



The Izaak Walton League of America

MINNESOTA

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## President's Letter - by John Crampton

A couple days after the winter board of directors meeting my doctor found I had an aneurism of my aorta. They caught it before it ruptured, so I now have 3 stents in me that I never had before. I'm lucky to be alive, and glad to be home recuperating. Thanks to all you IKEs for your kind emails and cards.

At the winter board meeting of the Minnesota Division we made a number of significant decisions:

- Established a fund-raising program for large, recurring donations called Dilg's Defenders to build a stable financial base for the Minnesota Division.
- Approved a 2017 budget to bring on Don Arnosti full time as our Conservation Director. Don has been doing excellent work for us for three years on a part time basis, and now we need to bring him on full time to lead in our conservation issues work.
- Approved a reorganization of the board of directors to better represent and give voice to conservation issues and administrative areas. We agreed to change the format of future board meetings to focus more on issue-oriented committees and less on individuals.
- Agreed to make future board meetings more accessible to all via phone and video conferencing and tightly-timed agenda. This means that members who can't attend the meetings in person can still participate and join in presentations. We will be using this same technology to reach out to Gopher Chapter members and involve them more closely in our organization.

We brainstormed ways to overcome the high cost of IKE membership, driven in part by National's decision to raise dues last July. This impacts our ability to recruit young people and families to join our chapters and our activities.

The reason for these changes is to make the IKEs a more effective organization fighting against polluters in defending soil, air, woods, waters and wildlife.



Minnesota Division President John Crampton (center) participated in a letter writing effort following a presentation from John Anderson of Conservation Minnesota held at the Minnesota Valley Chapter house. Also pictured are Apollo Lammers (top left), Sharie Bratch (bottom right) and the photographer John Rust (bottom left).

If you have been paying attention lately, it seems that hell has emptied itself of every type of polluter ever known, from the sulfide mining and fossil fuel companies, the dirty water cartel, those who want to kill net metering or abolish the EPA or the Minnesota PUC, to those who want to privatize public lands such as national monuments, national forests, wildlife refuges, and national parks.

The best place to fight this onslaught is, of course, at the grassroots, reaching on up. We will utilize professional leadership with Don Arnosti as our full time conservation director. We will employ science in forming common sense solutions such as keeping carbon in the ground and not in the air. We will form partnerships with other organizations in our fights. We will educate the public and professionals in forums such as our Watershed and Wetlands Summits (this coming Saturday March 11th at Normandale CC). And we better share and more fully utilize the tremendous expertise that exists in the members of our organization. In short, we will turn more of our potential into effective conservation work on the ground, in the water and up in the air.

Please don't give into despair. The Minnesota IKEs are tooling up to fight the polluters in strategic areas. And we will be calling on each of you to help in our fight.

# ACTION NEEDED NOW TO PROTECT THE BWCAW'S WATERSHED

by Conservation Program Director Don Arnosti

Minnesota's greatest natural resource is our water. Bird lovers know this just by looking at the list of waterfowl and shorebirds that make our clean waters their home. We know that not all our water is in good condition – with most streams and lakes in southern and western Minnesota polluted by run-off from farms and urban areas.

But our lakes “Up North” are in great shape, right? Right.

We know that excessive lakeshore development and leaky septic systems can lead to recurring cycles of algae bloom and die-off, harming fish (and the people and wildlife that eat them) and making swimming unpleasant, at the least. There are things that each of us who are stewards of a stretch of lakeshore can and should resolve on our own property: update your septic system and maintain a healthy buffer of native vegetation between any dwelling and a lake or river.

But what about our public lakes and rivers in national and state forest lands? What about Lake Superior and the Boundary Waters Wilderness?

These waters are perhaps most at risk from centuries of toxic pollution from a new form of mining, for copper and nickel. These mines (PolyMet, Twin Metals and others) would expose square miles of sulfide bearing waste rock to air and water, leaching toxic metals into our waters for centuries to come. Perhaps you heard about the recent kill of over

3000 migrating geese in the toxic waters of a similar mine in Butte, Montana?

**Action Needed Now:** Sign our petition to the US Forest Service to continue the recent effort to suspend leasing of federal minerals in the Boundary Waters watershed, while a study of potential impacts of sulfide ore mining to the wilderness is conducted. You can find our petition and other related information at [www.minnesotaiques.org](http://www.minnesotaiques.org).

Take the time to inform yourself and participate in other decisions by DNR about the PolyMet proposed mine. Be sure the Governor and state legislators are fully informed about your concern for our water!

## Register Now for the 2017 WATERSHED SUMMIT

**The Year of Water: What Is the Path Forward?**

**March 11, 2017 -**

For more information and to register go to

[minnesotaiques.org](http://minnesotaiques.org).

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## Minnesota Water Action Day!

**Wednesday, April 19th, 2017**

This is day of public action and advocacy to let lawmakers know we care about our water. This all-day event will include a rally, issue trainings and meetings with your legislators. Come for all or part of the day. To learn more and register to attend go to: [mnwateractionday.eventbrite.com](http://mnwateractionday.eventbrite.com)

## Problems Posed by PolyMet

by Rich Staffon, W. J. McCabe Chapter President

As the land exchange and permitting process for the PolyMet copper-nickel mine moves forward it appears that only legal action by environmental groups, or a drop in the price of copper can stop it. Here are eight sobering facts to consider as Minnesota moves toward approving its first precious metal mine in a sulfide-ore body:

1. Northeastern Minnesota has vast deposits of low-grade precious metal ore. Mining it will result in huge piles of waste rock. About 100 tons of waste rock is produced for every ½ ton of metal.
2. When water flows through the waste rock it creates sulfuric acid. This has serious impacts upon water quality, and also leaches heavy metals from the rock. It is much worse than taconite mining.
3. The World Health Organization has listed 10 major toxins of public

health concern. Six of them are released into the environment by mining in sulfide-ore bodies. Neuro development disorders are the main culprit of these pollutants, especially for the young.

4. This mine will cause landscape level changes to the Superior National Forest. Over 3,900 acres of forest and wetlands will be destroyed. Another 6,000 or more acres of wetland may be altered by water level changes. The mine will bury the headwaters of the Partridge and Embarrass rivers. This would be the single largest wetland loss ever permitted by the St. Paul District of the Corps of Engineers.
5. The maximum amount of land disturbance for the mine is projected to occur at year 11 of the project. At that point it would cost \$842 million to close the mine and treat the runoff. PolyMet is proposing to provide only \$12 million of financial assurance when the mine opens. Their ability to pay for the cost of cleaning up and restoring the mine site is totally dependent upon the success and profitability of the mine. If they go bankrupt, we will pay for the cleanup.

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# MN Division Winter Meeting Weekend

Everyone agrees that the highlight of the **Friday evening** social was a delicious pasta dish provided by **Matt Norton** and the great conversation. Guests included John Crampton, Ted Suss, Dell Erickson, Barb & Mark Owens, John Hickman, Lois Norrgard, John Rust. Craig Sterle and Jill Crafton. If you weren't there you missed a good time.

On **Saturday** the **Bush Lake Chapter** outdid themselves yet again by providing plenty of tasty food with many healthy choices for the day on Saturday. The Board of Directors meeting was well attended by the board along with several members and guests, covering many topics. Please see the **President's Letter** for some of the details and keep an eye on your email for the minutes and reports.

Informative presentations led to lively discussion on **Saturday evening**. From the threats to our fragile and precious wilderness areas and public lands by mining, oil & gas drilling and the fights against some pipelines routing and their impacts on water health and efforts to reduce the use of fossil fuel were also discussed. Several Ikes who have been involved in pipeline controversies including the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) and the Sandpiper pipeline presented and led the group discussion. **THANK YOU TO THE BUSH LAKE AND MINNESOTA VALLEY CHAPTERS FOR MAKING THE WEEKEND A SUCCESS!**

## IWLA Mid-winter meeting in Orlando

**Jared Mott** is the new Director of Conservation. He is very personable and comes with a good resume. The Save our Streams (SOS) Director **Danielle Donkersloot** was impressive as she presented on the SOS program and the Ikes Clean Water Challenge. We should work closely with Danielle as there is great potential for cooperation and connection between Danielle and our chapters. These programs have the potential to produce good outcomes for our waters, improved grass roots effectiveness, chapter growth, and a way forward to attract more diverse and younger members. Each of our chapters should look at their present programming with an "eye" toward integrating the **Clean Water Challenge**, and **Save our Streams Programming**. Contact Danielle or Samantha Roth (SOS Coordinator) for more information ([www.wla.org](http://www.wla.org)). They had also created a great map showing the SOS and Clean Water Challenge activities on a national map. It was the first map by national of its kind and made for a telling visual.

Membership nationally has declined for three years. Most of the decline has been in large chapters. This may be due to members who join for recreational reasons rather than a belief in conservation.

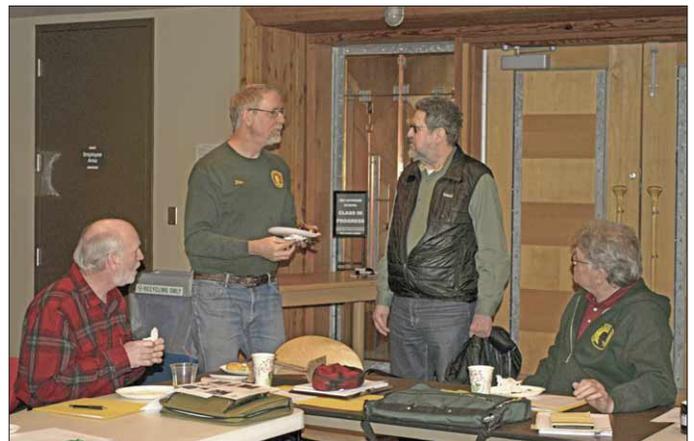
## 2017 Priorities

- Clean Water Challenge (see above)
- Improve technology and provide more technology tools for chapters by helping Chapters and Divisions with their web sites and social media, providing a communications audit and replacing the printed national directory with an on-line version that all members can access and chapters can update on their own. In addition there will be an online tool for chapters to enter their accomplishments and present their impact to the world
- Engage our new conservation director
- Create opportunities to grow recreational hunting & shooting sports
- Modernize membership; improve fundraising
- Continue to broaden conservation tools available to chapters
- Continue efforts to improve League branding
- Letters of welcome to all new members
- Mentorship program.

## Challenges

- Financial - Due to good management the League finished 2016 in the black by a small amount, despite being faced with a looming deficit. The bad news was that much of this was due to open staff positions. The national office is rebuilding with new hires and plans to grow staff at the national office and regionally.
- National Director Fundraising Campaign made 75% of its goal for 2016, up from 2015.
- 70 Directors attended the meeting
- Membership Growth. We need to grow and our chapters are struggling to meet that challenge. Non-member chapter growth may be the key and in Minnesota we must work on marketing, try tying activities to membership.

Good news! National is very supportive of our Upper Mississippi Program. **By Dave Zentner**



*Clockwise from the lower left :Craig Sterle (W. J. McCabe; Don Arnosti; Terry Houle (Minnesota Valley) and Mark Owens (Division VP Austin Chapter) have a discussion over lunch at the Winter Board of Directors meeting. Photo by Larry Kennebeck (Walter J. Breckenridge).*

# Assistance for Ecological Restoration at Chapter Properties

by Paul Erdmann

If we all do a little bit, it adds up to a whole lot!

What is “Ecological Restoration?” It’s defined as the practice of renewing and restoring degraded, damaged, or destroyed ecosystems and habitats in the environment by active human intervention and action. Put more simply, it is working to restore the land by managing invasive plants, planting native plants, and creating wildlife habitat. Since 2010, I have worked to restore the Bush Lake Chapter property. With the help of Ikes and other volunteers, the chapter has removed buckthorn and other invasive plants and planted over 8,000 native plants. At a pollinator program the chapter hosted in 2015, attendees found 2 rusty patched bumblebees, an endangered species, foraging on native plants installed the year before! “If you build it- they will come!”

As Ikes, we are “Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters and Wildlife.” We are stewards of the land. Ike chapters throughout Minnesota collectively own many acres of land. We utilize our lands to educate our members and others on conservation issues, and to provide habitat for our native plants and animals.

Mankind has altered and damaged our natural world in numerous ways. The parks, open spaces, and natural areas that we have saved or preserved are often highly degraded. One of the major components of this degradation is the proliferation of invasive species (plants and animals). Invasive species are a leading threat to our native species, second only to habitat destruction. Our home landscapes are often monocultures, comprised of alien, ornamental plants that provide little to no value to our native flora and fauna. Our landscaping practices are often detrimental to native species.

I am willing to provide free technical assistance to Minnesota Chapters in an effort to ecological restore their properties by managing invasive plants, promoting and planting native plants, maintaining these landscapes, and educating and encouraging our members and others to implement these practices in their home landscapes. My hope is that our chapters will be showpieces for ecological restoration and wildlife habitat, so that everyone that sets foot on IWLA property knows that the people their practice what they preach, “walk the talk,” and truly are, stewards of the land.



## What can I provide?

- Over ten years of experience in ecological restoration and wildlife habitat activities
- Site visits and assessments
- Research of funding opportunities
- Assistance with management plans, grant writing, & volunteer recruitment
- Assistance with educating and training members and others

## What’s needed by Chapters?

- Designating a Restoration Champion (to meet with Paul and lead chapter efforts)
- Commitment by chapters to support and maintain restoration efforts
- Volunteers and possibly funds to implement restoration activities
- Commitment by chapters to utilize restoration efforts and areas for education and promotion of ecological restoration

Is your chapter ready to sign up? Please contact me at [pwerdmann@yahoo.com](mailto:pwerdmann@yahoo.com) to get started.

## Problems Posed by PolyMet continued from page 2.

6. The elevation at the bottom of the PolyMet mine pit will be 1595 feet. The elevation of the Partridge River, located south of the mine, is 1548 feet, and is the predicted path for groundwater flow. However, when completely drained the elevation of the Peter Mitchell taconite pit located north of PolyMet will be 1300 feet. The bedrock between PolyMet and Peter Mitchell is more hydraulically fractured than the bedrock south of the mine. Therefore, some acid mine drainage from PolyMet may flow north into the Boundary Waters watershed.
7. Many medical associations in Minnesota, representing thousands of doctors, have asked for a Health Impacts Study to better understand what copper-nickel mining will mean for the health of future generations. They want to know if the cost to society outweighs the benefits of the expected jobs. The Minnesota DNR and PCA have rejected this request. The Minnesota Association of Family Practitioners has petitioned the EQB to do the study. It is still under review.
8. PolyMet is a junior mining company. They have never operated a mine. They tout that they are local and will protect Minnesota’s environment and values. However, junior mining companies are almost always taken over by a major international mining company once permits are obtained. And they are not local at all!

**The facts are pretty stark. How will future generations judge the decisions we are making now?**

# Want to Help Pollinators?

## Think twice about releasing honeybees!

### What's the issue?

Honeybees are not native to North America, they were introduced from Europe. They are now one of the most abundant and widespread insects on Earth. Honeybee populations have increased 45% worldwide over the last 50 years and there is no risk of this bee species going extinct. Honeybees are important pollinators of agricultural crops but do not belong in areas providing critical habitat for native bees and other pollinators.

### What's wrong with honeybees in natural areas?

- Honey bees compete with native pollinators for floral resources (food)
- Honey bees may spread disease and parasites to our native insects
- Honey bees prefer non-native plants and can contribute to the spread of invasive plants
- Honey bees can interfere with the reproduction of native plants

### Want to help bees?

**Plant native plants and create habitat!** Our native bees and pollinators are in severe decline. Habitat loss, overuse of pesticides, industrial agriculture, and the loss of flowering plants have all contributed to this loss.



Photo by Paul Erdmann.

By introducing honeybees, we add another stressor to our native bees that can have negative consequences. Help get the word out about native bees and their critical interdependent relationship with the natural world. All bees need adequate habitat that includes flowering plants. Introducing more populations of non-native bees when food is already scarce is counterproductive and has little to do with native pollinator conservation. Please, for the bees—think twice about introducing honeybees!

For further reading, go to: [insidescience.org/news/how-bees-you-know-are-killing-bees-you-don't](http://insidescience.org/news/how-bees-you-know-are-killing-bees-you-don't)  
by Paul Erdmann, Bush Lake Chapter

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## Water is Life by Stephanie Johnson Bush Lake Chapter

Water is of major importance to all living things. Our bodies are composed of 65% water. We need clean water to drink, to water our crops for our food, for the animals that need it to survive, and for the ones that live in the water. I feel very fortunate that I was able to spend some time at both Sacred Stone and Oceti Sakowin camps in Cannon Ball, ND this fall. We donated a compressor, 4 garbage bags full of high quality winter gear, and boxes of food. Although we knew no one, we were welcomed with open arms. There was such a overwhelming sense of gratitude, peace, and mutual respect. The people at camp were such an amazing group of diverse people, yet, we were all there for one main reason: to advocate for clean water.

My trip culminated with the Veteran's Day March. Native, non-native, active and retired military personnel followed by civilians marched in solidarity to the front lines for clean water. Hundreds of us stood in resistance to the building of the Dakota Access Pipeline which threatens to pollute the Missouri River and millions of people's water supply downstream. We all stood there in prayerful protest even though the DAPL workers surrounding us had bullet proof vests and helmets on and were carrying rifles and shot guns. It was a very surreal situation. During the ceremony, two bald eagles flew over us. Simplified, bald eagles are sacred to the Native Americans signifying courage, wisdom, strength, and they are the messenger to the Creator. The eagles just reconfirmed to all of us that what we were doing, standing in unity for clean water, was meant to be and a worthy cause.

There are many opportunities for people to fight for the right to have clean water, whether here or there. Call your representatives, divest from the companies that support DAPL, and share on social media what is happening there.

### As I said at the beginning: Water is Life! Mni Waconi!

**Note:** The following websites offer updated information about this ongoing issue: [lakotalaw.org](http://lakotalaw.org); [earthjustice.org](http://earthjustice.org); [standingrock.org](http://standingrock.org); [democracynow.org](http://democracynow.org) and any major news outlet.

# CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

## OUR BASIS FOR CONSERVATION ACTION

Bill Barton & Richard Newmark  
Resolutions Committee Co-Chairs

Deadline for submission for consideration at the Annual Meeting is March 29, 2017.

The resolutions committee reviews policy resolutions that are presented at the Annual Meeting. Resolutions are at the core of guiding actions of the Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America.

From the Minnesota Division last amended April 2014.

### ARTICLE 13 — CONSERVATION POLICY RESOLUTIONS

*13.01 — 30 DAY DEADLINE: All resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation must be submitted to the chairman of the Resolutions Committee at least 30 days prior to the meeting. \*

*13.02 — SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTIONS: Resolutions to be considered by the convention must be sponsored by a chapter, or by a state division standing committee.*

*13.03 — RESOLUTION COMMITTEE ACTION: The resolutions committee shall submit to the state convention only properly drawn resolutions which it deems to be consistent with the purposes and areas of concern of the League. Any properly submitted resolution disapproved by the resolutions committee may, however, be presented to the state convention by its sponsor for action by the delegates.*

## RESOLUTION STRUCTURE

1. WHO - Resolution Sponsor
2. WHAT - Short statement of resolution purpose.
3. TEXT - Short statement of resolution wording to be voted on— direct and concise.
4. ACTION - Detailed direction for action resulting from the resolution.
5. Background - Short statement of historical context and related policies.
6. Relevant Arguments - Short discussion of supporting logic.

Please send all resolutions formatted as (.doc, docx, or .rtf) and email to the Minnesota Division office at [ikes@minnesotaikes.org](mailto:ikes@minnesotaikes.org) for dispersal to the Resolutions Committee or contact the committee co-Chairs: Bill Barton at [bartonwf@yahoo.com](mailto:bartonwf@yahoo.com) and Richard Newmark at [ranewmark@gmail.com](mailto:ranewmark@gmail.com).

To see prior resolutions (2010-2016) and a list of historic resolutions go to:

[minnesotaiikes.org/Izaak/Resolutions.html](http://minnesotaiikes.org/Izaak/Resolutions.html).



Photo by Don Dinndorf.

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## 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](mailto: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); Crotcheted 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; Bubbler & Water Basket; Car Mania Basket; Woman's Basket; Man's Basket; Grandparent's Basket; Gardner'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 pac.; 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.

# 2017 MINNESOTA DIVISION IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING & STATE CONVENTION

**April 28- 30, 2016 - Hosted by the Austin Chapter**

*All are welcome. Please make sure your chapter sends its delegates.*

## Friday, April 28

Izaak Walton League Cabin - Todd Park, Austin  
7:00 pm – Reception and reading of the Resolutions

## Saturday, April 29

Ruby Rupner Auditorium - Hormel Nature Center  
8 - 9 am Bird hike led by Audubon and Ike Chapter members begins

8:45 - 9 am Coffee and rolls

9:30 - 10:30 Welcome and introduce Speaker Steve Lawler (Resource Specialist at Mower SWCD) on Soil Health

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 11:00 Mississippi River Initiative Update from Don Arnosti and Barry Drazkowski

11:00 Speaker *to be determined*

12 - 1:00 PM Box Lunch

A box lunch will be served from 12 - 1 PM

1:00 - 4:00 (break from 2:15 -2:30) Water sampling demonstration and tour of the new nature center including the renewables solar and geothermal installations and the new exhibits led by Hormel Nature Center staff.

## Saturday Evening Ike Cabin at Todd Park

5:30 - 8:30 PM

Social and Dinner with the annual Scholarship Funds Silent Auction; Awards Celebration, and presentation on Yellowstone by John Duren.

## Sunday, April 30

Ruby Rupner Auditorium - Hormel Nature Center  
8 - 9 AM – Continental breakfast

9:00 -noon – ANNUAL MEETING

The Austin Chapter will provide soup to those traveling immediately after the meeting.



*Pasque Flower. Photo by Larry Kennebeck.*

## Hotel information

Holiday Inn 507-433-1000, AmericInn 507-437-7337, Days Inn 507-433-8600, Super 8 800-536-9326, and Econo Lodge 507-437-7774

## Registration Form - Annual Meeting

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send check & registration form to: Minnesota Division IWLA, 2233 University Avenue W, Ste. 339, St. Paul, MN 55114. Or register online at [minnesotaiikes.org](http://minnesotaiikes.org).  
Questions? Call 651-221-0215 or email [ikes@minnesotaiikes.org](mailto:ikes@minnesotaiikes.org).

Full Weekend \$55 per person  
X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday & Sunday Only \$45 per person  
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Saturday Evening Banquet only  
Silent Auction \$25 per person  
X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Annual Meeting (free) but please register/RSVP \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Watershed Summit, March 11 2017

Minnesota Water Action Day, April 19, 2017

Annual Meeting & State Convention., hosted by Austin Chapter - April 28 - 30, 2017

National Convention, Sandusky OH - July 26 - 28, 2017

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2017 Division & National Dues (Including national dues -Chapter dues are in addition)

**2017 Dues:** Individual \$62.50, (\$50 Nat'l/\$12.50 Div.) Family \$80.00

(\$75 Nat'l/\$15 Div.) Student \$35.00 (\$25 Nat'l/\$10 Div.), Youth \$16.80 (\$10

Nat'l/\$6.80 Div.)

## AWARDS

### TIME TO MAKE YOUR NOMINATIONS

Who deserves an Ike award for outstanding environmental work carried out in 2016. **Many.** Here's your opportunity to nominate your candidates for a whole array of natural resources topics. Deadline for nominations is March 29, 2017.

- ✧ 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 [minnesotaiakes.org](http://minnesotaiakes.org). National awards are on [iwla.org](http://iwla.org).

If you have questions, please contact the Minnesota Awards Chair, Gary Schwartz at [presike1@live.com](mailto:presike1@live.com) or 507-363-1710.