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**2025 Fall IAN Business Meeting
Wapsi River Learning Center
November 6, 2025
12:45 PM**



In attendance: *Frances Owen, Emily Ostrander, Amanda Stallman, Tony Vorwald, Aaron Askelson, Allison Nodurft, Kinsey Nielsen, Angie Auel, Chelsea Roweclyffe, Clair Pfantz, Morgan Sauer, Heidi Reams, Sondra Cabell, Rene Stroud, Kari Sandage, Matt Crayne, Clayton Steele, Christina Roelofs, Mariah Meyers, Mike Granger, Addie Pacha, Jess Wagner, Dakota Popp, Dustin Clayton, Kari Jeffery, Hannah Edfors, Hannah Lyons, Sara Runyan, Kayla Clausen, John Laird, Macey Jurczyk, Julia Rodewald, Shania Hansen, Lia Risser, Amber Carpenter, Kaitlin Steinle, Emma Jacobs, Mary Blair, Jacob Wilbourne, Luke Hart, Sarah Subbert, Lora Kanning, Hanna Meyer, Hannah Hernandez, Aubrey Brandt, Molly Hicks, Laura DeCook*

- I. **Call to order – President Michael Maas @ 12:51 PM**
 - A. Introduction of Excom
 - B. Agenda approval
 1. **Motion: Annette Wittrock**
 2. **Second: Heidi Reams**
- II. **Secretary's Report – Secretary Chloe Proffitt**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes
 1. **Motion: Rene Stroud**
 2. **Second: Cassandra Barbosa**
- III. **Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Victoria DeVos**
 - A. Budget
 - B. Membership updates-**Victoria will help get new members get on listserv**
 - C. Approve Report
 1. **Motion: Heather Hucka**



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IV. IAN Committee Reports (Approx. 3 min each) – Vice-President Bobbi Donovan

- A. **Professional Development** - Katie Struss: **Please turn in Professional Development hours by December 31st at Midnight.**
- B. **Junior Naturalist** - Michele Olson: **We are in the process of revising the Iowa Junior Naturalist Record Sheet to make it new and fun. Next year's sticker design will feature Iowa Animal Tracks and will be available again for counties to order on demand. We continue to have patches in stock and are available for IAN members to purchase and use for the Iowa Junior Naturalist program on demand based on availability.**
- C. **Joe Halbur Scholarship** - Lora Kanning: **Both Award winners received the scholarship and were invited to the Fall IAN Conference as students.**
- D. **IAN Scholarships** - Faith Hunt: **We have \$974 left in scholarship funds for this year. These scholarships are available to all current members whose attendance would otherwise be limited due to financial restrictions.**
- E. **Welcoming Committee** - Brianne Blom: **We welcome people**
- F. **ICEC/IAN Awards** - Sarah Subbert: **Applications due Dec 1st**
- G. **Traveling Exhibits Committee** - Lisa Ralls:
- H. **Fundraising** - Emma Jacobs: **Trivia night \$5 per person**
- I. **Wilderness Trips** - Zach Moss: **We haven't met in several months, so I don't have too much pertinent info to share unfortunately. I know Nahant Marsh, Johnson, Dallas, and Benton/Buchanan Counties all led out-of-state wilderness trips this summer. There were also a couple of in-state wilderness experiences on the Upper Iowa River and at Yellow River State Forest. The Committee awarded wilderness trip scholarships to 6 kids totaling \$990 out of our budgeted \$1,000. These funds were used to offset the participation fees for kids partaking in wilderness experiences with IAN naturalists. Last I heard, Allison Nodurft was still working through the process to become certified as a Wilderness First Aid instructor through the Red Cross.**

V. Affiliate Reports (Approx 3 minutes each)

- A. **ICCS** - Julie Fosado: **Fall Conference Sept 15th-17th 2026 Benton, Jones and Linn, IWILL session tonight 5:15-6:15pm**
- B. **IACCBE/Winterfest** - Christina Roelofs: **Winterfest 2026 is January 27 to 29. Registration is out. If you have not signed up go to mycountyparks.org to do so. Keynotes this year are Chris Lee and**



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Organizational Ecologist and Billy Molls the Modern Day Mountain Man.

- C. **ICEC Liaison**- Tiffany Morgan:**Nothing new to report**
- D. **IDNR** - Christina Roelofs:**The Education, Outreach and Marketing Section is working on setting up a meeting with Adam to help the two organizations work together better (sharing info, etc), Looking for partners for Iowa Habitat Fee engagement campaign - free signage for areas that have used habitat grant money and also materials to promote the habitat fee as a stand alone purchase. Hunter's Ed workshops (new and recert) will happen at Winterfest. DNR is looking for partners for mini BOWs and Wild game/Beverage pairing events. If you are interested in hosting a mini BOW or have some good connections for a Wild Game/Beverage event please contact Rachel Alliss. The Shooting Sport Program is currently working on a deep dive and participant survey. Results to come in 2026. Two shooting range projects are in the works - renovation at Spring Run in Dickinson Co and starting Phase 2 construction at the Cody Range in Scott Co.**
- E. **NAI Liaison** - Billie Wille: **Conference in March in Fargo 2026, 2027 Minneapolis 7th-10th of April, mini swaps possibly in the future**
- F. **REAP Alliance** - Amy Warnke: **REAP Alliance met recently to discuss the changes in the biannual REAP assemblies. Traditionally this year would have been the year for REAP assemblies with congress to follow in January. They are changing it up this round. Assemblies will be held in the form of field days with opportunities to visit former REAP projects and the congress will be held next September.**
- G. **REAP-CEP** – Victoria DeVos:**Grant application is open until Nov 15th, free money for any big projects, Grants open again in Feb**

VI. Workshop Committee Report - Workshop Coordinator Raina Genaw

- A. Host County Recognition
- B. Upcoming Workshops
 - 1. Spring 2026 - Polk County March 4 - 6
 - 2. Summer 2026 - Cerro Gordo County August 12 - 14
 - 3. Fall 2026 - Henry/Des Moines County **Nov 4th-6th**
 - 4. Spring 2027 - Anyone interested?-**Harrison, Madison?**

VII. Discussion/Action Items (5 minutes each)

- A. IAN Strategic Planning Survey Reminder
- B. Reminder for Group Photo/Parks photo - 3:45 pm
- C. Carpooling Efficiency Award-**Kirkwood-10 kids in van**



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- D. Rare/Cool Sightings & Happenings- **Rattlesnake hibernaculum-Tony Vorwald, Boone County had first RPBB sighting-Kyle Neuendorf, River Otters in pond-Victoria DeVos, Pileated Woodpeckers-Sunday Ford**

VIII. Excom Elections

- A. Ballot Count - [QR Code](#)
 - a. **Hannah Hernandez-Secretary, Chloe Proffitt-Vice President**
- B. Motion to destroy ballots
 - a. **Motion: Chelsea Roweclyffe**
 - b. **Second: Angie Auel**

IX. Other

- A. Professional Standards - [QR Code](#)
- B. Joe Halbur -renaming recommendations in bucket
- C. Update about IAN Grant Program

X. Adjourn – @ 1:39 pm

Motion: Annette Wittrock

Second: Tony Vorwald