

2018 State Convention & Annual Meeting

Minnesota Division Izaak Walton League of America

April 27-28, 2018

Audubon Center of the Northwoods

54165 Audubon Dr., Sandstone, MN 55072



Draft outline - Annual Meeting time & location of events will not change.

Friday Evening

- 6:30 Social Hour
- 7:30 Mike Schrage, Wildlife Biologist, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Resource Management Division - Moose mortality research & elk reintroduction research.
- 7:45 **First Reading of Resolutions**

Saturday Morning & Afternoon

- 8:30 Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Annual Meeting of the Corporation**
- 12:15 Lunch & Silent Auction
- 1:00 Awards Presentation
- 2:30 Northwoods & Energy Tour led by Audubon Northwoods Executive Director Bryan Woods & Conservation Program Director Don Arnosti

Look for more information in the ***Spring Waltonian***, your **Inbox** and our website at **minnesotaiques.org**.

Call for 2018 Resolutions

Hello Minnesota Ikes. It is time to begin to think about resolutions your chapter may want to submit at our annual meeting at Audubon Center of the Northwoods in Sandstone the weekend of April 27-28, 2018. Your resolutions need to be received by the resolutions committee by **March 29** (30 days in advance of the annual meeting). That deadline allows us to work with you should the Committee have any questions about wording, or factuality.

A few things to consider before submitting a resolution:

1. Check the MN Division website to see if your subject is already covered by a previous resolution. It may be that we've already addressed the issue. You may still want to submit if you believe the subject very important and that there is a need to re-resolve on the matter.
2. Be certain the subject is clearly part of the Izaak Walton League mission statement!
3. Do not send resolutions on purely local issues. Resolutions should be of state-wide, regional or national importance.
4. Be sure your resolutions are clear, are accurate, and try to keep them to one page if possible. Describe the need and purpose for the resolution, followed by a "therefore be it resolved that the Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America in Convention on April 28th, 2018"
5. Supporting information can be a submitted as an attachment that will help the committee.
6. Please include instructions on your intentions for distribution of the resolution if adopted.

Thank you in advance for submitting your resolutions. The resolution process is an important part of informing each other of your interest' and priorities. The Ikes have a tradition of timely statement on matters that are central to conservation in our state and nation. We also are known for responsible policy decisions. We clearly intend, through the resolutions process, to inform the greater community and conservation agency personnel of issues that are important to the membership of the Izaak Walton League and to influence public policy where appropriate.

Make every effort to have your chapter represented at the annual meeting to advocate for your resolution. The committee will make every effort to fairly present your resolution to the meeting, however no one can represent your thoughts and intentions quite like you can! Be present and advocate for your interest! On Friday Eve. April 27th, the first reading of the resolutions and discussion of the resolutions will take place. On Saturday April 28th, at the annual meeting, all resolutions approved for floor action by the committee will be voted up or down.

Once your chapter has approved a resolution, email that resolution to copy to ikes@minnesotaiques.org. The resolution must be in a document format that can be edited, it cannot be a PDF.

We do look forward to seeing you in Sandstone. Sincerely; Resolution Committee Chair, Ted L. Suss

AWARDS - TIME TO MAKE YOUR NOMINATIONS

Who deserves an Ike award for outstanding environmental work carried out in **2017**. **Many**. Here's your opportunity to nominate your candidates for a whole array of natural resources topics. Deadline for nominations is **March 29, 2018**.

- ❖ The Dave Zentner Minnesota Defenders Award
- ❖ The Distinguished Service Award
- ❖ The Dr. Walter Breckenridge Award.
- ❖ The Ed Franey Outdoor Writer and Conservation and Media Award.
- ❖ Sigurd F. Olson Conservation Award.
- ❖ IWLA Stewardship Awards
- ❖ Ray Haik Watershed District Award.

The Minnesota Division **award applications** are on the Division website minnesotaiques.org. National awards are on iwla.org. Please submit your list of Tobin and Defender nominations to Gary Schwartz (see below) by March 8.

Please contact the Minnesota Awards Chair, Gary Schwartz at presike1@live.com or **507-363-1710**.

HELP SUPPORT THE MINNESOTA DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Silent Auction - Items Needed!

It's time to start thinking about what you might contribute to this year's Silent Auction. Proceeds again will go to the Minnesota Division Scholarship Fund. As soon as you know what you are donating, please e-mail Cherry at presike2@live.com Then she can get the bid sheet completed before the convention. Chapters please send three items and officers at least one item. **Here is a list of suggested items:** Thrill of the Grill Basket; Spicy Specialties Basket; Day Spa Basket; Skinny Snack Attack Basket; Best-of-the-Season Beverage; Trimmer Treats; Walker's Welcome Basket; Low-Carb Creation Basket; Beach Bum Basket; Take-a-Break Basket; Cookies (2 dozen); Crocheted pieces; Wine Basket; Collectables Basket; Avon Product Basket; Wall Hangings; College-bound Bag; Nail (finger) Basket; Toy Basket; Bath Basket; Child's Basket; Pool Fun Basket; Summer Basket; Bubblers & Water Basket; Car Mania Basket; Woman's Basket; Man's Basket; Grandparent's Basket; Gardener's Basket; Grilling Basket; Picnic Basket; Business Gift certificates; Baby Basket; Cross-stitch pieces; Camping Equipment; Patriotic Basket; Italian (or other) Basket; Lounging Basket; Small Lap quilt; Youth bed sized quilt; Venison (or other) meat pack.; Service Cert.; Game Basket; Clifford Basket; Game Collection; Decorative Pillows; Jar Gifts; Homemade Bread; Craft Items; Homemade wine; Food; Wild Rice; Plants; Bat Houses; Fishing Equipment; Decoys; Bird Houses; Wood duck Houses; Bird Feeders; Books by MN authors; Woodwork items; Honey; Cert. for Guided Tours; Cert. for Boat Ride; Sports Team Memorabilia; Cert. for Cabin use; Sporting Event tickets; Small Hand Tools; ;ETC., ETC., ETC....

Hope this gets you started. If you have questions, please contact Cherry Schwartz at above e-mail address.

State Convention & Annual Meeting Registration

To ensure adequate facilities and food, please register here or online by March 27, 2018. If you are registering beyond this date, please call the Division office at (651)221-0215. THANK YOU!. Online registration is available at minnesotaiques.org

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

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Phone: _____

Email _____

I choose plan (please circle). 1 2 3 4

for _____ persons.

I am willing to share lodging with others than myself or my spouse. (please circle) YES NO

Total enclosed \$ _____

LODGING

***All lodging includes meals & registration.**

Plan 1 - Single occupancy: \$130

Plan 2 - Double occupancy \$90/person.

Plan 3 - Three or more \$75/person (see below)

Plan 4 - Meals only & Registration only: \$25.00/person

If you prefer more rustic options for lodging (camping, cabins), please contact Northwoods Audubon directly at **1-888-404-7743 ext. 107 and ask for Sarah.**

Descriptions of the facilities can be found at **audubon-center.org.**

There is also commercial lodging nearby in the Hinckley/Finlayson/Sandstone area.

Please send completed registrations and payment to:

Minnesota Division IWLA, 2233 University Avenue West, Ste. 339, Saint Paul, MN 55114.

Online registration is available at **minnesotaiques.org.**

Questions/Late RSVP or reservation? Call 651-221-0215 or email **ikes@minnesotaiques.org**. Thank You!
