN), Get the Lead Out (Blank Park Zoo), and It Takes an Iowan (Silos and Smokestacks).
- ix. **Fundraising- Mary Bulger-** All of the old t-shirts have been sold. “Get to know your naturalists” sheet winners will be drawn after dinner. Silent auction ends after dinner and the Live Auction will start after dinner.
- x. **IAN Website/Social Media- Cari Nicely and Lilly Jensen/Heidi Reams-** Karen Johlas-Szalkowski gave kudos to the website committee. Let Cari Nicely or Lilly Jensen know if something needs changed. In addition, let Jackie Gautsch know if you want to be on the social media committee.
- xi. **Wilderness Trips- Aaron Askelson-** The summer IAN wilderness training workshop was a huge success! Also, all of the \$750.00 allotted for the wilderness scholarships have been given out.
- xii. **Workshop Committee- Emily Herring-** 30 attended the summer IAN wilderness training. Emily recognized the hosts for Summer IAN and Fall IAN. Dates for upcoming workshops were given. Planning is starting for the next several workshops.

## 5. Administrative Reports-

- 1. **NAI Liaison- Heather Hucka-** Karen Phelps reported that they are collecting items for the Iowa Basket for the next NAI Regional.
- 2. **DNR Liaison-** No report.
- 3. **IACCBE Rep- Christina Roelofs-** February 5-7, Winterfest will be in Coralville. Chad Pregracke and David Griffin will be the keynote speakers.
- 4. **REAP-CEP- Amy Holley-** Amy Loving reported that ICEC received a REAP-CEP grant to assess EE in Iowa and there will be a survey coming across listserv soon.
- 5. **ICEC-Alicia Vasto-** Alicia stated that along with the grant that ICEC received there would be interviews and a summit event on February 21. The focus of the winter conference would be the connection between EE and STEM.

## 6. Upcoming Workshops-

- 1. **Spring 2019-** Polk County (March 6-8, 2019) - Planning for this conference will start soon with a meeting next week.
- 2. **Summer 2019-** Walking Stick Adventures/Iowa County/ICEC (July 31- August 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**3. Fall 2019-** Hamilton County (November 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

**4. Spring 2020-** Pottawattamie County

**5. Summer 2020-** Lee County or Wilderness Committee

**6. Fall 2020-** Indian Creek Nature Center

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

**1. \$10,000 idea-** The three ideas were voted on and the NatureCorps idea was the majority of IAN membership votes. Jess Wagner made a motion to destroy the \$10,000 idea ballots, seconded by Elizabeth Schramm, motion approved.

**2. Ex-Com Voting-** Michelle Berns and Amy Loving were re-elected to serve a second term. Cindy Blobaum made a motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Jess Wagner, motion approved.

**3. Honorary Member- Mike Krebill-** Karen Phelps made a motion to elect Mike Krebill as an honorary member of IAN, seconded by Chelsea Ewen-Rowcliffe, motion approved.

**4. IAN Booklets Update-** Rebekah Beall-Warburton presented the IAN Booklet Update. Adam Janke with ISU Extension informed IAN that the original booklets need to be updated for accessibility reasons. Adam is happy to take on this project with a possible REAP-CEP grant for funding. If we go forward with this IAN would have to give the copyright to ISU. IAN and the original text and illustration authors will need to sign off on this for updates to go forward. In addition, to pursue the grant, ISU needs a letter of support from IAN. Other support from IAN would include committee work, feedback design, content, and editing. Heidi Anderson made a motion to write a letter of support from IAN to update the booklets, seconded by Beth Wagge, motion approved.

**5. Carpooling Efficiency Award-** Muscatine County, Iowa County, and Poweshiek County all rode together (five total) and received the award.

**6. Host County Recognition-** Black Hawk County was given a certificate of appreciation for hosting Fall IAN.

**7. Rare Sightings-** Deb Karwell saw a Red-footed tortoise and a Bearded Dragon running loose. Chelsea Ewen-Rowcliffe saw a new area in Mitchell County and found tons of Baltimore Checkerspot Butterflies. Jenny Meyer saw Giant Leopard Slugs at the library.

**8. Other-** None

**8. Adjourn- (5:15?)** Karen Phelps made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Elizabeth Schramm, motion approved.