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President's Letter: The Importance of Energy – Part 2

by Minnesota Division President Craig Sterle

In my first column, I discussed a few of the impacts of our energy economy on our state and country, as a result of energy use and extraction. This included CO₂ and methane emissions that are driving greenhouse impacts on the planet, resulting in changes to historical weather patterns meaning more unpredictability and more intense weather extremes. The combustion of coal releases mercury, which eventually enters our waters and begins bio-accumulating as methylmercury, ending up in the fish our families consume and inadvertently leading to health impacts on newborns and kids. Fossil fuel extraction causes enormous impacts on our natural world, as strip mining and mountain-top removal destroys all forms of habitat leading to acid mine drainage that kills streams well beyond a mine's footprint. Although MN has no fossil fuel resources, there are local impacts associated with oil/gas development in the Bakken from frac sand mining with pipelines that lead to impacts to nearby waters, habitats and aesthetics. Minnesota facilitates the oil industry by producing frack sand in southeastern MN and neighboring WI. Enbridge's mainline and other pipelines transport 15% of the nation's oil running through MN. Adding Enbridge's proposed pipeline corridor would directly impact northern Minnesota's waters and aquatic ecosystems, adjoining terrestrial habitats, cultural uses and identity and our large tourism-based economy.

Is that the limit of the problems? Unfortunately, it is the tip of the iceberg. Consider other associated issues, including that of petroleum based plastics we consume voraciously and just as quickly discard. They don't disappear, taking millennium to break down, and they inflict as yet unknown harm on our health and environment. Researchers are looking into "micro-fibers" of plastic, which are being found in Minnesota drinking water, our lakes and rivers, and in the fish and other aquatic organisms. At the macro-scale are state-sized floating rafts of junk plastic in our oceans, that researchers say will be there for centuries unless humanity stops disposing of garbage in the oceans and actively reclaims these plastics. Despite efforts to do the right thing through recycling, these petro-plastics still end up in our landfills.

And then there is our farm economy, and its dependence on fossil-fuel derived fertilizers and pesticides. When my dad lived on a farm near Palisade MN, the practice was to use a "green manure" of clover, alfalfa, or mixed pasture grasses to rebuild organic matter (carbon) in the topsoil, and boost yields. Farms also produced diverse crops and utilized crop rotation. Livestock grazed fields and produced manure, providing organic matter and nutrients to strengthen their soil.

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Ikes Step Up!

Across our country our natural resources are under siege as never before by those politicians who will eliminate protections for our environment in order to enrich the few, their corporate sponsors. But, from Saint Paul to Washington D.C. we Minnesota Ikes are stepping up to **Defend our soil, air, woods, waters and wildlife.**

- When many in our Minnesota Congressional delegation tried to sneak the exchange of federal lands with PolyMet into a giant omnibus funding bill, **the Minnesota Ikes went to Washington to block it.**
- When the state legislature proposed to strip the Minnesota Department of Agriculture of their ability to protect drinking water from excessive nitrate pollution, **the Minnesota Ikes stepped up to testify.**
 - As of this writing the provision is still in "live" bills, but the Governor has promised a veto.
- Forty-five years after the Clean Water Act, our rivers still run dirty, **so the Minnesota Ikes have stepped up** to create a four-state Upper Mississippi River Initiative.
- We've launched community pilots within multiple watersheds to break through the fear and apathy that blocks progress to address flooding, groundwater pollution and unhealthy rivers and lakes. We create "safe spaces" for farmers to step forward and join us in actions that will regenerate healthy soils, retain water on the land, and sequester carbon back in the soil where it belongs.
- Pollinators are in trouble, from loss of habitat, to widespread use of harmful pesticides, **so the Minnesota Ikes stepped up with constructive ideas.**
- We've proposed better pollinator habitat management along public roads across the state, and our members support local efforts to create "pollinator friendly" communities.

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But following WWII farm practices began to change, an emerging petro-based agricultural of vast row crop monocultures that was dependent on synthetic fertilizers/pesticides. Petroleum-based fertilizers and pesticides appeared to make crop rotation unnecessary. Today much of MN's landscape contains just two crops: corn or soybeans.

With grassy cover crops scarce, our soils and waters have become unintended victims. Absent plant root penetration to enhance percolation holding soils and nutrients in place, many fields are left bare for months on end. This disrupts the natural nutrient cycle, that expose soils to wind and water erosion, creating a biological desert on the soil surface...and more importantly within the soil, where microbes and mycelium are physically and nutritionally disrupted. Our streams and rivers receive enhanced flows of water, as more and more acreage go into pattern tile drainage. Without cover crops slowing surface water movement, soil loss has increased, carrying with it contaminates of residual fertilizers and pesticides. As a result, MN has already lost 50% of the historical topsoil depth since the plow first broke prairie sod. How long is this sustainable? The heavy runoff produces a toxic brew that results in heavy sedimentation in our rivers, that contributes significantly to the "Dead Zone" in the Gulf of Mexico.

But not all petroleum-based fertilizers/pesticides flow away. Some seep into our groundwater. Increasingly, test results find our groundwaters to be contaminated with nitrates and pesticides. Nitrates at unsafe levels cause "blue baby syndrome", where an infant suffocates, unable to absorb sufficient oxygen into their bloodstream. Research at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) describes nitrate as a carcinogen researchers see a link between cancer and nitrates at concentrations well below those posted as dangerous by the US EPA. Clearly more research is needed into the health risks of nitrates, and we have a reason to be concerned for the young and susceptible members of our population wherever nitrates are found in drinking water. It's likely that many pesticides that are in use, or that were once used now contaminate our aquifers.

What can you and I do about all these seemingly insurmountable issues? There is the old mantra to "think globally, act locally". Each of us has the responsibility to do our part, and encourage others to follow our example. First, start by installing LED lighting, and adding more insulation and weather-stripping in our home and club house to reduce energy consumption, while simultaneously lowering your energy bill. Replace more energy consumptive appliances and review your transportation needs. Is walking, biking or public transportation an option? Is our gasoline-powered car a smart choice for the environment? For most of us, an electric vehicle (EV), plug-in hybrid, or hybrid would not only lower CO2 and other emissions, it would save money, both on fuel and maintenance. Due to far fewer moving parts and no gasoline consumption EV's have about a third lower operating costs. If a homeowner has installed solar, and paid the installation costs it is possible to receive "free electric power" for their electric vehicle as well.



President Craig Sterle and Awards Chair Gary Schwartz distributed awards at the Annual Meeting. Photo by Noreen Tyler.

To reduce "range anxiety" during longer trips, an expanded system of rapid charging stations is now being deployed across our state. Improved battery technologies that have extended the driving range to 250+ miles and researchers are working hard to push battery storage will beyond that limit.

New EV buyers may be eligible for tax credits or incentives that reduce the purchase price up to \$7000, with lower depreciation and higher resale value. Finally, some buyers will appreciate the EV's eye opening performance, with some models capable of doing 0-60 mph in sub-3 second times.

With the transportation sector now producing more CO2 emissions than the power grid, this is the next great challenge, and regulators, manufacturers and the buying public all must step to the plate and rapidly convert our transportation fleet to more sustainable, less polluting, and more energy efficient modes of transportation.

Remember, the key to energy savings and CO2 reductions are to first take steps to conserve energy, thus reducing the energy being produced and used. Then, consider investments in improved energy production, including buying into either solar or wind production. If a site isn't conducive to solar development, look at purchasing shares a community solar garden, or a producer or third-party wind/solar source for your home utility energy. The more renewable energy installed or purchased, the less fossil fuel we use.

In the next issue, I'll discuss the ramping up of the MN Division Energy Programs, looking at what the Division, Chapters and membership can do to help facilitate the discussion, and look for and build towards innovative solutions.

NOTES FROM THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING AND STATE CONVENTION

Friday evening was highlighted by lively issues discussions, the first reading of the Resolutions and a timely presentation by Michael Schrage, Wildlife Biologist, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa on research being done on moose mortality and reintroduction (see Resolutions on page 4).

Saturday morning at the Annual Meeting delegates and guests were honored by a visit from the IWLA's **Agriculture Program Director Duane Hovorka**. He gave a report on the state of the Farm Bill as well as the IWLAs initiatives to promote clean water and healthy soils. He encouraged all to contact him with ideas and information about local challenges and solutions. Take a "stream selfie" and send it to Duane at dhovorka@iwla.org!

Elections - President Craig Sterle and Treasurer Jill Crafton will be retaining their positions and serve for two years. John Hickman has agreed to stay on as Secretary until another Secretary is elected. Ted Suss was elected as the 2nd Vice President (2-year term). There was no nominee to fill the position of 1st Vice President. The Board of Directors may elect persons to fill all of the above vacancies. Please contact Craig Sterle or the Division office if you are interested in serving as either Secretary or 1st Vice President. A big thank you to Larry Dolphin for stepping up to fill the Vice Presidents roll and an extra big **THANK YOU** to **John Crampton** for valiantly serving as president in spite of having significant health challenges and doing so much to move us Ikes forward.

Bylaws - the proposed amendments to the bylaws were accepted. Here are the main changes: aligning the budget process to the fiscal year; addition of a 2nd Vice President; provisions for succession in case of the unanticipated loss of a Division president, and officer term limits; changes to standing committees. Standing Committees are now Administration & Finance, Membership Growth & Diversity, Communications, and Awards. If you are interested in learning more about and possibly serving on any of the above committees, please contact Craig Sterle at (218) 384-4054, csterle777@gmail.com or the Division office.

Upper Mississippi River Initiative strives to use the "human dimension" in local watersheds across the four state upper Mississippi River region (MN, WI, IA, IL) breaking down social resistance to the implementation of solutions to problems facing the Upper Mississippi River and its watershed by championing respect and collaboration between agricultural and urban communities. To help do this the McKnight Foundation renewed their investment in the UMRI with a \$200,000 commitment over two years. Some of the program's many accomplishments and highlights: an education toolkit; stream sampling in the upper Cedar River Watershed; the **Minnesota River Hydrology Report on Human Impacts**; our legal team is uncovering strategies to reduce impacts of drainage on river systems; an investigation of the correlation between land use practices (forest, pasture or row crops) and water run-off damage to public infrastructure; workshops are in development for landowners to learn how to get better conservation practices out of their farmland renters; and taking steps with our national office to obtain access to a water monitoring data collection system that is still under development.

Great Lakes - Treasurer **Jill Crafton** reported on her work with the Great Lakes Committee and our support of a project to test an efficient Ballast water cleaning system. This is phase two and the results look promising. **Dave Zentner** is stepping down from his position on the Great Lakes Committee. If you are interested in Great Lakes issues or to join our effort on the **GreenStep Cities** program developing sustainable communities, please contact Jill Crafton at (952)944-5583.

Don Arnosti recognized Jill for her many contributions and spoke of our main issues priorities: clean water and energy, protecting our waters from sulfide mining and support for pollinators. The **Environmental Issues Committee's** list serve, is one of the places that approved resolutions turn into actions. Everyone is encouraged to join the EIC. His voice at the Capitol would carry little influence without amplification from our members. Interested in joining the list-serve? Please contact the Minnesota Division office.

Dilg's Defenders (individuals and chapters who have pledged to support the work of the Minnesota Division at \$1000.00 per year or more) were recognized. If you are over 70½ years old, there are tax considerations that can be ameliorated through planned giving and becoming a Dilg's Defender is an excellent option. Contact the Division office if you are interested.

Executive Director and former Minnesota Division Scholarship recipient **Bryan Wood** led a tour of the facility's solar, geothermal and wind technologies. A special thanks Reservations Coordinator **Sarah Odendahl** for her help with planning the details of our meeting.



Newly elected 2nd Vice president Ted Suss attending Water Action Day at the Capitol on May 2nd along with over 70 other Ikes. Photo by Noreen Tyler.

2018 Issues Resolutions

1. **PRESERVING MOOSE THE MONARCH OF THE NORTHWOODS** Therefore be it resolved: The Minnesota Division, Izaak Walton League of America at convention April 28, 2018 advises the MN DNR and/or the Minnesota Legislature to move to decrease the deer population in the Minnesota Boreal Conifer Forest area for the benefit of expanding moose populations by extending the bag limit on deer and/or extending the season of deer hunting in order to vastly decrease the deer population in and about the Moose Management Area.

Be it further resolved: the perimeter of this Moose Management Area should extend considerably beyond the Moose Preservation areas in order to prevent occasional migration of Deer into the Moose Preservation area. *Submitted by Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter.*

2. **WATERCRAFT USE ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND ITS BACKWATERS**

—Therefore, be it resolved that the Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America in Convention on April 28, 2018 calls for a discussion between the Minnesota Division and the USFWS, MNDNR, and all other appropriate agencies. that result in restrictive use regulations for airboats, mudboats, Wilcraft and similar watercraft by season, location and time of day. *Submitted by the Wapashaw Chapter.*

3. **CONCERNING THE MINNESOTA DIVISION OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA'S POLICY PROCESS** —Therefore be it resolved, the Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America in Convention on April 28, 2018 calls for a Minnesota Division bylaws amendment, to be considered at the 2019 Division convention, that sunsets all adopted Conservation Policies ten years following the adoption of the resolution; and

Be it further resolved, that a Repealed-Inactive Policy Statement Archive, accessible online to Minnesota Division members, for the storage of all Policy Statements no longer maintained by the division as active Conservation Policy Statements be created; and,

Be it further resolved, that the Resolutions Committee, from this convention forward, be charged with the responsibility to review all Policy Statements expiring due to reaching the 10-year Policy Statement limitation as of the next State Convention and recommend whether the Policy Statement ought to be renewed as an active Conservation Policy Statement, recommend any necessary amendments to that Policy Statement if to be renewed, or repealed and consigned to the Inactive Policy Statement Archive; and

Be it further resolved, that an ad hoc Policy Statement Review Committee appointed by the Minnesota Division President will review all currently active Conservation Policy Statements originally adopted prior to the 2009 State Convention, which will be greater than ten years since adoption, and this Review Committee will recommend at the 2019 convention whether each policy statement ought to be readopted in whole or amended if necessary, as an Active Policy Statement, or placed in the Repealed-Inactive Policy Statement Archive. *Submitted by the Minnesota Valley Chapter.*



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- Corporations are renewing their efforts to open the Tongass National Forest to more roads and old-growth logging, allow massive ill-thought out clear cuts in all national forests, while our own DNR has proposed logging in and among older pines among the North Arm complex of ski trails adjacent to the Boundary Waters. **We Minnesota Ikes have stepped up.**
- We've visited Washington twice to keep "the public" in public forest management, written op-eds and letters to the editor, met with our Senators and Representatives, and assembled an expert team of our members to propose alternative management for the forests of the North Arm trail complex.

And we are having success. Ikes Defenders, like you, are stepping forward to combat these terrible proposals in the only effective way possible - organized, articulate, passionate citizens. We speak for a vast majority of Minnesotans, urban and rural, who overwhelmingly want to protect our state's and nation's environmental legacy.

Izaak Walton League staff and members took a leading role in organizing **Water Action Day May 2nd** at the state Capitol. We worked with allies to turn out 1000 people for conversations with their Senators and Representatives and a rousing rally. We Ikes organized four buses from the corners of our state to bring adults and students from across Minnesota. We underwrote some of the costs, so that high school youth could participate free – thanks to your support we knew we could do this.

These Defenders at Water Action Day told their elected officials just what we all want. It's pretty easy... **we want what the Izaak Walton League has stood for since 1922... clean water, clean air, healthy soils, well-managed forests, abundant wildlife.** *Conservation Director Don Arnosti*



HONORS AWARDED!

All of the awards were for achievements in 2017 and before and were presented at the 2018 Minnesota Division IWLA Annual Meeting and State Convention.

DAVID LAIS of the New London Chapter achieved the **SIGURD F. OLSON CONSERVATION AWARD** for outstanding contributions to the preservation of Minnesota's natural resources. David is a long-time employee of the MNDNR, spending most of his years as manager of several state parks. As manager of at Sibley State Park (1972-2000), he oversaw the park nearly doubling in size, enabling the preserving and restoring a large amount of native flora and fauna. After retirement, Laís became a board member of the Sibley State Park Improvement Association (SSPIA) and immediately began working to acquire the 155-acre DeLong Farm (155 Acres of untended CRP land and several abandoned farm buildings). He worked with the MN Parks and Trails Council, Minnesota Pheasants and several groups to acquire the property. He then spearheaded the activity to remove all the abandoned buildings, fences and debris. A controlled burn cleared the land of brush and small trees and a prairie restoration will transform the rolling glacial hills into a high quality, diverse prairie. Plans include connecting the parcel through Sibley State Park to the Glacial Hills State Trail near New London.

Dave Laís used his relationship with the owners of the last private parcel on Lake 21 to sell it to the state, thereby saving it from development and now the entire lake is within the boundaries of Sibley State Park for all of the public to enjoy.

Throughout his entire career, his wife Ardys has ably supported him. His nominator, Gary Bullemer, calls him a friend and mentor. He believes that Sibley State Park has been greatly improved because of the love; devotion and effort of DAVID LAIS to preserve protect and enhance one of Minnesota's best natural wonders. Moreover, if they had met, he is sure David would have been a best friend of Sigurd Olson.

The first Stewardship Award went to **BILL BUCKLEY** of the Austin Ikes. Bill has worked on special projects, achieved public acclaim and helped the community in meaningful way, serving for or three years as president of the Austin chapter. He played a role in hosting the 2017 Minnesota Division Annual Meeting. He also helped lead the fundraising for the Mississippi River Boat Trip to support the Upper Mississippi River Initiative of the regional Ikes. The event netted over \$3000 for that program.

As part of that program Bill, lead the Cedar River Pilot Project, organizing the weekly testing of e-coli in the Cedar River Watershed, helping organize, teach, and equip a group of dedicated volunteers.



New London Chapter members David Laís pictured with his well deserved Sigurd Olson Award surrounded by Gary and Susan Bullemer. Photo by New London Chapter President Pat Laib.

His over 40 years serving the City of Austin and Mower County's water/wastewater laboratory gave him the ideal background for this work. Because of his efforts, perhaps one day those waters will be fishable and swimmable.

Wearing many hats, Bill was part of the Minnesota (MN) Division's Wood Duck Housing project, the Austin Chapter is Purple Martin Project and has worked tirelessly on the chapter cookouts. He also testified before the MN Senate about supporting buffer strip legislation.

His nominators, Larry Dolphin Mark Owens and the entire Austin Ikes Chapter greatly appreciate **BILL BUCKLEY**, his wife Kathy, and his passion for clean water and wildlife habitat.

The second 2017 Stewardship Award went to the Ecology Committee of the Rochester Ikes, **DAVID MARKS**, **KATHY AARO**, **BECCA JACOBSON**, **JUSTIN SOLOM** and **GEORGE POCH** for their work in upgrading Entry Kiosk and parking at the chapters's wetland in Rochester and helping with the restoration plans of the 27 acre site. The Kiosk describes how visitors may enjoy the hiking the new trails..

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There are posters about native species, invasives and soil types in the area. Signs will identify the native plants along the trails. Other signs will also describe how moisture moves through the wetland.

Thanks to the planning and hard work of the **ECOLOGY TEAM**, the Rochester Ikes Wetlands & Entry Area will once again be an attractive and inviting entry to the property for the migrating birds, wildlife and hundreds of hikers who visit.

CHAR BROOKER of the Jaques and Wapashaw Chapters was given the Distinguished Service Award for special and long-term service to the Minnesota Division.

Char has been a highly regarded leader of this organization for many years. Shortly after joining in 1986, she became active in her local chapters and began serving on the MN Division Board of Directors. She held the presidency from 1994-1997 and was a National Director from 1999-2004. She chaired the national Executive Board from 2001-2004, the first female to do so.

She and her husband Gene are among the first to say “YES” when help is needed at the Division office.

Her ethic of community service extends beyond the MN Ikes. She is a board member of the Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center, the Land Stewardship project, the Minnesota Environmental Partnership and the Minnesota Environmental Fund. In her roles with the MEF, she has helped qualify the MN Division for much needed unrestricted funding, really helping keep the Division running.

Her nominators call her an All-Star, an inspiration, an exceptional mentor, a tireless and persistent supporter of the Minnesota Ikes and many other environmental causes. Her efforts to overcome male resistance to female leadership roles and her recognition that all leaders must stand on the shoulders of their predecessors have made the Izaak Walton League a better organization.



Holding Dave Zentner Minnesota Division Awards clockwise from left to right: Heidi Hoppe (Cass County), Perry Loegering (Wes Libbey Northern Lakes), John Siekmeier (Jaques), Matt Doyle - (W. J. McCabe), Willis Mattison (Prairie Woods), Jill Crafton (Bush Lake/Minnesota Valley), Steve Schaust (Walter J. Breckenridge), Ron Gilthvedt (Owatonna), Mary Crampton (Bush Lake).

Scholarship Silent Auction

Many, many thanks to all the Ikes who helped make the recent Silent Auction at the Annual Meeting an overwhelming success! Whether you brought an item, bid on an item, or were a successful bidder, your support was appreciated. Also thank you to those who chose not to bid and gave a donation to support the Scholarship Fund. We raised approximately \$1300. Special thanks to Owatonna Chapter members Gary Schwartz, Ron Gilthvedt and Gerry Wacek for their help with set up. Thank you again. Be thinking about what you might donate to the auction next time. Cherry Schwartz, Minnesota Division Scholarship Chair

*The Scholarship Committee is looking for additional members. Please contact Cherry at presike2@live.com -to learn more..

Dave Zentner Minnesota Division Defenders Award is a non-competitive award given annually to any chapter that completes various conservation or environmental activities; contributes to a scholarship program; increases chapter membership and produces a regular newsletter or email for their membership.

This year the winners engaged in such varied activities as erecting solar panels, working with Boy and Girl Scout groups to remove invasive species and improve chapter grounds, host environmental forums and governmental information sessions, improve state and national hiking trails, support environmental learning centers, the National Eagle Center and host forums for MN legislative candidates.

The winners are **AUSTIN, BUSH LAKE, CASS COUNTY, JAQUES, MINNESOTA VALLEY, NEW ULM, OWATONNA, PRAIRIE WOODS, ROCHESTER, WES LIBBEY NORTHERN LAKES, W. J. MCCABE, W. J. BRECKENRIDGE, WILL DILG.** Membership Awards: **Numeric Increase – NEW ULM** and **Percent Increase – ROCHESTER.** Congratulations to all of the Award Winners! **Gary Schwartz, Minnesota Division Awards Chair.**

—A Big Thanks to Beck Siekmeier (Jaques Chapter) for the new masthead designs!—

2018 Summer Gathering & Board of Directors' Meeting

August 10 & 11, 2018—Hosted by Wes Libbey Northern Lakes Chapter

Friday, August 10

Social time with drinks and pizza from 7:00 - 9:30 PM at **The Dutch Room, 702 NW 4th Street, Grand Rapids, MN 55744** (right on Highway 2). Drinks must be purchased by attendees on site. Pizza will be paid with registration for Friday.

Saturday, August 11

All activities will be held at the **Marcell Experimental Forest Field Laboratory, 43122 Wilderness Trail, Bovey, MN 55709**. GPS coordinates are N 47 degrees 30.167 minutes, W 93 degrees 28.967 minutes.

8:00 - 9:00 AM – Breakfast/Registration

Coffee, fruit, and sweet rolls will be provided.

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM – Board of Directors meeting.

12:00 -1:00 PM – Lunch

Box lunch and beverages will be provided for those who have pre-registered. *Please see registration form.*

1:00 - 2:00 PM – Overview of Marcell, Peatlands, Mercury Studies and the Spruce-Peatland Responses Under Climatic and Environmental Change (SPRUCE).

2:00-2:45 PM – Visit Experimental Watershed and site of Mercury Cycling Studies.

2:45-3:30 PM – Visit SPRUCE

3:30-4:00 PM – Core a peatland, talk about peat soils

Program concludes at 4:00 PM

Other Area attractions

Lost Forty: An old growth pine stand about 50 miles from Grand Rapids in northwestern Itasca County.

Mud-Goose Wildlife Management Area 25 miles west of Grand Rapids.

Forest History Center: A 1900 era re-constructed logging camp and interpretive center in Grand Rapids.

Judy Garland Museum in Grand Rapids.

Mesabi Bike trail: A surfaced bike trail from the Grand Rapids Fairgrounds to Ely.

More information available at visitgrandrapids.com

Accommodations

Hotels: AmericInn: 800-634-3444 or 218-326-8999;

Country Inn: 800-456-4000 or 218-327-4960; Super 8: 218-327-1108 and many others can be found by searching the internet.

Campgrounds in area: Schoolcraft State Park and Scenic State Park are in area; US Forest Service has rustic campgrounds nearby at North Star Lake and Clubhouse Lake; Army Corp of Engineers has a very nice, small, fully developed campground at Pokegama Dam just west of Grand Rapids. There is also a nice campground among large red and white pine at the Itasca County Fairgrounds in Grand Rapids. It has electric hook-ups running water and an RV dump station. It can be busy on weekends during large events.

Registration Form - Summer Gathering/Board of Directors' Meeting

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

ST _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Meals included with registration Friday - pizza; Saturday - Continental breakfast and a choice of box lunch with registration (see below). Beverages at afternoon break.

\$26 per person (Friday & Saturday)

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\$20 per person (Saturday only)

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please circle your choice of box lunch with registration:

Ham Italian Roast Beef Tuna Salad Turkey
Veggie I have dietary restrictions, please contact me.

Please send completed registrations and payment to:

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

Online registration and more information is available at minnesotaiques.org. Click on the Events link.

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

2233 University Ave. W, Ste. 339, St. Paul MN 55114

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We Need Your Help to host the 2020 National Convention!

At the 2017 National Convention in Sandusky, OH there was a call to find a host for future National Conventions. No state stepped forward to host the 2020 convention. Subsequently, the Minnesota Division Board of Directors discussed hosting it in Bloomington with the assistance of the Minnesota Valley Chapter, but no commitment was made.

Last Saturday, at the Mid-winter meeting in South Carolina, I asked our National President if any state has stepped forward to host the 2020 event. No one had offered. I let them know that the MN Division might be willing to do so, in a Twin Cities location.

So, I am now seeking volunteers willing to organize a steering committee to bring this event to the Twin Cities. Anyone willing to serve on this committee should contact the Division office (651-221-0215) or ikes@minnesotaiques.org. ASAP. We will need a minimum of 10-12 volunteers. If you are

I hope we are overwhelmed with volunteers. **Craig Sterle**