



Iowa Association of Naturalists

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2025 Spring IAN Business Meeting Mahaska County Nature Center March 6th, 2025 11:30 AM



In attendance: *Frances Owen, Emily Rossiter, Amanda Stallman, Nicole Timmer, Bob Leonard, Tony Vorwald, Aaron Askelson, Allison Nodurft, Kinsey Nielsen, Emma Bruck, Angie Auel, Jenna Geatzle, Chelsea Roweclyffe, Liz Wilgenbusch, Heidi Anderson, Heidi Reams, Patricia-Petersen-Keys, Mariah Myers, Kari Sandage, Matt Crayne, Clayton Steele, Christina Roelofs, Karen Johlas-Szalkowski, Sunday Ford, Katie Struss, Lindsey Kleinhesselink, Dakota Popp, Sarah Davelaar, Katie Cantu, Amy Durbin, Hannah Lyons, Sara Runyan, Cari Nicely, John Laird, Macey Yaeger, Julia Rodewald, Katrina Moyha, Kendall Prehn, Shania Hansen, Lia Risser, Amber Carpenter, Kaitlin Steinle, Emma Jacobs, Michelle Berns, Mary Blair, Jacob Wilbourne, Luke Hart, Sarah Subbert, Lora Kanning, Hanna Meyer, Hannah Hernandez, Kelsey Longnecker, Aubrey Brown, Molly Hicks, Linette Bernard*

- I. **Call to order @12:09PM** – President Michael Maas
 - A. Introduction of Excom
 - B. Agenda approval
 1. **Motion: Matt Crayne**
 2. **Second: Tony Vorwald**
- II. **Secretary's Report** – Secretary Chloe Proffitt
 - A. Approval of the Minutes
 1. **Motion: Tony Vorwald**
 2. **Second: Patti Petersen-Keys**
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Victoria DeVos
 - A. Budget



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- B. Membership updates-**9 honorary, 193 paid for 2025**
 - C. Approve Report
 - 1. **Motion: Katie Struss**
 - 2. **Second: Aaron Askelson**
 - D. Proposed Budget
 - 1. **Motion: Karen Johlas-Szalkowski**
 - 2. **Second: Luke Hart**
- IV. **IAN Committee Reports (Approx. 3 min each) – Vice-President Bobbi Donovan**
- A. **Professional Development** - Katie Struss: **43 people filled out professional development this year, 8 first timers**
 - B. **Junior Naturalist** - Michele Olson: **2025 Stickers are available online for interested members/organizations to order from bamboostickers.com**
IAN member organizations can also order and purchase the past Iowa Junior Naturalist stickers from this website. Old Iowa Junior Naturalist patches still in stock are available to order as in the past. The Iowa Junior Naturalist Committee is in the process of redoing the Iowa Junior Naturalist record sheet/brochure and certificate and will add those to the IAN Google Drive and update the website page once completed.
 - C. **Joe Halbur Scholarship** - Lora Kanning: **Looking for a couple people to help review scholarships, got a ton of applicants this year.**
 - D. **IAN Scholarships** - Faith Hunt: **We have plenty of scholarships available to current IAN members who are needing supplemental funds to attend workshops and trainings. Scholarships are awarded up to \$150 and must be applied toward registration fees, including meals within the registration. You may apply and receive one scholarship per calendar year. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. You can find more scholarship information on the IAN website.**
 - E. **Welcoming Committee** - Brianne Blom: **Getting things ready to welcome new naturalists.**
 - F. **ICEC/IAN Awards** - Sarah Subbert: **looking for a couple people to review applications, handed out awards at winterfest and awarded some at spring IAN**
 - G. **Traveling Exhibits Committee** - Lisa Ralls: **We have not met recently, but plan to meet at the IAN Meeting in Oskaloosa. With REAP-CEP grants on hold, so is the new pollinator exhibit we had been working on.**
 - H. **Fundraising** - Emma Jacobs: **had coffee and pop available for the conference, game night at hotel**



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- I. **Wilderness Trips** - Zach Moss: **Members are currently planning & recruiting for wilderness trips for summer 2025. Destinations include Boundary Waters Wilderness (MN), Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (ID), Turkey Run State Park (IN), Yellow River State Forest (IA), Upper Iowa River (IA). We're excited to hear that Allison's request for funding to be certified as a WFA trainer has been approved! She's planning to get trained and certified mid-March 2025. We're looking forward to having a WFA trainer for IAN members to utilize in the future. We've awarded two \$200 wilderness trip scholarships to students participating in the Benton/Buchanan County trip to the Boundary Waters this summer. We may have additional applicants from around the state as the year goes on. A Winterfest presentation about Wilderness trips by the Dallas County Conservation naturalists was well-attended.**

V. **Affiliate Reports (Approx 3 minutes each)**

- A. **ICCS** - Julie Fosado:
- B. **IACCBE/Winterfest** - Christina Roelofs: **going to start planning for winterfest next year soon**
- C. **ICEC Liaison** - Tiffany Morgan: **looking for new members**
- D. **IDNR** - Christina Roelofs: **They have redone the website, wildflower walk soon, kayak/canoe schools available soon, wildlife camps, tours of places, take the tackle fishing programs**
- E. **NAI Liaison** - Heather Hucka:
- F. **REAP Alliance** - Amy Warnke:
- G. **REAP-CEP** - Victoria DeVos: **No longer a board, now a committee, huge review, no grant cycles as of yet**

Pause @ 12:40

Resumed @ 5:32

V. **Workshop Committee Report** - Workshop Coordinator Raina Genaw

- A. Host County Recognition
- B. Upcoming Workshops

- 1. Summer 2025- Aug 6-8th- Clay and Dickinson County
- 2. Fall 2025- Scott County
- 3. Spring 2026- anyone interested in hosting? **Polk CCB**
- 4. Summer 2026- anyone interested in hosting? **Cerro Gordo CCB**
- 5. Fall 2026- anyone interested in hosting? **Henry/Des Moines CCB**

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



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- A. Reminder for Group Photo - 3:45 pm
 - B. Carpooling Efficiency Award-**Butler, Mitchell, Floyd,**
 - C. Rare/Cool Sightings & Happenings- **Short Eared Owl-Tony Vorwald,**
Trumpeter Swans-Michael Maas, Great Gray Owl-Katie Struss, Light
White tailed hawk-Chelsea Rowcliffe
 - D. IAN Strategic Planning Survey Reminder
- VI. Adjourn – @5:48 PM Motion: **Matt Crayne**
Second: **Allison Nodurft**