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President's Letter - by John Crampton

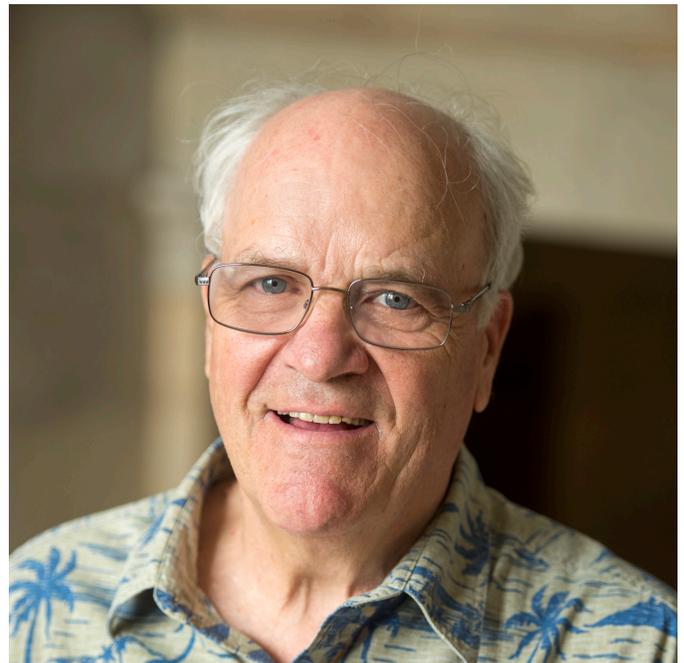
I've been division president for the past 3 months, and it's been a great learning experience for me.

On Wednesday July 13th I took the bus to the Duluth hearing held by the Forest Service on renewing mineral leases on the borders of the BWCA. There was a large crowd of both pro-sulfide mining and anti-sulfide mining advocates. Five speakers from the McCabe IKE chapter led the way for the anti-sulfide mining advocates: **Bob Tammen, Dave Zentner, Rich Staffon, Julie O'Leary, and Darrell Spencer.** They were all magnificent! Each gave inspiring short talks about why protecting the Boundary Waters is the key legacy we are passing on to future generations and why it must not be polluted.

The next night, I worked at the Division Office with a dedicated group of **Judy Chucker, John Sisser, Tom Clark, and Don Arnosti** making phone calls to MN IKE members to sign the online IKE's "Save the BWCA" petition that over 530 Ikes and friends ultimately signed. We got a great response, and the pizza was awesome. **Bob and Pat Tammen** went to the Forest Service hearing in Ely on July 19th and again Bob rocked the house with his splendid speech against sulfide mining.

The next weekend, July 16-17, over 45 volunteers planted thousands of native plants as part of large wetland restoration project at **Bush Lake**. This is the fourth year of this restoration effort and it's looking so beautiful with the flowering plants.... the bees and butterflies taking nectar. Hats off to all the Bush Lake volunteers and especially to **Gregg Thompson** who got restoration work started, **Paul, Liz, and Ron Erdmann** and the **Nine Mile Creek Watershed District** and many **Bush Lake IKEs** for their fantastic leadership and funding of this clean water, native plant and pollinator protection effort.

McCabe Chapter is doing the same thing on a large scale, helping lead a large forest restoration project at **Hartley Nature Center**, led by **Connie Moeller, Gail Gilliland, Glenn Merrick**, present chapter president **Rich Staffon, Craig Sterle, Paul Anderson, Dave Zentner**, and started by former chapter president **Bob Seitz**



Minnesota Division President John Crampton. Photo by Patrick O'Leary

I should also mention all the rain garden and restoration work that the **Breckenridge Chapter** has done and is doing to keep their soil in place and not allowing it to run-off into the Mississippi River. Awesome work.

The next week, July 19-22, I was in Steven's Point for the National Convention. By my count, there were 18 or 19 Minnesota IKE delegates to the convention. We Minnesota IKEs were terrific leaders in the resolutions process, pushing through all our resolutions but two, including a strong resolution on climate change and another resolution calling for an end to the "Cheney-Halliburton exemptions" for the oil and gas companies, forcing them to obey all the environmental laws of the US----in effect, putting an end to fracking. We also got 100 signatures on our IKES Protect the BWCA petition. Gopher Chapter member **Lois Norrgard** got hundreds of people to sign a petition asking Pres. Obama to give permanent wilderness status to the Arctic National Refuge.

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Barry Drazkowski, Dave Zentner and John Sisser did a wonderful presentation of the UMR (Upper Mississippi River) Initiative to all the Midwest IKE leaders, and we think this initiative will go forward and be very successful ---- the ghost of **Will Dilg** is stirring again in these muddy Mississippi waters.

We failed at the National Convention to stop the national dues increase, even though almost all MN IKE delegates voted against it. I won't go into any more detail on this setback, but I think there are ways the Minnesota IKEs can help lead the national organization back to more sustainable membership and financial practices.

A couple weeks ago, as a board member of **Minnesota Valley Izaak Walton Chapter**, we struggled with the dues increase. I was so proud of our chapter leadership, led by **Ted Suss, Barb Hanson, John Rust, John Hickman, Apollo Lammers, Natalie Warren** and **Brittany Faust**. We did a lot of creative thinking to deal with the problems in a future-oriented manner, proving that many heads working together are better than one.

Last week, I was in Owatonna for **90th Anniversary of the Izaak Walton League Day** at the Steele County Fair. It was a lot of fun. **Gary and Cherry Schwartz, Dennis Ebeling, Ted Mittelstadt, Walt Spindler, Kathy Grebe** (and her granddaughter **Greta Shadwalz**), **Bob Beier, Mike Guthier** and many other **Owatonna IKE** volunteers run a large environmental exhibition at the county fair every year, and it is oriented, of course, to kids. They have aquariums full of every species of fish found in Minnesota, coloring books, and games. They partner with Friends of Rice Lake State Park, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited and Cannon River Watershed District to put on informative displays. Throughout the year, the Owatonna IKEs maintain the building, so it can serve as a terrific venue for environmental education at the state's largest county fair. Everybody in Owatonna knows who the IKEs are and has a very high opinion of the fantastic work we are doing in the community.

Governor Dayton announced the other day that he is banning the use of pesticides containing neonicotinoids on state land and sharply curtailing their use on private land by making landowners apply for a permit of use. Yeah!

See the article: ***Seeking to Reverse Bee Decline, Dayton Orders Limits on Pesticide Use*** at

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/08/26/dayton-orders-steps-protect-bees-pollinators>

Congratulations to all the Minnesota IKEs who have been leaders in this widespread movement to protect pollinators, including **Paul Erdmann, Howard** and **Lynn**

Markus, Gregg Thompson, Tim Johnson, Dick Brown, Jill Crafton, Rich Staffon, Judy Chucker, Lois Norrgard, John Rust, Stan Danielson and so many other IKEs. This is an important first step. Thanks for helping us get there.

I must give a shout out to all the IKEs, Native Americans, MN350, Friends of the Headwaters, MCEA, Sierra Club, and outstanding environmentalists from Duluth, Grand Rapids, Cass County, Bemidji, Detroit Lakes, White Earth who brought **Enbridge** to defeat on the **Sandpiper** project. This group includes **Matt Davis** from **Prairie Woods**, **Craig** and **Sandy Sterle, Willis Mattison, Steve Schulstrom** and his wife **Rita Vavrosky** from McCabe and many other IKEs scattered over the north country. Now the battle shifts to the Dakotas and to Iowa where Enbridge is trying to do an end run around Northern Minnesota by employing police dogs to do their dirty work.

Sorry for the long letter. But, as you see there's lots for we Minnesota IKEs to be proud of. I am very impressed by your "earth defending" work that you are doing all over the state. Can we get even ore of our people more engaged to do even more wonderful work? You bet! We must and we will. **John Crampton**, 612-396-6010

Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters

Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters is a coalition of hunters and anglers concerned with the threat of sulfide-ore copper mining on the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. The organization is excited to share with the Izaak Walton League the latest news on the issue of sulfide-ore copper mining in the watershed of the Boundary Waters.

Whether you would like a brief update, an overview on where the issue stands or an in depth look at the policy, science and history of copper mining in Minnesota, Sportsmen for the Boundary Waters will accommodate your chapter's requests.

If your chapter would like to host a presentation, contact Outreach Coordinator Piper Donlin at piper@sportsmenfortheboundarywaters.org.

John Crampton



National Convention

by *Cherry S. Schwartz-Director at Large*

This year's National Convention was held in Steven's Point, Wisconsin July 19 – 22. Approximately 20 Ikes attended from Minnesota including 2 youth convention delegates. There were 77 chapters present and over 200 delegates and their families. The **Early Bird Party** was well attended by the Minnesota Division. \$165 was raised with the sale of a lap quilt made by Cherry Schwartz. The funds were directed to the **National Youth Convention**.

Events on Wednesday included a welcome by the mayor of Steven's Point, **Mike Wiza** and **Patty Dreier**, Portage County Executive.

The Keynote speaker was **Cameron Sholly**, Midwest Region Director for the National Park service. The afternoon was filled with committee meetings. The youth spent the day at **Glacier Hollow YMCA Camp**.

Wednesday's events concluded with the annual **Parade of States** party. 20 Minnesota Ikes served root beer floats to the visitors. The Minnesota delegation looked awesome in their blue "Minnesota" shirts!

Thursday began with the **Membership Breakfast**. Nine chapters from Minnesota including **Owatonna, Austin, Bush Lake, Minnesota Valley, New Ulm, Will Dilg, McCabe, Breckenridge, and Prairie Woods** received the **Defender's Chapter Achievement Award**. Special congratulations to **Prairie Woods** for being a first time recipient! Chapters have to meet criteria in at least 5 of 6 categories in membership, contributions, education, conservation, youth involvement, and communication. **Cass County, Minnesota Valley, Prairie Woods and W.J. McCabe** also received membership awards for growing by 10 percent or more in 2015.



IWLA Defenders Award winners. Clockwise from the top left: John Sisser; Jill Crafton; Pat Tammen; Bob Tammen; Gary Schwartz and Cherry Schwartz. Photo courtesy of Cherry Schwartz



Cherry Schwartz (right) with Nancy Dolphin (left) at the National Convention. Photo from Cherry Schwartz.

The youth spent part of the day at the **Bill Cook Chapter House** and did some stream exploration on **Little Plover River**.

Thursday night's events concluded with a trip to the **Bill Cook Chapter House**. We had a great meal and toured the grounds of the chapter. One of our Minnesota delegation celebrated an 80- year- young birthday. **Happy Birthday, Dave Zentner!!**

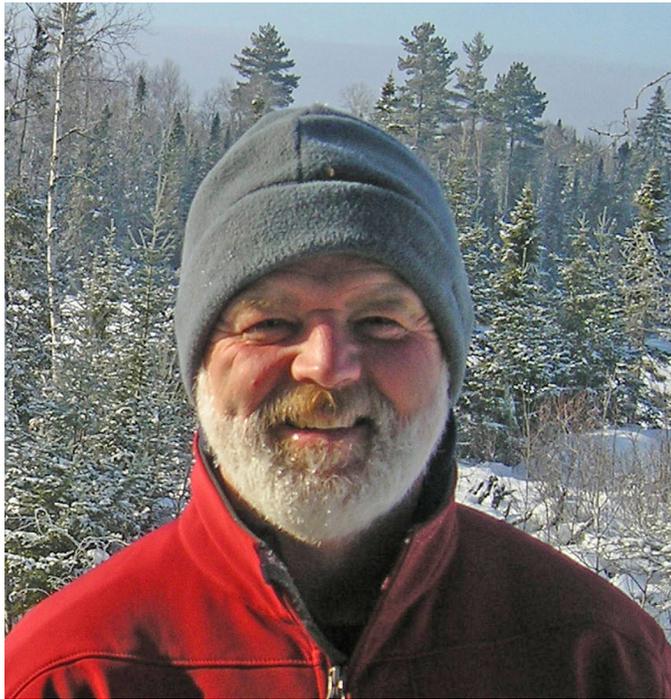
Friday, the last day of the convention began with the Midwest Office Breakfast. More than 50 people attended and it was standing room only! Presentations were given by **Paul Lepisto** on the Missouri River, **John Sisser** on Agriculture Issue, and **Barry Drazkowski** and **Dave Zentner** on Mississippi River Issues.

The youth reported on their convention at the Friday morning session. They spent some time at **Glacier Hollow YMCA** camp, went to the Bill Cook Chapter House, did stream exploration on Little Plover River, visited the Dairy State Cheese Factory, visited a bison ranch and did many other educational and fun things! Evenings they spent lot of time in the pool!

In the afternoon, the delegation passed eight resolutions. They were **Restore Funding for Chronic Wasting Disease Research, Climate Change, Enbridge #5 Pipeline, farm Water Quality Plans, Net-Pen Aquaculture in Public Fresh Waters, Conserve, Restore, and Promote Pollinators and their Habitats, Repeal Exemptions for Oil and Gas industries, and Taking of Live, Native Fish from Public Waters for Private For-Profit Use. See page 4 for more information.**

Next year's National Izaak Walton Convention will be in **Sandusky, Ohio**. The dates are **July 24-28**. Make your plans now. Rooms at the head quarter's hotel will be \$192 a night. That does include water park passes.

Thank you to the **Wisconsin Division** and the **Bill Cook Chapter** for hosting the **94th Annual Convention**.



Former Minnesota Division President Larry Dolphin.

Larry Dolphin Honored

Former Minnesota Division President Larry Dolphin is being honored with the 2016 Minnesota Association for Environmental Education Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award recognizes those people who have had a large-scale, long-term impact in Environmental Education. His long years of service to the Hormel Nature Center, his innovative teaching techniques, his dedication to his students and his leadership with the Ikes made him more than eligible to receive this honor.

Larry will be honored at the MAEE Awards Social at the Eastman Nature Center in Dayton, MN on November 6, 2016 from 2 PM to 4 PM. Please RSVP to Liz Hasty or Angela Bianco at maeeinfo@gmail.com, 612-354-6233.

Summer Board of Directors' Meeting Notes

John Crampton is planning on attending all of the Environmental Issues Committee meetings. A copy of the **Upper Mississippi Program** draft was distributed. The **Bois de Sioux Watershed District - River Watch** and video on You Tube video was discussed. . The **Great Lakes Climate Change Adaptation Toolkit** was passed out by **Jill Crafton**. If you would like to receive a copy of the toolkit please contact info@freshwaterfuture.org . Crafton will recommend at the next national Executive Board meeting that the IWLA sponsor an **Advocacy Award** and that our national bylaws be amended to have non-gender specific language at the next national Executive Board meeting.

Minnesota Environmental Fund (MEF): Noreen Tyler will be contacting members and chapter for help in identifying new workplaces and our members who happen to be employees or have contacts in existing workplaces.

The protection of Scenic and Scientific Natural Areas (SNAs) discussed. The Minnesota Division as per our resolution has been supportive of the efforts of **SNAFriends.org**. Larry Kennebeck and Richard Brown are founding members. It was suggested that chapters adopt a local SNA.

A Position Statement to **Oppose Transfer of Federal Lands to the States** was brought forth by the **W. J. McCabe Chapter** and adopted with amended language suggested by **Dick Brown** and will be presented as full resolution the **2017 Minnesota Division Annual Meeting**:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that we oppose any and all attempts to divest the American public of their precious federal lands, and we expect the Congress of the United States to stand in the gap for the American people and to safeguard their right to keep all of our federal public lands for the benefit and enjoyment of the people and the protection of the flora and fauna therein.

Thank you Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter for again hosting a great meeting!



Rochester Chapter is pro-actively recruiting new members as it works hard to restore their chapter's wetlands and take on other projects. Pictured are Master Naturalist Troy Eagen, Secretary Kathy Aaro and Vice president David Marks. Photo by new Rochester Chapter President Julie Roenight

2016 Izaak Walton League of America Resolutions

The Minnesota Division submitted the following resolutions to the National Resolutions Committee for consideration: **Moratorium on Sulfide-Ore Mining in Minnesota; Climate Change; Carbon Fee and Dividend; Threat to NEPA and MEPA by Special Interests; To Conserve, Restore, and Promote Pollinators and their Habitats.**

Of these the resolutions **Moratorium on Sulfide Ore Mining in Minnesota** and **Carbon Fee and Dividend** did not make it through Committee and to the floor.

Threat to NEPA and MEPA by Special Interests (Repeal Exemptions for Oil & Gas Industries), **Conserve Restore, and Promote Pollinators and their Habitats**, and **Climate Change** were brought to the floor and passed.

The following resolutions were passed at the 2016 National Convention:

- Restore Chronic Wasting Disease Research Funding
- Conservation and Water Quality Plans Agricultural Federal Requirement

- Repeal Exemptions for Oil and Gas Industries
- Opposition Commercial Net-Pen Aquaculture on Public Fresh Waters
- Taking of Live Native Fish from Public Waters for Private For-Profit Use
- Enbridge #5 Pipeline
- Conserve, Restore, and Promote Pollinators and their Habitats
- Climate Change

For more information go to minnesotakes.org and iwla.org.



Dr. Walter J. Breckenridge

Sweating the Details by Conservation Issues Director Don Arnosti

Summer was upon us and we all reveled in getting outdoors to enjoy warm weather, time off, and our favorite outdoor pursuits. The cycle of nature that is on full display here in the North is one of the great pleasures of living in Minnesota. Cold/hot. Wet/dry. Bloom/senesce. Our landscape is very complex, every-changing and always interesting.

It is tempting to enjoy our birds and wildlife, spend time with family and not sweat the details. However, someone must mind the store. Details matter.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently released buffer maps proposing to downgrade protections for ditched streams and deepwater wetlands in rural areas, by interpreting the Governor's Buffer law very narrowly. Many streams and wetlands are mapped for just a 16.5 foot buffer – or none at all – when they should be receiving 50 feet of vegetative protection.



Do I think this is because the DNR officials don't understand wetland classifications or the law? No. It is apparent to me that the DNR is taking a "political path

of least resistance." Thousands of miles of streams in southern and western Minnesota were dredged and straightened years ago to "improve drainage" leaving them legally both a "ditch" and a "public water." DNR expects more complaints from rural interests and certain legislators if they require the full 50 foot buffer on these waters called for in law; they're expecting that we, the citizens, will be "away at the lake."

Conservationists can never sleep! Take a moment to dash off a quick note to the Governor. Ask him to instruct the DNR to interpret his Buffer Law correctly. Demand that "DNR Buffer Maps be changed to require a minimum 50 foot buffer on all public watercourses, even if they've been ditched, and that all public waters wetlands receive the 50 foot buffer, as well."

Governor Mark Dayton
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. #130
St. Paul, MN 55155

Write your 5 minute note and get back to enjoying our birds and your family and friends. After all, summer is just too short in Minnesota to always sweat the details. Thank you for doing your part to protect nature for future generations!

Izaak Walton League Camp at Deep Portage

The 2016 Ikes summer camp at Deep Portage just finished - and all of the young folks and adults who participated reported having great fun and learning a lot. We invite chapters to consider sponsoring a youth for the **2017 Izaak Walton League Camp**. Eligible ages are from 9 - 16. The dates for the camp will be set early in 2017 (look for a flyer at the Winter Board of Directors' meeting. The camp is usually late summer around the first week of August.

Here is the impressive list of activities from the 2016 camp: Invasive Species Watch; Land Navigation; Environmental Advocacy 101; Fish Identification and Printing; Sustainable Living; Intro to Firearms Safety; Shoreline Management; Freshwater Testing & Macroinvertebrate Search; Canoe Skills; Campfire Songs and Stories; Climbing Wall; Natural Resource Planning; Bog Walk; Outdoor Survival; Fly Fishing and Tying; Campout and Cookout; Intro to Archery. And this camp welcomes the participation of Grandparents!

For more information please contact Dale Yerger at Deep Portage (218-682-2325 or portage@uslink.net, <http://deep-portage.org>).



Izaak Walton Camp at Deep Portage participants learned about bog ecology. Photo courtesy of Deep Portage Learning Center.

Gary Clancy Wildlife Management Area Memorial Request

I do not know if you Ikes are familiar with the career of an **Outdoor News** writer by name of Gary Clancy? Gary Clancy passed away recently. A cancer victim.

Outdoor News and Pheasants Forever have initiated a campaign to raise funds enough to create a **Wildlife Management Area** (WMA) in Gary's name. The exact dollar goal is approximately \$100,000 for 200 acres, and the WMA will be located in Southern Minnesota, location not pinned down yet.



Gary Clancy enjoyed teaching his grandchildren about hunting and fishing. Photo courtesy of Outdoor News.

I read and enjoyed his column's in **Outdoor News**. I was particularly impressed that he appeared to be the real thing in terms of being a writer who knew and experienced his subject. He did not wear conservation or the environment on his sleeve. But, he did make it clear in a very simple way, that respect for wildlife, behaving, taking care of things was good.

We are reaching out to our members and chapters and asking them to send 10-20 dollars to Minnesota Division Office ear-marked for the Clancy WMA. Please put Clancy WMA in memo - please write your check to the Minnesota Division IWLA and mail to the Division Office. We will forward a group donation to the project. Our role will be modest, but-none-the-less, in my opinion, a good thing to do in the name of a great conservation leader. **Dave Zentner**

Fall Gathering & Board of Directors' Meeting

October 21-22, 2016 — Hosted by the W. J. McCabe Chapter

Hartley Nature Center, 3001 Woodland Avenue, Duluth, MN

Friday, October 21

7 - 9:30 PM:

Social time with pop, beer, wine and some snacks.

Saturday, October 22

Coffee, rolls, fruit, etc. will also be provided during breaks. Breaks will be scheduled in as needed.

8:30 to 9:30 AM

Short tour of the pine plantation - a collaboration between the W. J. McCabe Chapter and the Hartley Nature Center to include discussion of the impacts of a recent wind storm to the project.

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Minnesota Division Board of Directors' Meeting

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch and presentation

Box lunches will be provided by friend to the environment Beaners (please note your lunch selection as you register). During this break there will be a short presentation about the LED installation at Hartley.

2:30 PM or at Adjournment

Afternoon Program

After the meeting the group will travel to view the Knowlton Creek stream restoration project. The project's scope is to repair damage from the 2012 floods and to correct a serious siltation problem that has occurred due to the Spirit Mountain Ski hill above the creek. The site is a handy departure point for attendees who will be departing to the south on I-35. If the weather is pleasant the group may want to go up to Skyline Drive to see if any hawks and eagles are migrating along Hawk Ridge.

Accommodations

The Hartley Nature Center is located on the east end of Duluth. The closest hotels are on London Road: [Days Inn Duluth Lakewalk](#), 2211 London Road, (218) 728-5141; [Edgewater Hotel and Water Park](#), 2400 London Road, (800) 777-7925. There are also a number of motels/hotels in Canal Park which is also close by and on the lake front: [Canal Park Lodge](#), 250 Canal Park Drive; (218) 279-6000; [Hampton Inn](#), 310 Canal Park Drive, (218) 720-3000 and [Inn on Lake Superior](#), 350 Canal Park Drive, (218) 726-1111.



Ben Wren

Registration Form - Fall Gathering and Board of Directors' Meeting

*Registration includes all food and beverages.

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

____\$30.00 per registration (Friday & Saturday)

____\$25.00 (Saturday only) = _____ total enclosed.

Please select your Saturday lunch sandwich choice:

___ Roast Beef___ Ham___ Smoked Turkey___ Vegetarian___ Vegan

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2017 Dues: Individual \$62.50, (\$50 Nat'l/\$12.50 Div.) Family \$80.00 (\$75 Nat'l/\$15 Div.) Student \$35.00 (\$25 Nat'l/\$10 Div.), Youth \$16.80 (\$10 Nat'l/\$6.80 Div.)

HELP US MEET OUR CHALLENGES!

It is our privilege to work with you to plan, fund and develop our conservation programs.

✦ We seek to have every Ikes clubhouse powered by 100% renewable energy. A donor has provided a \$15,000 challenge grant to help us raise funds for this project.

✦ Our statewide Environmental Issues Committee (EIC) has well over 100 participants and leads in the implementation of all of our conservation work. Three Ikes members have offered a \$10,000 challenge to help raise the funds to keep Don Arnosti working with this team.

✦ Our General Operating Fund needs your support to keep the Division and all of its programs running. The office administrative and other support for all of our programs. This includes our website, newsletters, and communications, bookkeeping, chapter support and member outreach.

Help us meet our obligations and continue our work by responding to our Spring & Fall Appeals and by making a donation today. To donate online go to www.minnesotaiikes.org or call 651-221-0215 for more information.