



# Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, Inc.

## *40<sup>th</sup> Year Annual Report*

September 21, 2019

Hotel Marshfield, Marshfield

### *2018-2019 Year in Review*

🍁 Thank you to WWOA's Board of Directors - President Richard Wagner, Vice President Margaret Parsons, Secretary Lois Raether, Treasurer Arlene Roehl, Past President Steven Ring and Directors Randy Cooper, Dick Czaja, Keith Dobberstein, Craig Edison, Mark Erickson, and Tom Jacobs for their leadership.

🍁 Thank you to WWOA's Chapter Chairs and Chapter Board members for your efforts this year. Chapter Chairs were Bad Axe, James Weber; Blackhawk, Carol Nielsen and James Deppeler; Central Sands, Jim Wagener and Buzz Vahradian; Chippewa Valley, Ralph Heiser; NEWFO, Chuck Wagner; North Central, Dave Burbach; Northwest, Bobbi Freitag; Phoenix Falls, Lucas Vold; West Central, Gary Senn; WinnebagoLand, Nancy Wirtz; and Debbie Schroeder Fisher, Wolf River. More than 830 WWOA members belong to a WWOA chapter. Chapters provided 45 educational events and field activities for members this year.

🍁 WWOA celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year in 2019. Special events and activities included *Wisconsin Woodlands* featuring members sharing *Lessons learned from 40 years*, Open Woods events across the state, Gift Shop caps, t-shirts, and denim shirts with a special 40<sup>th</sup> year design created by D.C. Everest High School's DECA EverestExpressions enterprise (Wausau), Got Trees? Chip In with a New Member drive, special posts on WWOA's website and Facebook page, and commemorative activities at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

🍁 Thank you to our special WWOA donors who stepped forward to cover WWOA's 2019 AmeriCorps position and related expenses. In 2019, Sarah Doucette, was our AmeriCorps member. This position provides vital assistance to WWOA through their work with our volunteers, social media, and special initiatives.

🍁 WWOA kicked off 2019 with our Got Trees? Chip In with a New Member drive. Members were encouraged to promote WWOA with family, friends and neighbors owning woodlands. Thanks to members efforts, the membership drive resulted in 94 new members!

🍁 An anonymous and very generous WWOA patron came forward to offer a \$20,000 match challenge to members to help grow WWOA's Forestry Leader Scholarship at UW-Stevens Point. WWOA's 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5,000 scholarship was awarded to Violet Thielke of Waupaca.

🍁 WWOA's Open Woods events held on May 18 and 25 were coordinated by our AmeriCorps member, Sarah Doucette. These events were a partnership of hosting members, chapters, partner organizations and donors. *Special thank yous go to our hosts* – Adams Co., Geneva Krahn & family, Chippewa Co., Lois & Steven Raether, Dunn Co., Brian & Mary Blakeley, Green Co. Blackhawk Chapter at Green Co. Forestry Educational Center, Jackson Co., Dennis & Rita Deitelhoff & family, Juneau Co., John & Gayle DeBaun, Marathon Co., Andrew & Susan Schmidt & North Central Chapter, Marquette Co., Byron Hill, Monroe Co., Curt & Melissa Jacob, Outagamie Co., Steven Ring & Jack Tackman, Portage Co., Chuck Pogorelnik, Shawano Co., Jerry & Debra Schroeder Fisher and Herman & Christina Kafura, Vernon Co., David & Diane Hoffman, Waupaca Co., Merlin & Georgie Becker, Waushara Co., Bonnie & Gerry Guokas, and Wood Co., Richard & Mary Czaja.

🍁 WWOA's Board focused on creating our 2020-25 strategic plan starting in the fall of 2018 with our membership survey. A special thank you goes to Tom Kempen for entering the paper surveys into the database. WWOA's Board and Chapter Chairs met on March 16 to discuss priorities, and the plan was approved by the Board on August 30, 2019.

# 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

POTAWATOMI CARTER CASINO HOTEL, WABENO

September 22, 2018

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** President Steven Ring called the meeting to order at 10:38 AM. Ring led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. WWOA PURPOSE AND INTRODUCTIONS:** President Ring read the WWOA Purpose. Ring noted that information for the business meeting was in the registration packets, including the Annual Report and meeting agenda.
- 3. AGENDA REVISIONS AND ADOPTION: M/S/P – Chuck Wagner/Arlene Roehl:** Motion to adopt agenda as presented.
- 4. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 ANNUAL MEETING: M/S/P-Jim Wagener/Jim Kissinger:** Motion to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2017 meeting.
- 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Ring introduced the 2017-2018 Board Members and identified the committees they served on: Richard Wagner – Vice President, Strategic Planning Education & Partnerships and Financial Stability working group; Arlene Roehl – Treasurer, Finance, Nominating and Awards Committees, Strategic Planning Financial Stability working group; Margaret Parsons – Secretary, Finance and Women of WWOA Committees, Strategic Planning Building Membership working group; Keith Dobberstein – Membership Committee, Strategic Planning Building Membership working group; Tom Jacobs – 40th Year Anniversary Committee, WWOA representative on the WI Wildlife Federation and SFI-State Implementation Committee; Jack Kucksdorf – Government Affairs Committee; Lois Raether – Education and Nominations Committees, represent WWOA on the WI Conservation Hall of Fame; Chuck Wagner – Government Affairs Committees, Strategic Planning Organizational Structure and Financial Stability working groups, WI DNR EAB Silviculture Guidance Advisory Committee.

President Ring thanked retiring Board of Directors members Jack Kucksdorf (2015-18) and Chuck Wagner (2012-18) and presented each with an engraved oak box in appreciation for their years of service on the Board.

President Ring introduced and thanked the non-Board member Committee Chairs: Awards, Marcia Frost Vahradian; Endowment, Merlin Becker; Fundraising, Roxanne Erickson; Gift Shop, Jim and Marlene Zdanovec, Past Presidents & Scholarship, Paul Kienitz; Publications, Ed Moberg; and Website, Rich Warosh.

President Ring introduced and thanked the Chapter Presidents: Bad Axe, Brent McCown/James Weber; Blackhawk, Colleen Lourigan; Central Sands, Jim Wagener and Buzz Vahradian; Chippewa Valley, Ralph Heiser; NEWFO, Chuck Wagner; North Central, Dave Burbach; Northwest, Bobbi Freitag; Phoenix Falls, Lucas Vold; West Central, Gary Senn; WinnebagoLand, Nancy Wirtz and Wolf River, Jack Kucksdorf/Debra Schroeder Fisher.

President Ring noted several accomplishments during the past year, including the Memorandum of Understanding with WI DNR; \$40,000 raised for WWOA Forestry Leader Scholarship with the first scholarship awarded to Travis Wollenberg of Navarino; the WWOA AmeriCorps position funded by donors; partnering with the WI DNR on the Growing Your Legacy grant; participation in the training of new WI DNR foresters; revising WWOA's Code of Ethics; increased collaboration with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); hiring of a new editor for *Wisconsin Woodlands* magazine and WWOA Board approval of the new Chapter Distinguished Service Award.

- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Arlene Roehl presented the Treasurer's Report, noting that it was printed in the Annual Report in the registration packet. Advertising and donation income was increased from the previous year. Annual meeting expense increased but was offset by income. For 2017-2018 total income was \$202,691.51; total expense was \$187,406.50 and net income was \$34,783.02. Total Liabilities and Equity as of June 2018 was \$317,762.71. **M/S/P-Chuck Wagner/Lois Raether:** Motion to receive Treasurer's report and place on file.

## 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

### 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**A. NOMINATING**-Arlene Roehl reported on the 2018-19 Board of Directors. New Board members for 2018-2019 are Randy Cooper, Richard Czaja and Craig Edison with Mark Erickson appointed to fill the remainder of a vacant term. Continuing Board members are Keith Dobberstein, Tom Jacobs, Margaret Parsons, Lois Raether, Steven Ring, Arlene Roehl and Richard Wagner. 2018-2019 Executive Committee members are Richard Wagner, President; Margaret Parsons, Vice President; Lois Raether, Secretary; Arlene Roehl, Treasurer; and Steven Ring, Past President.

**B. SCHOLARSHIP**-Darrell Scherwinski stated that the current scholarship fund balance is \$61,000. Darrell introduced WWOA's first scholarship winner from UW-Stevens Point, Travis Wollenberg from Navarino.

**8. ELECTION OF 2018-2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Past President Chuck Wagner nominated Mike Bohman of Algoma. Past President Merlin Becker nominated Chuck Pogorelnik of Milwaukee.

**M/S/P – Gene Lasch/Ross Prior:** Motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the two nominees.

**9. MEMORIAL FUND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** President Steven Ring led members in a moment of silence for members who have passed away during this past year. Ed Moberg represented the family and received a memorial plaque honoring **Eric Johnson**, past magazine editor. Families receiving memorial plaques that were not present at the Annual Meeting include **Ted Bauer – 2017, Barb Berryhill – 2017, Carson Gotham – 2017, Richard Hall – 2018, Beverly Larson – 2018 and Jim Widder – 2017**. Other recently passed members include: **Neal Bolinske**, long-time Annual Meeting attendee, **Henry & Gracia Anderson** former Chippewa Valley Chapter chair; **William LaJoie**, former Kettle Moraine Chapter chair, **Royal Carey**, former WinnebagoLand Chapter chair, **Marie Kolberg**, who lead the Germany trip many years ago, and **Richard Hall** and **Norma Belliveau**, WWOA past presidents.

Incoming President, Richard Wagner, presented a plaque to President Steven Ring in recognition of his service to WWOA. President Ring expressed his appreciation for WWOA and his chance to serve as President of the WWOA Board of Directors.

**10. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**11. NEW BUSINESS:** President Ring reminded members to complete the current membership survey and informed members of the upcoming membership drive.

**12. NEXT MEETING:** The next WWOA Annual Meeting will be September 21, 2019 at the Hotel Marshfield in Marshfield.

**13. ADJOURN: M/S/P-Susan Schmidt/Steven Raether:** Motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Parsons, Secretary



# 2018 – 19 Treasurer's Report

## Profit & Loss Statement

	July 2018 - June 2019	July 2017- June 2018
Income		
ADVERTISING	18,988.80	18,001.33
AMI-ANNUAL MEETING INCOME	33,394.00	40,599.20
DONATIONS	32,137.44	49,629.98
FUNDRAISING INCOME	27,947.50	23,093.00
GRANTS INCOME	5,148.06	738.00
GSI-GIFT SHOP INCOME	5,668.15	4,010.00
ML-LIFE MEMBER	1,400.00	2,100.00
MN-NEW MEMBER	7,440.00	5,500.00
MR-RENEWAL MEMBER	53,600.00	55,890.00
STANDING COMMITTEES	2,705.00	2,200.00
WORKSHOPS INCOME	1,082.00	930.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>189,510.95</b>	<b>202,691.51</b>
Gross Profit	189,510.95	202,691.51
Expense		
AME-ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE	25,527.22	34,462.42
BOARD EXPENSES	255.77	84.41
CONTRIBUTIONS-EXPENSE	5,050.00	0.00
EX. DIRECTOR EXPENSES	2,080.86	4,388.66
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	4,755.37	2,437.10
GIFT SHOP-EXPENSE	4,627.86	1,775.38
GRANTS EXPENSE	5,604.37	738.00
MEMBERSHIP	330.00	330.00
NEWSLETTERS EXPENSE	410.99	376.21
OFFICE EXPENSES	6,818.19	7,137.82
OTHER EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	6,892.10	7,314.65
PAYROLL EXPENSES	113,967.49	110,110.01
PUBLICATIONS	15,684.46	16,839.62
STANDING COMMITTEES EXPENSE	2,758.57	815.79
TAXES	1,000.00	0.00
WORKSHOPS EXPENSE	980.06	596.43
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>196,743.31</b>	<b>187,406.50</b>
Net Ordinary Income	-7,232.36	15,285.01
Other Income		
TRANSFERS & REINVESTMENTS	12,582.13	19,498.01
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>12,582.13</b>	<b>19,498.01</b>
Net Other Income	12,582.13	19,498.01
Net Income	<b>5,349.77</b>	<b>34,783.02</b>

## Balance Sheet Statement

	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018
ASSETS		
BANK-CHECKING	3,402.21	2,927.93
BANK-MONEY MARKET- SCHOLARSHIP	67,980.42	5,417.54
BANK-SAVINGS	4,276.66	626.34
BANK-SAVINGS - MEMBERSHIP SHARE	70.16	23.96
BANK-SAVINGS - PAYPAL	1,002.66	1,002.54
BANK-SAVINGS - 3 YEAR	17,578.18	17,780.11
BANK-SCHOLARSHIP CD	0.00	55,631.29
PETTY CASH	58.80	58.80
T ROWE PRICE-ASSETS	153,043.49	158,728.62
T ROWE PRICE-FMV	75,500.30	75,215.98
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>322,912.88</b>	<b>317,413.11</b>
Total Current Assets	322,912.88	317,413.11
Fixed Assets		
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	-13,119.00	-12,969.00
EQUIPMENT	13,318.60	13,318.60
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>199.60</b>	<b>349.60</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>323,112.48</b>	<b>317,762.71</b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
MARKET APPREC/DEPREC INVESTMENT	75,500.30	66,446.10
RESTRICT NET ASSETS-SCHOLARSHIP	67,980.42	61,048.83
RESTRICT NET ASSETS-TEMP OTHERS	22,323.89	18,569.69
RESTRICTED NET ASSETS - LM FUND	82,985.79	81,865.79
RETAINED EARNINGS	68,972.31	55,049.28
Net Income	5,349.77	34,783.02
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>323,112.48</b>	<b>317,762.71</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>323,112.48</b>	<b>317,762.71</b>

## 2018-19 Donors

*Your donations helped WWOA grow and fund important initiatives like WWOA's AmeriCorps position, Open Woods Events, Strategic Planning, My Land Handbook, and more...  
Thank you so very much!*

### WWOA Donations

#### **Acorn Donors ~ \$1 - \$10**

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Anonymous (4)

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George Lehrer, Deerbrook  
Keith Lemburg, Sister Bay  
Ned & Barbara Loar, Edelstein, IL  
Lawrence Papham, Franklin  
Chuck Pogorelnik, Milwaukee  
Steven & Lois Raether, Chippewa  
Falls  
Victoria Reigel, Sheboygan  
Mike & Sally Schendel, Menomonie  
James Schwanke, Weyauwega  
Susan Seresse, Fond du Lac  
Stetson Hardwoods, Inc.,  
Stetsonville  
David Stingle, Black Creek  
Dave Stoiber, Scandinavia  
Janette Sweasy, Bay City  
Dick & Charlotte Thompson, Lake  
Geneva  
Michael Uihlein, Cedarburg  
Robert Weber, Waukesha  
Wick Habitat Services, LLC,  
Wisconsin Dells  
Lon Yeary, Cross Plains  
Jerry Zaug, Sister Bay

### **Chief Forester~\$100-499**

Green County Forestry Education  
Center, Monroe  
James Rulseh, Salem

### **WVOA Memorial Funds**

#### **Henry & Gracia Anderson**

Steve & Lois Raether, Chippewa  
Falls

#### **Norma Belliveau**

Merlin & Georgie Becker, Manawa –  
To Endowment Fund  
Nancy Bozek, Stevens Point  
Reuben Roehl, Wausau

#### **Jane Edson**

Merlin & Georgie Becker, Manawa –  
To Endowment Fund  
Nancy Bozek, Stevens Point  
Glenn & Ev Charlson, Mountain

Chippewa Valley Chapter WVOA  
Philip & Janice Happe, Eau Claire –  
To Scholarship Fund  
Marvin Lansing, Eau Claire  
Ed & Helen Moberg, Nekoosa  
Carl & Doris Mueller, Onalaska – To  
Endowment Fund  
Steven & Lois Raether, Chippewa  
Falls – To Endowment Fund  
Arlene Roehl, Long Lake, MN  
Mike & Sally Schendel, Menomonie  
- To Scholarship Fund  
John & Cleo Young Jr., Lakeland, MN  
– To Scholarship Fund

#### **Richard “Dick” Hall**

Merlin & Georgie Becker, Manawa –  
To Endowment Fund

#### **Clifford Kolberg**

Dave & Evelyn Hall, Brooklyn

#### **Don Krahn**

James & Cheryl Ross, Friendship –  
To Scholarship Fund

#### **Bev Rosenfeldt**

Tom Rosenfeldt, Greenville

#### **Dale Schendel**

Anonymous (1)  
Merlin & Georgie Becker, Manawa –  
To Endowment Fund  
Judith Bergeron, Coon Rapids, MN  
Nancy Bozek, Stevens Point  
Chippewa Valley Chapter WVOA  
James & Rachel Cunningham, St.  
Paul, MN  
Richard & Susan Cunningham, St.  
Paul, MN  
Ralph Heiser, Baraboo – To  
Scholarship Fund  
Richard & Lorraine McNeil,  
Humarock, MA  
Carl & Doris Mueller, Onalaska – To  
Endowment Fund  
Steven & Lois Raether, Chippewa  
Falls – To Endowment Fund  
Arlene Roehl, Long Lake, MN  
Jean Schendel, Stewartville, MN  
Scott & Patricia Schendel, Butte, MT  
Mike & Sally Schendel, Menomonie  
Natalie Witte, Madison

## 2018-19 Volunteers

*WWOA members volunteered more than 1,200 hours!*

*Your gift of time means that we can put a "face" to WWOA allowing us welcome others and share our stories of caring for our woodlands ...Thank you so much!*

Joe Arington, Cambridge  
Jay Arneson, Spring Valley  
Shirley Bargander, Marshfield  
Jack (John) Bazile, Tigerton  
Scott Becker, Weyauwega  
Merlin & Georgie Becker, Manawa  
Jeff Beyersdorf, Manawa  
Brian & Mary Blakeley, Boyceville  
Debbie Boettcher, Seymour  
Mike Bohman, Algoma  
Brian & Dawn Borreson, Pigeon Falls  
Dave Burbach, La Crosse  
Aaron Burmeister, Seymour  
Karen & Dave Callaway, Altoona  
Glen & Ev Charlson, Mountain  
Bonnie Christenson, Cameron  
Bob Coffin, Palmrya  
Randy & Karen Cooper, New Berlin  
Richard & Mary Czaja, Pittsville  
Kirk Dahl, Eau Claire  
John & Gayle DeBaun, Brookfield  
Dennis & Rita Deitelhoff, Jim Falls  
Keith & Karla Dobberstein, Hortonville  
Craig Edison, Chaska, MN  
Ken & Doris Eisner, Allenton  
Mark & Roxanne Erickson, Medford  
Bill Euclide, Adams  
Scott Fischer, Bowler  
Jerry Fisher & Debra Schroeder-Fisher, Appleton  
Rick & Bobbi Freitag, Birchwood  
Sue Fritz, River Falls  
Bill & Lolly Fucik, Ladysmith  
Mike Gehrke, Winter  
Ken & Wendy Goerke, Arkdale  
Dale & Phil Grimm, Madison  
Margaret Parsons & Felix Grutzik Jr, Junction City  
Bonny & Gerry Guokas, Port Washington  
Dave & Evelyn Hall, Brooklyn  
Rich Hall-Reppen, Geneva, IL  
Loren & Nedra Hanson, Janesville  
Ralph Heiser, Baraboo

Alan Henke, Fitchburg  
Byron Hill, Ripon  
Don Hoffman, Black River Falls  
David & Diane Hoffman, Stoddard  
Joe Holman, Plover  
Curt & Melissa Jacob, Milton  
Tom & Leslyn Jacobs, Crivitz  
Shirley Jones, Boyceville  
Herman & Christina Kafura, Krakow  
Angeline Kamba, New London  
Ken & Judy Kaphingst, Pembine  
Tom & Mary Kempen, Greenleaf  
Paul Kienitz, Merrill  
Jim Kingsbury, Mountain  
Jim & Alice Kissinger, Stone Lake  
John & Cheryl Klemaseski, Lino Lakes, MN  
Brad & Catherine Koele, Minocqua  
Geneva Krahn, Arkdale  
Dave & Nick Kratzke, Plover  
Tom Kretovics, New Richmond  
Inez Krohn, Port Edwards  
Jack & Mark Kucksdorf, Random Lake  
Judy Kucksdorf, Marion  
Jan Lehrer, Iola  
Dale Lightfuss, Ogdensburg  
Daniel Lightfuss, Appleton  
Nancy Livingston, Hancock  
Diane Lueck, Friendship  
Meldon Maguire, Mosinee  
Kent & Jeanette Makela, Maple  
Brent McCown, Madison  
Marv Meier, Wausau  
Ed & Helen Moberg, Nekoosa  
Russ Moody, Monona  
Carl & Doris Mueller, Onalaska  
Carl Nelson, Minnetonka, MN  
Carol & John Nielsen, Mt Horeb  
Mike Nothom, Chanhassen, MN  
Judith Padour, Crivitz  
Dale & Judy Paust, Crivitz  
Jamie Pelishek & Roger Perrault, Gillett  
Dan Peterson, Wisconsin Rapids  
Chuck Pogorelnik, Milwaukee

Ross Prior, Coleman  
Dan Pubanz, Shawano  
Lois & Steve Raether, Chippewa Falls  
Jack Rasmussen, Baldwin  
James Richards, Kronenwetter  
Cecil & Jan Richardson, Richland Center  
Steve Ring, Shiocton  
Arlene Roehl, Long Lake, MN  
Darrel Ruechel, Appleton  
Deborah Russell, Madison  
Clyde Samsel, Hancock  
Randy & Arlene Schacht, South St Paul, MN  
Mike & Sally Schendel, Menomonie  
Darrell Scherwinski, Plover  
Andrew & Susan Schmidt, Wausau  
Kurt & Gloria Schuh, Kaukauna  
Jesse Sebero, Porterfield  
Gary Senn, Beldenville  
Ken Staffeldt, Porterfield  
Al & Marilyn Steele, Valparaiso, IN  
Terry Strong, Rhineland  
Sue Swanson, Wausau  
Jack (John) Tackman, Shiocton  
Marcia Frost Vahradian & Buzz Vahradian, Wautoma  
Roy Valitchka, Appleton  
Jeff & Liesel Virchow, St Croix Falls  
Lucas Vold, Crivitz  
Jackie & Jim Wagener, Madison  
Richard & Kathy Wagner, Weyauwega  
Chuck Wagner, Luxemburg  
Marilyn Waldbuesser, Menomonie  
Richard Warosh, Wausau  
Carol Warosh, Wausau  
James Weber, Avoca  
Nancy Wirtz, Eden  
Anastasia Wolf-Flasch, Cambellspport  
Ted Zabel, De Pere  
Jim & Marlene Zdanovec, Oshkosh  
Wayne Ziebell, Waupaca

*If your name is inadvertently missing from these lists, we sincerely apologize. Please notify the WWOA office so we can correct our records.*





# Strategic Plan Updates

*WWOA Strategic Plan 2015-20 updates from Fiscal Year 2018-19.*

## **GOAL I - Organizational Structure**

Adjust WWOA structure to be more efficient and effective with WWOA's resources.

- 2019 AmeriCorps member, Sarah Doucette, worked with interested members to match their interests and skills with available volunteer positions.
- WWOA Board of Directors and Chapter Chairs met on March 16 to draft ideas for WWOA's 2020-25 strategic plan. The Board and Planning Committee discussed priorities and a strategic plan was drafted for Board approval. The WWOA Board of Directors approved the 2020-25 Strategic Plan on August 30, 2019. It will be presented to the members at the 2019 Annual Meeting.
- With input from chapter board members, 2019 AmeriCorps member Sarah Doucette, created a web page of resources for chapter boards.

Improve the function of the WWOA Board of Directors.

- Organizational retreat was held for WWOA Board of Directors members on January 18, 2019.
- Board appointed Mark Erickson of Medford to complete the interim 2018-19 position on the Board of Directors.
- Board approved using a project action table to track issues and accomplishments.

## **GOAL II - Financial Stability**

Review existing WWOA processes, programs and services for financial impacts.

- 2018 and 2019 Annual Meeting registration packets were sent electronically to members with email addresses to save on printing and postage.
- Increased use of Constant Contact to share timely news with members.
- Board members approved setting up an annual automatic distribution from the Endowment Fund.
- 2019 AmeriCorps program position and related expenses were funded by very generous member donations.

Create programs that will assist WWOA members with Estate Planning.

- WWOA, through the AmeriCorps program, continues to host and provide additional resources through the Growing Your Legacy initiative on WWOA's website to assist WWOA members with legacy planning.

## **GOAL III - Building Membership**

Improve administration of WWOA Chapter and State memberships.

- Increased use of Constant Contact in 2019 to email information to members on local chapter events, regional winter conferences, Women of WWOA gatherings, WWOA and forestry news items, membership and scholarship initiatives, and WWOA's Annual Meeting registration.
- In 2018 the Board approved a new award, the Chapter Distinguished Service Award, for presentation to WWOA members for outstanding dedication and achievement in furthering the goals and principles of a WWOA chapter(s).
- Through WWOA's Growing Your Legacy initiative on WWOA's website WWOA is offering free WI DNR forester woodland walks to unengaged landowners to assist WI DNR, Division of Forestry in reaching their new goal of connecting with 20,000 unengaged woodland owners and walking their woods in the next five years by partnering with organizations such as WWOA.

Improve retention of WWOA Chapter and State memberships.

- AmeriCorps member, Sarah Doucette, sent out Constant Contact reminders from the WWOA office about chapter activities to members within each chapter area.
- Sarah Doucette (2019) used handwritten notes to contact those who hadn't renewed in the previous year.
- Increased information provided to WWOA members via Constant Contact emails, WWOA's website, and Facebook. Facebook use increased and likes rose to 823 in 2019.

Look for new ways to increase the number of WWOA Chapter and State memberships.

- 2019 Membership Drive - Got Trees? Chip In with a New Member. Members were encouraged to promote WWOA with family, friends and neighbors owning woodlands. The membership drive resulted in 94 new members.

## GOAL IV - Education & Partnerships

Reach Wisconsin legislators and the media with information on how the Managed Forest Law (MFL) program impacts private woodland owners.

- Board of Directors submitted comments on WI DNR proposed changes to the Forest Tax Law Handbook Chapter 20 – Harvesting on MFL land including the clarification of the WI DNR forester in the process and WWOA's reiteration that all landowners should sign the cutting notice when the proposed harvest is outside of the Handbook guidelines.
- On February 5, 2019, Board members discussed WI DNR's proposed changes to NR 46 administrative code governing the Managed Forest Law (MFL) program. Two motions were approved. The Board supported permanent structures on MFL lands for storage and maintenance of forestry equipment to support sound forestry practices. The Board supported the intent of Act 358 that MFL management plans are a contract, and therefore the WWOA Board does not support any interpretations within proposed changes that allow for one-sided changes to the MFL contract. WWOA's statement was shared at the public hearings and submitted to WI DNR.
- On June 6, 2019 Board members discussed the proposed rule changes for the Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program (WFLGP) and noted concerns about changing the "first come, first served" application processing and the proposal to limit the first application period in August for funding nonManaged Forest Law landowners only. WWOA sent a letter to WI DNR on June 24, 2019 detailing these concerns and potential impacts.

Take the lead in increasing cooperation among landowner organizations.

- 2019 inaugural partner in the Wisconsin Coalition for Forestry Outreach which is working to coordinate marketing educational messages across various forestry audiences.

Link WWOA Chapters to School Forests in their area.

- Partnering with the statewide School Forest administrator on a series of eight articles on School Forests across Wisconsin for *Wisconsin Woodlands* magazine, starting in the Fall 2018 issue and continuing through 2019.

Continue and improve current WWOA educational efforts.

- Second recipient of WWOA's new Forestry Leader Scholarship was Violet Thielke of Waupaca. Scholarship was established to assist future foresters interested in working with Wisconsin's private woodland owners. It is offered annually in the amount of \$5,000 to a junior/senior student studying forest management at UW-Stevens Point. In 2019, another wonderful and generous, yet anonymous, WWOA donor stepped forward to grow the Forestry Leader Scholarship fund with a \$20,000 match campaign that runs through the 2019 Annual Meeting.
- 2019 AmeriCorps member, Sarah Doucette, coordinated the 16 Open Woods events on May 18 and 25 with assistance from WWOA's chapters. These events were publicized through press releases, email newsletters, Facebook and News from Wisconsin Woods newsletter with the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee. This information increased likes on our Facebook page and more people viewed our website for information about the Open Woods events. Unfortunately, the day of the event the weather was cold and rainy resulting in lower than hoped attendance.
- Women of WWOA (WOWWOA) gathered in October 2018, with a few snow flurries in the air, at the Leopold Foundation near Baraboo to learn more about Aldo Leopold and his land ethic, tour The Shack, and discover various aspects of journaling. In April 2019, WOWWOA gathered at the Mt. Morris Camp in Waushara County to learn about fire prevention in the wildland urban interface, the basics of pine management, resources for engaging the youth in your woodlands, and maple syrup making. Women woodland owners are encouraged to join us!

Establish key partnerships that will improve woodland owner education and outreach.

- Past President Paul Kienitz gave a presentation at the new WI DNR forester training about WWOA in 2018 and 2019.
- Board approved informing members of the WI DNR Annual Spring Fish & Wildlife Public Hearings and WI Conservation Congress Annual Spring County Conservation Meeting on Monday, April 8. For the first time they provided an online option for citizens to vote. The Board agreed to inform members of two questions but did not take a position on either question: #71 in which the Conservation Congress proposed working with WI DNR to create a web-based application to list established timber sales for loggers and timber buyers, and #80 asking if citizens are in favor of the legislature passing legislation to designate the hickory nut as the state nut. Both questions passed.

## Strategic Plan Updates

- The Board supported a draft proposal from WWOA's DMAP representative Ross Prior DVM. The proposal will be forwarded to DMAP for their consideration. It will expand the opportunities for Level 1 participants to receive in season bonus antlerless harvest permits for documented deer damage. This proposal would allow additional permits, if 75 acres or more are enrolled in the program, the Level 2 fee of \$75 is paid, the property is in a zone/county where the demand for antlerless permits exceeds the supply and has documented deer damage from an assessment by a WI DNR forester or forest technician.
- Attended WI Council on Forestry meetings.



## WOWA Chapter Reports

### **BAD AXE CHAPTER, Dale Grimm, Vice President**

The Bad Axe Chapter consists of 9 counties, Crawford, Grant, Iowa, La Crosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Sauk and Vernon. We have approximately 100 members. Officers include Dale Grimm, Vice President; Rich Hall-Reppen, Treasurer; and Directors John Nielsen, Brent McCown, and Pete Schneider.

The Bad Axe chapter will be holding an event on September 14, 2019.

### **BLACKHAWK CHAPTER, Carol Nielsen & Jim Deppeler, Co-Chairs**

The Blackhawk Chapter (BHC) consists of 6 counties which include Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Jefferson, and Rock. We have 235 members plus 25 of their spouses. Officers include Carol Nielsen, Co-Chair & Treasurer; Jim Deppeler, Co-Chair; Stan Nichols, Secretary; Alan Henke, Board (Dane); Colleen Lourigan, Board (Dane); Dave & Evelyn Hall, Board (Green); and Carol & Steve Armstrong, Board (Jefferson).

The Blackhawk Chapter held the following events:

July 18, 2018	Tapp'n Woods – Fitchburg	15 Attendees
Aug. 15, 2018	Tapp'n Woods – Cambridge	18 Attendees
Oct. 16, 2018	Tapp'n Woods – Stoughton	13 Attendees
Jan. 19, 2019	Annual Meeting – Stoughton, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) update given.	23 Attendees
Feb. 16, 2019	Madison Area Woodland Owners Conference – Madison (exhibit used)	170 Attendees
Mar. 20, 2019	Tapp'n Woods – Sun Prairie	13 Attendees
Apr. 17, 2019	Tapp'n Woods – Stoughton	16 Attendees
May 18, 2019	Open Woods Event – Green County Forestry Education Center (exhibit used)	40 Attendees
Jun. 29, 2019	Summer Picnic – Dave and Evelyn Hall's Property, Understanding your property tax bill.	23 Attendees

### **CENTRAL SANDS CHAPTER, Buzz Vahradian & Jim Wagener, Co-Chairs**

The Central Sands Chapter consists of 6 counties, which includes Adams, Juneau, Marquette, Portage, Waushara, and Wood. Officers include Buzz Vahradian and James Wagener (Co-chairs), Marcia Frost Vahradian (Secretary), and Jackie Wagener (Treasurer). We currently have 60 members.

The chapter held the following events:

Sept. 8, 2018	Field Day – Chuck Pogorelnik's property, Portage Co.	20 Attendees
Mar. 29, 2019	Annual Meeting – Ponderosa Pines, Bancroft. Snapshot Wisconsin presentation.	44 Attendees
May 18, 2019	Open Woods Event – All six counties hosted an Open Woods.	Total 60 Attendees

### **CHIPPEWA VALLEY CHAPTER, Ralph Heiser, Chair**

The Chippewa Valley Chapter consists of 6 counties, which includes Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, and Trempealeau. Officers include Ralph Heiser, Chair; Karen Callaway, Vice Chair; Arlene Roehl, Secretary; Mary Blakeley, Treasurer; and Merlyn Jones, Past Chair. Members at Large: Gary & Bonnie Christenson, Lois Raether, Brian Blakeley Greg Krueger, Dawn Borreson, and Bill Connelly. We currently have 112 members.

The Chapter held the following events:

July 28, 2018	Logjam Picnic – Blakeley Tree Farm, Dunn Co. – Tree ID with DNR Forester Rob Strand, cost-sharing programs with NRCS, timber stand improvement with Brian Borreson, & logging perspective and processor demonstration from Travis & Mike Anderson.	
Oct. 13, 2018	Planning meeting at Green Mill in Eau Claire to schedule field days & other events.	19 Attendees
Jan. 17, 2018	Annual Meeting at Green Mill in Eau Claire – Snapshot Wisconsin presentation.	54 Attendees
Mar. 2, 2019	Western Area Woodland Owners Conference at UW Stout joint with West Central Chapter. Topics included WOWWOA, CWD, Benefits of a Consulting Forester, and different timber markets.	
May 18, 2019	Open Woods Event – Dunn, Eau Claire, & Jackson counties hosted events.	Total 102 Attendees
July 13, 2019	Logjam Picnic – Doug & Joan Scheffer property in Humbird, WI – Monarch butterflies presentation by Ellen Wynkoop and red oak shelterwood cut tour by Justin Kapusta.	50 Attendees

## WVOA Chapter Reports

### NEWFO CHAPTER, Chuck Wagner, Chair

Our chapter worked with Glacierland RC&D to put on the Winter Woodland Owners Conference in Green Bay last February. We have not had any meetings since.

### NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER, Dave Burbach, President

The North Central Chapter consists of 8 counties, which includes Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Price and Vilas. Officers include Dave Burbach, President; Chuck Pogorelcnik, Vice President; Roxanne Erickson, Secretary/Treasurer; and Members at Large, James Richards, Meldon Maguire, and Rich Warosh. Current membership is 91.

#### Dates & Location of Chapter activities

Oct. 6, 2018	Fall Field Day – Chuck Pogorelcnik’s property, Price Co.	19 Attendees
Jan. 12, 2019	Chapter Annual Meeting – The Bar, Rothschild – Monk Gardens presentation	26 Attendees
Feb. 9, 2019	NCC Winter Conference, Westwood Conference Center – Will I be Sued..., Timber Theft, DNR Forestry Assistance, Forest Health, and Bees & Butterflies were all topics covered.	100 Attendees
May 18, 2019	Open Woods event – Andrew & Susan Schmidt, Tic Acres – Soil erosion, surveying, and best management practices were topics covered as well as a property tour.	18 Attendees

### NORTHWEST CHAPTER, Bobbi Freitag, President

The Northwest Chapter consists of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, and Washburn counties. Board Members are Bobbi Freitag, President; Klaren Alexander, Treasurer (incoming); Bill & Lolly Fucik, Rusk Co. Leaders; Jim & Alice Kissinger, Sawyer Co. Leaders; Randy & Arlene Schacht, Burnett Co. Leaders; Kent Makela, Douglas Co. Leader and Membership Chair; and John & Cheryl Klemaseski, Sawyer Co. Leaders.

The chapter had the following events:

Aug. 11, 2018	Field Day co-hosted with WI Tree Farm Committee – Dale & Cathy Paulson property, Bayfield Co. – Oak regeneration, young and mature aspen, & trout stream protection topics were covered.	35 Attendees
Apr. 13, 2019	Annual Meeting and Conference – Flat Creek Eatery in Hayward, Sawyer Co – Forest habitat and biodiversity, biochar production, His & Hers forest management, member sharing, conservation easement, & landmark conservancy were all topics covered.	37 Attendees

### PHOENIX-FALLS CHAPTER, Randy Cooper, President

The Phoenix-Falls Chapter of WVOA covers Florence, Marinette, Menominee, and Oconto counties. Our chapter board members include Randy Cooper, President; Lucas Vold, Past-President; Ken Eisner, Treasurer; Judy Paust, Secretary; Jim Kingsbury, Publicity Delegate; and Dan Meyer, Historian. Members At Large include Dale Paust, Ken Staffeldt, Tom Jacobs, and Ross Prior. Current membership is 54.

#### Dates & Location of Chapter Events

Aug. 4, 2018	Chapter Summer Picnic – Ken & Doris Eisner property – Walking and wagon tours through the woodlands and the new woodshed.	35 Attendees
9/20-23, 2018	Hosted Annual Meeting in Wabeno – THANK YOU to all the Phoenix Falls members that helped plan, host tours, and helped us to host the 2018 WVOA Annual Meeting! Thanks to all WVOA members who were able to attend and for assistance of WVOA Staff & Board.	
Mar. 3, 2019	Chapter Annual Meeting & Banquet – The Woods in Crivitz, Oconto Co. – Forestry update from Representative Jeff Mursau; history of the railroad logging industry in late 1800’s to early 1900’s by Jeff Pagels of Eagle River.	

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### WEST CENTRAL CHAPTER, Gary Senn, Chair

The West Central Chapter consists of Buffalo, Pepin, Pierce, and St. Croix counties. Officers are Gary Senn, Chair; Jack Rasmussen, Vice Chair; Sue Fritz, Secretary; Mike Nothom, Treasurer; and Carl Nelson, Past Chair. Members At Large include Jay Arneson, Tom Kretovics, Steve McDonald, and Paul Kujak. Current membership is 68.

#### Chapter Events held:

Oct. 20, 2018	Fall Field Day at Mike & Rita McDonald's property, Pepin Co. – Viewing the current timber harvest with explanations on the harvest and regrowth concepts from WI DNR Foresters Justin Kania & Adam Foehringer.	26 Attendees
Jan. 12, 2019	Inaugural Interest Group Field Tour, Carl Nelson property, Maiden Rock – Interest groups for invasive species and hardwood planting & regeneration met for a field tour and discussed buckthorn control, protecting trees from deer and rabbits, use of a deer enclosure, and acorn planting.	10 Attendees
Feb. 9, 2019	Chapter Business Meeting at Molly's, Plum City – Discussed growing mushrooms with Omar Warner, a local mushroom cultivation expert and Paul Kujak, a chapter board member who recently began growing shiitake mushrooms on his property.	31 Attendees
Mar. 2, 2019	Western Area Woodland Owners Conference at UW Stout joint with Chippewa Valley Chapter. Topics included WOWWOA, CWD, Benefits of a Consulting Forester, and different timber markets.	
Apr. 27, 2019	Spring Field Day at Cairn's Woods, Ellsworth – Justin Kania, WI DNR, explained the upcoming tree harvest on this city-owned land. Viewed amazing growth of urban red oak, sugar maple, and Norway spruce, as well as a wildflower reserve. Topics also covered were effects of syrup tapping on trees, uneven aged silviculture methods, and priorities when planning a harvest.	24 Attendees

### WINNEBAGOLAND CHAPTER, Nancy Wirtz, President

The WinnebagoLand Chapter consists of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Sheboygan, and Winnebago. Officers are Nancy Wirtz, President; Pete Meyer, Vice President; and Kim Quast, Secretary/Treasurer. Current membership is unknown.

#### Chapter events held:

Sept 29, 2018	Field Day/Lunch – Alex & Carol Leonard and Victor & Lois Jewson – Topics covered were invasive brush management and restoration efforts including deer enclosure fencing.	22 Attendees
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### WOLF RIVER CHAPTER, Debra Schroeder Fisher, Chair

The Wolf River Chapter consists of Outagamie, Shawano, & Waupaca counties. Officers are Debra Schroeder Fisher, Chair; Steven Ring, Vice-Chair; Jack Kucksdorf, Past-Chair; Kathy Wagner, Secretary; Mary Kucksdorf, Treasurer; and Aaron Burmeister, Program Chair. Current membership is 55.

#### The chapter held the following events:

Oct. 27, 2018	Fall Field Day at Navarino Nature Center in Shiocton, Outagamie Co. – History & mission of Nature Center, native riverine vegetation, fire containment processes, and the Center's 2017 coppice harvest were topics covered.	27 Attendees
Jan 25, 2019	Chapter Annual Meeting at Crystal Falls Banquet Facility in New London – WVOA Strategic Plan input, chapter year in review, DMAP and history of deer in WI by Curt Rollin, business meeting and election of new officers were topics covered.	70 Attendees
May 18, 2019	Open Woods event – All three counties hosted an Open Woods.	Total 113 Attendees



### **AWARDS COMMITTEE, Marcia Frost Vahradian, Chair**

Committee Members: Merlin Becker, Nancy Bozek, Nancy Livingston, Chuck Pogorelnik, Arlene Roehl, and Richard Wagner.

The Awards Committee selects the recipient(s) of WWOA's Distinguished Service Award, an award given for outstanding dedication and achievement in furthering the goals and principles of WWOA. Recipients of WWOA's Special Recognition Award are considered for special projects that have a statewide impact that may be narrow in focus. The Next Generation award is a dual award presented to an educator and a WWOA member who work together in a continuous effort to inform the next generation about the value of Wisconsin's private woodlands and sustainable forest management. The Chapter Distinguished Service Award is given for outstanding dedication and achievement in furthering the goals and principles of a WWOA Chapter(s). Members are encouraged to make nominations for these awards. The nomination form is available to all members with a deadline of June 1 each year. Chapters are encouraged to consider awards for their members based on chapter activities and accomplishments.

WWOA is a member of the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame (<http://www.wisaf.org/wisconsin-forestry-hall-of-fame>). Ray Guries was inducted in the fall of 2018. WWOA is also a member of the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame (<https://wchf.org>). In 2019, they inducted Scott Craven, Don L. Johnson, and Aroline Schmitt.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Lois Raether, Chair**

Once again, we did not meet, but I am very happy and grateful for all the ongoing education in every chapter.

### **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE, Merlin Becker, Chair**

Committee members: Merlin Becker (chair), Marv Meier, Craig Nienow, Wayne Ziebell, and Nancy Bozek.

The Committee encourages members to consider making donations to WWOA's Endowment Fund so that future generation will have the support they need from WWOA to help them sustainably manage their woodlands. Thank you for your generous contributions to help this important fund. As of June 30, 2019, the Fund Balance was \$74,960.95. WWOA's Board may choose to receive a grant from this fund each year to be used for WWOA's purpose, to increase acreage under active management, and to enhance WWOA membership. This year the Board took a distribution of \$2,633.00 for WWOA's Open Woods events and 40<sup>th</sup> year activities.

WWOA has also created a Living Legacy Circle for members wishing to include the WWOA Endowment Fund in their will or estate planning documents. Please contact us if you are interested in joining our Circle. WWOA Living Legacy Circle members will be recognized for their gift during their lifetime, if they so choose, giving us the opportunity to thank them now for making a difference in WWOA's future.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE, Arlene Roehl, Chair**

Committee members: Merlin Becker, Mary Kempen, Dale Lightfuss, Daniel Lightfuss, Margaret Parsons, Wayne Ziebell, and Arlene Roehl.

We started the fiscal year with a balance of \$2,927.93 in our checkbook. The market value of WWOA's investments as of June 30, 2019, was: mutual funds \$228,543.79, regular savings \$4,346.82, 3-year membership savings \$17,578.18 and PayPal savings \$1,002.66. In the 2018-2019 fiscal year, WWOA's income was \$185,206.17. The money from the two new life memberships totaling \$1,120.00 was transferred from the checking account and invested in mutual funds.

At the May 10, 2019 Finance Committee meeting, the fiscal 2019-2020 budget was developed with input from the standing committees, gift shop, executive director, publications, and advertising manager. Committee recommendations of the proposed budget were provided to the June 2019 Board of Directors meeting for their approval. WWOA's 2019-2020 budget is projected to have an income of \$199,905.00 with expenses of \$211,796.00 leaving a deficit of (\$11,891.00). Checkbook carryover as of June 30, 2019, was \$3,402.21.

### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE, Mark Erickson, Chair**

Committee members: Nancy Bozek, Dick Czaja, Roxanne Erickson, Jim Kingsbury and Darrell Scherwinski.

Thank you to everyone who bought fundraiser tickets, donated items or cash, and helped to make the 2018 Fundraiser a huge success. The Annual Fundraiser, Friday night raffle, Chapter basket raffle, and the Silent Auction brought in \$16,600 and that money went a long way in supporting WWOA's mission. This year we are counting on you our members, to once again help to make the 2019 Fundraiser bigger and better than the year before.

Members have worked hard to provide a variety of prizes this year, so there is sure to be something to please everyone. We thank our sponsors and contributors for their continuous support.

If you are interested in donating or volunteering to be a part of this fun committee, please contact Mark Erickson at markerickson4035@gmail.com.

### **GIFT SHOP COMMITTEE, Jim & Marlene Zdanovec, Co-chairs**

The WWOA Gift Shop Committee met on March 22, 2019. Members are Nancy Bozek, Roxanne Erickson, Angeline Kamba, Nancy Livingston, Ed & Helen Moberg, Deborah Russell, Jim & Jackie Wagener.

Mark Erickson was a special guest at the meeting. The Gift Shop will celebrate WWOA's 40th Anniversary by showcasing several new clothing items this year: charcoal black and dark blue long-sleeve denim shirts, trendy black t-shirts, and a special black hat. All clothing will feature WWOA's 40th Anniversary logo. Seven new books and playing cards will be ready for sale at the September Annual Meeting along with regular merchandise. The Committee will meet again next spring to review inventory and select new stock. We welcome your suggestions! Yeah! WWOA's 40th Anniversary and still growing!

### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

During the past year, the WWOA Board of Directors offered public testimony and written comments on a variety of WI DNR proposed guidance that would impact private landowners.

- Board of Directors submitted comments on WI DNR proposed changes to the Forest Tax Law Handbook Chapter 20 – Harvesting on MFL land including the clarification of the WI DNR forester in the process and WWOA's reiteration that all landowners should sign the cutting notice when the proposed harvest is outside of the Handbook guidelines.
- On February 5, 2019, Board members discussed WI DNR's proposed changes to NR 46 administrative code governing the Managed Forest Law (MFL) program. Two motions were approved. The Board supported permanent structures on MFL lands for storage and maintenance of forestry equipment to support sound forestry practices. The Board supported the intent of Act 358 that MFL management plans are a contract, and therefore the WWOA Board does not support any interpretations within proposed changes that allow for one-sided changes to the MFL contract. WWOA's statement was shared at the public hearings and submitted to WI DNR.
- On June 6, 2019 Board members discussed the proposed rule changes for the Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program (WFLGP) and noted concerns about changing the "first come, first served" application processing and the proposal to limit the first application period in August for funding nonManaged Forest Law landowners only. WWOA sent a letter to WI DNR on June 24, 2019 detailing these concerns and potential impacts.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, Keith Dobberstein, Chair**

As of June 30, 2019, total membership was 1697. During the 2018-2019 fiscal year 157 new members have joined WWOA. There were 87 added by gift memberships and there were 70 regular members added.

On January 1, 2019 we started the Got Trees? Chip In with a New Member membership drive mailing to members to promote WWOA with family, friends and neighbors who are fellow woodland owners. Reminders have been noted in the magazine and through emails. Thanks to all who have participated in our current membership drive, Got Trees? Chip In! From January 1 through June 30, there have been 68 new members sponsored by 44 of our current members.

## WWOA Committee Reports

The membership drive ends on September 1, 2019 with a prize drawing at the Annual Meeting for members who successfully recruited a new member.

Our membership committee is looking for feedback from anyone involved in this effort. Please E-mail me or see me at our annual meeting. We need your input to aid us in planning future promotions.

A reminder: If you have any WWOA posters remaining, please remember to distribute them to appropriate public locations. As I prepared this report, I realized I do have one remaining myself!

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Arlene Roehl, Chair**

Nominating Committee members included Board members Arlene Roehl, Lois Raether, and elected from the membership at the 2018 Annual Meeting, Mike Bohman and Chuck Pogorelnik. At the end of the 2019 Annual Meeting, Board Members Mark Erickson, Tom Jacobs, Steven Ring, and Richard Wagner's terms will expire. The following members agreed to be candidates for the four open positions on the WWOA Board of Directors: Tom Jacobs of Crivitz (running for a second term), Mark Erickson of Medford, Don Hoffman of Black River Falls, and Tom Kempen of Greenleaf.

We thank them for their willingness to offer leadership skills, time, and energy toward furthering WWOA's mission. Serving on WWOA's Board of Directors provides an opportunity to give something back to the forestry community. We encourage WWOA members to consider running for the Board of Directors, local chapter boards or serving on WWOA's committees. If you know of a potential leader within our midst, please encourage them to consider running for a leadership position. Our volunteers often say they learn more about WWOA and things happening in the forestry community by sharing their time and talents with WWOA.

### **PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON CHAPTERS, Margaret Parsons, Chair**

Committee is chaired by WWOA's Vice President and is comprised of WWOA's chapter chairs.

The Committee met at the 2018 Annual Meeting on September 22, 2018, in Wabeno. Discussion included DNR appointment of staff as liaisons with chapters, the membership drive being held in conjunction with WWOA's 40th anniversary celebration, retention of new members, forest costs and taxation issues, and encouraging chapter chairs to nominate candidates for the WWOA Board of Directors. The Committee met by conference call on March 4th, 2019, to discuss the strategic planning process, the respective roles of the chapters and the state WWOA organization, planning for future annual meetings, and ideas for the next five-year strategic plan. Committee members attended a joint meeting with the Board of Directors on March 16th, 2019, to develop the WWOA strategic plan for 2020-2025. The next Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at the WWOA Annual Meeting in Marshfield.

### **PUBLICATION COMMITTEE, Ed Moberg, Chair**

The Publication Committee has met three times since the last Annual Meeting. As a committee, we seek out and review articles that are of importance to our readers. Jim Warren has joined the committee as the WI DNR liaison. We strive to incorporate a blend of topics in each issue (wildlife, forestry, legal issues, and members' experiences). If you have a story to tell or pictures to share, feel free to send them to the committee chairperson.

New advertisers for this year are: Winters Forest Products, Rynish Forestry, Forest Business Consultants, Forest Data Network, Meister Log and Lumber, and West River Skidder. Helen Moberg, our Advertising Consultant, reminds everyone to mention WWOA when they use the businesses and services that are in our magazine.

The committee members include: Nancy Bozek (WWOA Executive Director), Jim Warren (DNR Liaison), Robert Coffin, Kirk Dahl, John DeBaun, Ed Moberg (Chairperson), Helen Moberg (Advertising Consultant), Russ Moody, Carol Nielsen, Margaret Parsons, Dan Pubanz, Clyde Samsel, Barbara A. Schmitz (Editor), Roy Valitchka, and Rich Warosh. The committee's mission is to produce an informative and interesting quarterly magazine, and which helps members of WWOA become better woodland stewards.

## WWOA Committee Reports

WWOA members are encouraged to submit their ideas for articles to Ed Moberg, 2300 County Road G, Nekoosa, WI. 54457 or email at [hemtrees@charter.net](mailto:hemtrees@charter.net). Advertising inquires can be sent to Helen Moberg at the same address.

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, Paul Kienitz, Chair**

With the creation of the WWOA Forestry Leader Scholarship at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, our organization moved even closer to its educational mission by including the education of forestry students. The Scholarship committee congratulates the 2019 winner - Violet Thielke of Waupaca.

This spring we were approached by a generous patron about creating a \$20,000 match campaign for the summer. Of course, we jumped at this wonderful opportunity and designed the *Grow A Forester* match campaign. A mailing was sent to members in mid-May along with email reminders. We are hoping we will be able to fully match donation by the 2019 Annual Meeting. As of June 30, 2019, the scholarship fund had a balance of \$67,980.42 and \$5,000 was paid to our first scholarship winner during the fiscal year.

Scholarship applications will be accepted from November 1, 2019 through January 1, 2020 with the winner announced in spring 2020. The application is available on WWOA's website at [wisconsinwoodlands.org/scholarship](http://wisconsinwoodlands.org/scholarship). The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded in two payments during the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters. The Scholarship Committee will be busy promoting this new scholarship to UW-Stevens Point forestry students and reviewing applications.

### **WEBSITE COMMITTEE, Rich Warosh, Chair**

The Website Committee consists of the following members: Rich Warosh – Chair, Helen Moberg –Vice Chair, Nancy Bozek, Ed Moberg, Buzz Vahradian, Roxanne Erickson and Sarah Doucette.

The Website Committee did not meet during the past year. WWOA's AmeriCorps member Sarah Doucette, Helen Moberg, and WWOA's staff kept the website updated. The Publications and Resources pages were reformatted to make things easier to find. WWOA's Open Woods event, Got Trees? Chip In membership drive, and Forestry Leader Scholarship match challenge were promoted on the website and Facebook. A special storm damage resources page was created due to July 2019's destructive storms. Facebook now has 823 likes with 922 followers with great posts.

### **WOWWOA COMMITTEE**

Steering committee members: Debbie Boettcher, Nancy Bozek, Karen Callaway, Marcia Frost Vahradian, Judy Kucksdorf, Mary Kucksdorf, Inez Krohn, Diane Lueck, Helen Moberg, Margaret Parsons, Arlene Roehl, Debra Schroeder Fisher, Anastasia Wolf-Flasch, and WWOA Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps member, Sarah Doucette

Women of WWOA (WOWWOA) gathered in October 2018 at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center just outside of Baraboo. Debra Schroeder Fisher started the gathering with introductions and a thoughtful quote from Leopold to get the group thinking of how to create harmony on their woodlands. Afterwards, the group took a tour of the famous Leopold Shack, learned about the glacial history of the area, and heard about the Center's various outreach efforts to continue Aldo Leopold's legacy. After lunch, Diane Humphrey Lueck and Helen Moberg shared nature journaling ideas and tips with the group. Arlene Roehl ended the day by sharing her recent experience in a forest bathing session.

In April 2019, the group gathered at Mt. Morris Camp & Convention Center in Waushara County. Amy Luebke of WI DNR shared tips on how to make your woodlands & buildings more FireWise, Mary and Judy Kucksdorf brought out the kid in each of us with ideas on how to engage the "next generation." Marcia Frost Vahradian of V's Forestry Consulting LLC led a walk to learn more about Wisconsin's pines, where they grow, and how to keep them healthy. Helen Moberg shared her experiences with a sweet spring tradition – maple syruping.

### 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

WWOA's 40<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary touched many aspects of who we are and what we do. The Publications Committee and our editor, Barbara Benish Schmitz, featured special articles in *Wisconsin Woodlands* magazine. These included WWOA's first and current President's columns, *Lessons from 40 years* with members sharing something they have learned from WWOA, updates on the Got Trees? Chip In membership drive and Grow A Forester scholarship match campaign.

The Gift Shop Committee started working on the 40<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary in 2018. In partnership with D.C. Everest High School's DECA EverestExpressions enterprise (Wausau) to create a colorful new 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary design. Black t-shirts, black caps, and long-sleeved denim shirts in dark blue or charcoal black now carry this beautiful design.

The Membership Committee started 2019 with our Got Trees? Chip In with a New Member membership drive mailing. They encouraged members to seek out their family, friends and neighbors owning woodlands and invite them to join WWOA. The drive ran through September 1, 2019. This successful campaign brought in a total of 94 new members.

WWOA's Open Woods events were held on May 18 and 25. It was a special day where WWOA members welcomed the public to their woodlands to educate and encourage other private woodland owners and family forest landowners to manage their woodlands and practice sustainable forestry. This had been done twice in the past, for the 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> WWOA Anniversaries.

Counties with hosts were: Adams – Geneva Krahn & family, Chippewa – Lois & Steve Raether, Dunn – Brian & Mary Blakeley, Green – Blackhawk Chapter & Green County Forestry Education Center, Jackson – Dennis & Rita Deitelhoff & family, Juneau – John & Gayle DeBaun, Marathon – Andrew & Susan Schmidt and North Central Chapter, Marquette – Byron Hill, Monroe – Curt & Melissa Jacob, Outagamie – Steven Ring & Jack Tackman, Portage – Chuck Pogorelnik, Shawano – Herman Kafura, Jerry Fisher & Debra Schroeder Fisher, Vernon – David & Diane Hoffman & family, Waupaca – Merlin & Georgie Becker, Waushara – Bonnie & Gerry Guokas, and Wood – Richard & Mary Czaja.

There were representatives from many different agencies/organizations assisting at the Open Woods events they included: WI DNR, UW-Extension, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Wisconsin Farmers Union, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wisconsin Walnut Council, Green County Forestry Education Board, Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership, Quality Deer Management Association, and five different Consulting Forestry companies: Jordan Forestry LLC, Nielsen & Nielsen Forestry LLC, Timber Falls Forestry LLC, V's Forestry Consulting LLC, & Wolf River Forestry LLC.

In total there were 16 events, 389 attendees, 65 event volunteers (54 of which were WWOA members, including hosts), 36 other agency/organization professionals volunteering their time, 733 total volunteer hours, and six companies that donated to the individual events. Over 70 press releases on the individual events were sent out to different newspapers, TV & radio stations. Facebook posts were created for the individual events and the total post reach for all 16 events was 8,693, meaning that many people saw the posts. We believe that the chilly/rainy weather on the 18th played a major role in turn-out. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Woods averaged 29 visitors per site while the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Woods was just under with 24 visitors per host site.

The Scholarship Committee, through a very generous and anonymous patron, offered an opportunity to *Grow A Forester* through a \$20,000 match challenge to help increase the new Forestry Leaders Scholarship fund for forestry students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The match challenge ends at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

It has been an exciting year! The celebration will continue at the 2019 Annual Meeting with special themes, activities and fun for all!



# WVOA Past Presidents & Awards

## PRESIDENTS

1979-80..... Ernest Brickner	1989-91..... Marcia Frost Vahradian	2007-09..... Merlin Becker
1980-81..... A. H. Wakeman	1991-93..... Norma Belliveau	2009-11..... Loren Hanson
1981-82..... Edward Steigerwaldt	1993-95..... Clyde Samsel	2011-12..... Joe Arington
1982-83..... Jack Densmore	1995-97..... Ann Hockerman	2012-14..... Charles Wagner
1983-84..... Milo Tapon	1997-99..... Jack Edson	2014-16..... Paul Kienitz
1984-85..... Maurice White	1999-2001...Virgil Kopitske	2016-18..... Steven Ring
1985-87..... Richard Hall	2001-03..... Marvin Meier	2018-19..... Richard Wagner
1987-88..... Rachel Jordan	2003-05..... Alvin Barden	
1988-89..... LaVern Dierschow	2005-07..... Dale Zaug	

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

1985-86.... <i>Frederic Braun &amp; Jack Densmore</i>	1996-97.... <i>Norma Belliveau</i>	2006-07.... <i>Dave Hall, &amp; Dale Zaug, &amp; Jim and Marlene Zdanovec</i>
1986-87.... <i>H. A. Wakeman</i>	1997-98.... <i>Jack Edson, A. Jeff Martin &amp; Walter Naab</i>	2007-08.... <i>Donna Johnston</i>
1987-88.... <i>Hiram Hallock</i>	1998-99.... <i>Michael Hildebrandt &amp; Jerry Lapidakis</i>	2008-09.... <i>Al Barden, Merlin Becker, Robert Rusch</i>
1988-89.... <i>Rachel Jordan &amp; Tom Rausch</i>	1999-2000... <i>Helen and Ed Moberg</i>	2011-12.... <i>Bill Horvath</i>
1989-90.... <i>Gordon Cunningham &amp; Grace White</i>	2000-01.... <i>Tim Eisele &amp; Ann Hockerman</i>	2012-13.... <i>Shirley Bargander</i>
1990-91.... <i>Chris Hauge &amp; Bill Seybold</i>	2001-02.... <i>Dale Lightfuss &amp; Everett Queckboerner</i>	2013-14.... <i>Jan Lehrer</i>
1991-92.... <i>Richard Hall &amp; Betty Hauge</i>	2002-03.... <i>Dave Downs &amp; Eugene Roark</i>	2014-15.... <i>Arlene Roehl</i>
1992-93.... <i>LaVern Dierschow &amp; Maurice White</i>	2003-04.... <i>Virgil Kopitske &amp; Beverly and Dale Schendel</i>	2015-16.... <i>Steven and Lois Raether &amp; Charles R. Wagner</i>
1993-94.... <i>Jack Bazile</i>	2004-05.... <i>Ev and Glenn Charlson &amp; Marv Meier</i>	2016-17.... <i>Paul Kienitz</i>
1994-95.... <i>Betty Densmore &amp; Marcia Frost Vahradian</i>	2005-06.... <i>Nancy Livingston</i>	2017-18.... <i>Steven Ring</i>
1995-96.... <i>Clyde Samsel</i>		

## CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

2018.... *Mike & Sally Schendel, Chippewa Valley*

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

1993.... <i>Milt Reinke</i>	2012... <i>Arington Tree Farm &amp; 3-D Post</i>
1995.... <i>Robert Rusch</i>	2014... <i>Faithful Annual Meeting Volunteers –Judy &amp; Ted Bauer, Roxanne Erickson, Dave Hall, Ruthanne Horning, Lee Johnston, Jan Lehrer, Nancy Livingston, Sue Swanson, Jackie &amp; Jim Wagener, Rich Warosh, Marlene &amp; Jim Zdanovec; &amp; John DuPlissis, Richard Wedepohl</i>
2003.... <i>Gene Francisco &amp; Richard Warosh</i>	2017... <i>Bill Cook</i>
2004.... <i>Shirley Bargander</i>	
2006.... <i>Don &amp; Inez Krohn</i>	
2008.... <i>Joe Arington &amp; Cathy Lorang, John Czerwonka</i>	
2009.... <i>Nancy Bozek</i>	
2010... <i>Karen &amp; Randy Cooper, Ray Amiel</i>	

## NEXT GENERATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

2006... <i>Peggy Werner &amp; Nancy Livingston</i>	2014... <i>Colleen Lourigan &amp; Joe Arington</i>
2010... <i>Jodi Tomczyk &amp; Marlene &amp; Jim Zdanovec</i>	2015... <i>Barbara Krautkramer, Rachel Mroczenski &amp; Diane &amp; Jim Mroczenski</i>
2012... <i>Genny Fannucchi</i>	2017... <i>Aerica Bjurstrom &amp; Chuck Wagner and Bridget Ericksen &amp; Steven &amp; Lois Raether</i>
2013... <i>Ron Shankland &amp; John Czerwonka</i>	