

**Annual Meeting Taskforce**  
*Conference Call Meeting Minutes*  
*Wednesday, January 28, 2015 @ 9:00 am*

**Present:**

David McCormick  
Cindy Moon  
Darrell Roegge  
Jane Brangenberg  
Marty McManus, IDOA  
Mike Rahe, IDOA  
Tom Beyers  
Judy Beyers, Auxiliary  
Van Bitner, Chairman  
Kelly Thompson  
Steve Fulling  
Gina Bean

**Absent:**

Tess Ferguson  
Kara Downin  
Sondra Baker  
Colleen Bogner  
Dale Shumaker  
Jody Christiansen  
Marie Bunting  
Roger Johnson  
Shelley Finrock  
Terry Davis

Chairman, Van Bitner, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Roll was taken and the meeting was started.

**Registration Forms:**

Gina Bean explained the reasoning behind a new registration form and the group decided to try it for the 2015 Summer Conference. Registration dates and prices were decided on and must be post marked by the following dates:

Early Registration:      April 15, 2015 – May 15, 2015      \$40  
Registration:              May 16, 2015 – June 30, 2015      \$45  
Late Registration:        July 1, 2015 – July 10, 2015      \$55  
No refunds will be given or registrations taken after July 10, 2015.

**Award Applications:**

Gina Bean read a listing of when award applications will be due. They are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Due To</u>
May 15, 2015	Teacher of the Year	District
June 1, 2015	Teacher of the Year	AISWCD
May 15, 2015	Conservation Farm Family	LUC Chairman
June 1, 2015	Conservation Farm Family	AISWCD
June 1, 2015	George McKibben Scholarship	AISWCD
June 1, 2015	Forestry Contribution Award	AISWCD
June 1, 2015	Poster Contest	AISWCD
June 1, 2015	Photo Contest	AISWCD

Dates were kept consistent in hopes that there would be less confusion on when applications and forms are due to AISWCD. Applications, forms and the due date listing will be posted to the website in February and an IL ALL email will go out stating so.

**Sessions:**

*Information Sheets* - Gina Bean has made a session information sheet she would like to get back from IDOA and ISWCDEA concerning sessions they are planning. Mike Rahe pointed out that sometimes things come up and the sheet may not be as accurate. Gina will come up with a

solution so that attendees do not get confused by the sessions listed on the registration form and what is actually presented.

*Session Ideas* – Gina Bean has contacted a gentleman to give a session on Fraud. His company, Sikich, will not charge for the session. Gina will contact him with a day and time that works best. Another suggestion that the group has been given is a session on Watersheds. Gina has contacted Joe Bybee and CPESC will not be offered at Summer Conference this year.

*Tickets* – To save time, money, and paper, the group decided to not have session tickets this year. There will be tickets for meals. Instead of session tickets, Kelly Thompson proposed a small printed card with sessions listed. The sessions an attendee chose will be marked on their card. The group liked the idea and the office staff will work out all of the details.

#### *Daily Schedule*

Kelly Thompson and Gina Bean presented a new Summer Conference schedule. Monday's sessions will be tightened up so that the evening does not run as long. Tuesday, they proposed to have sessions in the morning, lunch, and then the board meeting.

There were a couple factors that encouraged this change. Surveys keep coming in saying attendance is poor at the afternoon sessions because attendees leave right after the board meeting. By changing the order of events that day, you will have more attendance at sessions, possibly more attendance at the Soil Stewardship Luncheon, and the officers can do a nice send off to everyone after the board meeting concludes. Sessions take time to plan and speakers take time to plan their speeches. These sessions should not go unnoticed.

There was discussion, but the group overall liked the idea. Some details will be tweaked and the new proposed schedule will be presented to the AISWCD Board in March.

#### **Sunday Tour**

If a tour out of town is not a possibility, Maldenars in Springfield has a roof top garden where they grow some of their own produce and raise honey bees. This will be another option. Kelly Thompson said she will check with the Earth Stewardship Alliance to see if they would have suggestions as well.

#### **Tuesday Afternoon Activity**

The group gave suggestions on places to visit on Tuesday afternoon. This year is an anniversary year and Lincoln's Home is supposed to be decorated according to how it was when the home was in mourning. There may be a funeral train and events going on at the cemetery. Gina Bean will check on line for any anniversary activities going on around town.

#### **Logo**

The logo options were discussed and option three was chosen. It includes a photo by Molly Jacobs that won the photo contest last year in the youth category. The theme is printed in white across the top of the photo. Molly will be recognized in the program for her photo.

#### **The meeting adjourned at 9:52 am.**

*1<sup>st</sup>: Darrell Roegge*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Fulling*

*Carried: All*

*Minutes by: Gina Bean, AISWCD Administrative Coordinator*