

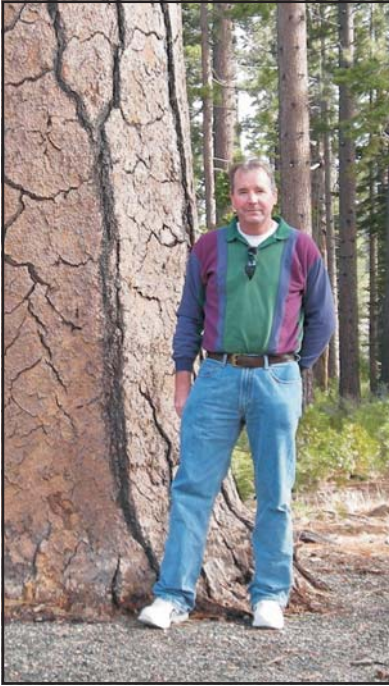


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Comments from the Chair



John Friedrich, ISAF Chair

One of the benefits of being part of a larger organization such as ISAF is the ability to pool resources into efforts that would be very difficult to do as individual members or as a small group. It is often lamented that in our highly urban-centric population solutions to issues and policies regarding rural areas including natural resources are often driven by those who have little or no first-hand experience with the area.

I recall many years ago a television reporter interviewing people's reaction to a pending "cattle shortage." One person interviewed said she was not worried about the cattle shortage—she got her meat at the grocery store. Today, while just a small percentage of our population is involved in food production, an even smaller fraction is involved in the forest products industry. So when issues arise or policies are being crafted that affect working forests, it is very likely the decisions are going to be made by people with next to no knowledge of even basic principles in forestry or plants. While having more foresters out there in positions that make these decisions would be one way to get more input, another way would be to improve the natural resources knowledge among the general population.

ISAF has a number of programs and projects it is assisting with in order to improve the natural

resources knowledge of the general populace as well as actually increase the number of foresters.

The ISAF has committed funds in a partnership with the IDNR Division of Forestry to help fund a series of forest management programs that would air on public television stations. The IDNR has also received a grant from the US Forest Service for a portion of the funding. This programming is designed to explain basic forest management to adults. Many people do not understand basic concepts such as how thinning can benefit a forest, or even how a tree would respond to additional light.

Also in partnership with the Division of Forestry, ISAF helped fund a teacher training institute for science teachers. The first one was held this summer and received accolades from all involved. By showing the teachers the use of management in the forest and the production of wood products, this will end up in classrooms with dozens of students.

The ISAF is also pursuing a scholarship program to help reimburse Purdue Forestry students for part of the expense of summer camp. Summer camp is an added expense that many students in other majors do not have. This added cost might discourage some students from attending camp. By helping pick up part of the cost of camp, ISAF hopes to increase the number of students willing to select forestry as their major.

ISAF is also providing funding for the state-wide Envirothan. This program is to help teach children on various aspects of the environment, and forests are one of the sections. Many foresters have been involved with Envirothan forestry sections for years.

ISAF also is an exhibitor every year at the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc. (HASTI) convention. While this involves all of science, ISAF is one of the few there specifically dealing with the forest (Tree Farm is also faithfully there and usually a neighboring

booth). We often handout various resources for the teachers to use as well as making them aware there is a professional organization that can help provide them with information.

Another place ISAF exhibits is the FFA national convention when it is held in Indiana. This is an organization with a rural, agricultural and natural resources slant. It consists of high school students, so it is a good place to talk about careers—both to students and advisors.

All these efforts are designed to get more foresters out of the forestry schools, or to increase the public's awareness and knowledge of forest management. And the ages that are targeted range from elementary school age all the way up to adults. That is a wide ranging commitment, but one worth pursuing if we want more knowledgeable decisions and policies down the road.

And now a little test of your forestry knowledge. In the picture at the right, is the sugar maple seeking protection, or are the two stems of the honey locust seeking to engulf it?

John Friedrich, ISAF Chair



<http://HEEForestStudy.org>



Photo: Kevin Barnes

Save the Date!
March 11-12, 2015
 The Seasons Lodge, Nashville, IN
 Registration info and schedule coming soon!



Integrating Wildlife Habitat into Land Management Prescriptions

A Workshop for Foresters, Wildlife Biologists and Land Managers

Join researchers from the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment in southern Indiana for this workshop focused on integrating wildlife habitat objectives into land management prescriptions. We'll have four indoor modules in on March 11 emphasizing bats, birds, amphibians and reptiles, and small mammals. We'll then spend the morning on March 12 doing a simulated tree marking exercise implementing ideas from the indoor modules. This workshop will be largely discussion-based, so it will give you an opportunity to share your ideas about what works and what doesn't.



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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2015

Income:

Forest Pesticide Workshop Registrations	\$5,600.00
Investment Account	8,000.00
Meeting Registrations	11,000.00
Membership Dues	600.00
Community Foundation - Heck Endowment	500.00
Forester Fund Collection	200.00
Checking Account Interest	<u>1.00</u>

Total Income **\$25,901.00**

Expenses:

Meetings	\$9,500.00
National Convention Travel	1,700.00
Woodland Steward Institute, Inc.	1,200.00
Forest Pesticide Workshop	500.00
Newsletter (email version with reduced mailings)	700.00
Career Development HASTI, (Booth, etc.)	300.00
Awards	50.00
Unplanned expenditures (flowers, etc.)	150.00
Conservation Day, Indiana Conservation Alliance	150.00
Misc. Supplies	50.00
SAF House of Society Delegates (HSD) Assessment	90.00
Web Site Host (Canvas Dreams)	70.00
Foresters Fund Donation	200.00
Web Site Assistance Gratuity	50.00
Purdue Summer Camp Scholarships (Inv. Account)	4,000.00
PLT, Teacher School Support (Inv. Account)	2,500.00
Indiana Environthon (Inv. Account)	1,500.00
Election Expenses	<u>60.00</u>

Total Expenses **\$22,770.00**

Projected Check Book for 2015:

Starting: \$14,170.71

Ending: \$17,301.71

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Checkbook Balance Sheet

Period January 1, 2014 to

December 31, 2014

BEGINNING CHECKBOOK BALANCE: **\$8,373.12**

Income:

Forest Pesticide Workshop Registrations	\$5,639.21
Investment Account	3,500.00
Meeting Registrations	12,695.38
Heck Endowment	500.00
Membership Dues	984.97
Forester Fund Collection	80.00
Checking Account Interest	<u>1.05</u>

Total Income **\$23,400.61**

Expenses:

Forest Pesticide Workshop	\$516.12
Meetings	9,550.49
TWS (Share Summer Meeting)	1,476.83
Woodland Steward Institute, Inc.	1,200.00
HASTI Convention	307.03
INCA Dues, Conservation Day	150.00
IFEF/PLT (Train the Teachers)	2,500.00
Kids Unplugged (HNF)	1,000.00
Newsletter	689.60
SAF House of Society Delegates (HSD) Assessment	80.52
Office Supplies	22.85
Web Host	64.80
Gift for Web Host	<u>44.78</u>

Total Expenses **\$17,603.02**

CURRENT CHECKBOOK BALANCE: **\$14,170.71**

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Investment Fund had a positive year in 2014. Besides a positive year, the Investment Fund was able to make donations to two organizations. In 2014, ISAF donated \$1,000 to the Hoosier National Forest for their Kids Unplugged program. This assisted the Forest in hosting 5th grade students from the Bedford and Bloomington areas for a day at Hardin Ridge Recreation Area. Also in 2014, \$2,500 was donated to the Teach the Teachers program hosted by Project Learning Tree. In 2015, ISAF has committed \$2,500 to Teach the Teachers, \$1,500 to Indiana Environthon, and four \$1,000 scholarships to Purdue forestry summer camp for 4 students.

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INCA EMAIL ... Join up today!

The Indiana Conservation Alliance's, INCA, mission is to be "A unified voice advocating for public funding for land, water and wildlife conservation."



There are a few voices, like the top of an iceberg, advocating for Indiana's natural resources. Yet INCA represents over 37,000 Hoosiers, members of groups committed to preserve and protect Indiana's natural resources for future generations.

Keep informed on issues facing Indiana's resource heritage. Visit www.inconservation.org and click the "Join INCA's Email list" tab.

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