



NEWSLETTER

Spring 2012

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President's Message

It's that time of year for us to hand out some very deserving THANK YOUS!! The first round of appreciation goes to all who attended this year's annual meeting. Your attendance is what drives the whole annual meeting. I hope there were a few items that you found informative and useful. I would also like to thank last year's board members for their work on not only the annual meeting, but various other issues throughout the year.

Board members who left were Kelly Gebhardt and Darrell Miller. They deserve a "thank you," especially Darrell who has been a long time staple in the IRA. Along those same lines I would like to welcome incoming board members Dave Archer and Ronda Taggart. Thanks for joining the board, we look forward to working with you.

The speakers this year did an excellent job with their various topics, all of which were interesting and informative. We appreciate their time and

effort in putting together an excellent round of presentations.

I hope you all had an opportunity to talk to the vendors, as always they are a great resource for our members. If you didn't get a chance to visit with them give them a call I'm sure it would be appreciated. Along with the vendors, another great resource for our members, are the advertisers in our newsletter, and I'm sure they also would appreciate your call.

Last, but far from least we need to thank Karen Kovatch for putting together the annual meeting, no one person does more to make all of the arrangements for the annual meeting, and we truly appreciate her work.

I hope you all have a great spring/summer season and that you all are safe and healthy.

—Bill Baker, President



2012 IRA Board of Directors from left to right: Bill Baker, Calvin Kovatch, Scott Corwin, Steven Tyser, Ronda Taggart and Jody Parker. Not pictured, Dave Archer.

Photo by Karen Kovatch

Doug Dove Update

Former IRA President, Doug Dove continues to recover. He is now walking with walking poles although he's taken a few falls. Tammy and his doctors are hopeful that once his cocktail of anti-seizure medications is reduced he will make even more progress.



24th Annual IRA Meeting Missoula Montana, March 16th 2012

9:00- President, Bill Baker opened with a welcome and optimistic outlook for post and pole manufacturers.

9:30- Brian Miller of Missoula Saws gave us a look into Missoula Saws as they have changed and adapted.

10:00- Rich Lane of Boise Inc., gave an overview of the Bonner Woodyard.

10:15- Dan Deininger of Innovative Solutions Group discussed social media and how to best incorporate this new technology into your business.

11:00- Stephen Smith shared his efforts to publish the positive environmental impacts of treated wood products as opposed to other products such as steel. It's true that green treated wood products are in fact "green".

1:00- Jim Basler of Osmose Inc. gave those in attendance an overview of recently developed preservatives for the roundwood industry.

2:00- Bill Baker accepted nominations for new officers and the members voted to accept Ronda Taggart from Hamilton, MT and Dave Archer from Buffalo, WY.

IRA Directors Meeting

2:30- President Bill Baker called to order the IRA officers meeting.

Present were directors: Bill Baker, Jody Parker, Kal Kovatch, Scott Corwin, Ronda Taggart, Steve Tyser and Executive Administrator, Karen Kovatch.

OLD BUSINESS

[Previous Minutes](#)

Jody Parker made motion to approve the last meeting's minutes, second by Kal Kovatch, minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report:

Kal Kovatch-Treasurer reported the following balances.

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| Checking | \$6,060.66 |
| Vanguard | <u>\$4,739.26</u> |
| Total | \$10,439.92 |

Approved by Steve Tyser and second by Scott Corwin.

Appointed Officers:

Bill Baker- President
Jody Parker- Vice President
Kal Kovatch- Treasurer
Steve Tyser- Secretary

Motion to approve officers made by Jody Parker and second motion made by Scott Corwin, appointments approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The board has been discussing some new appointments to help nominate members to board positions and to seek new membership.

President Bill Baker made a motion to appoint Jody Parker and Kal Kovatch to head these committees. A second motion made by Steve Tyser approved these appointments.

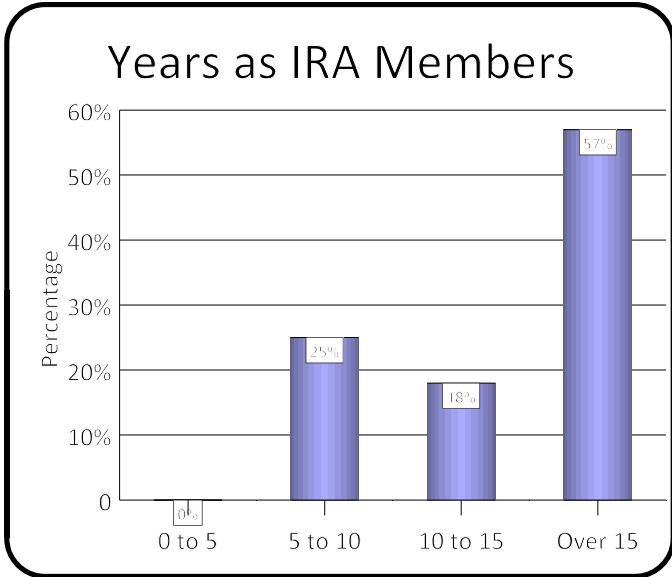
Next board meeting set for June 6th 2012 via teleconference.

Meeting adjourned 3:30pm.

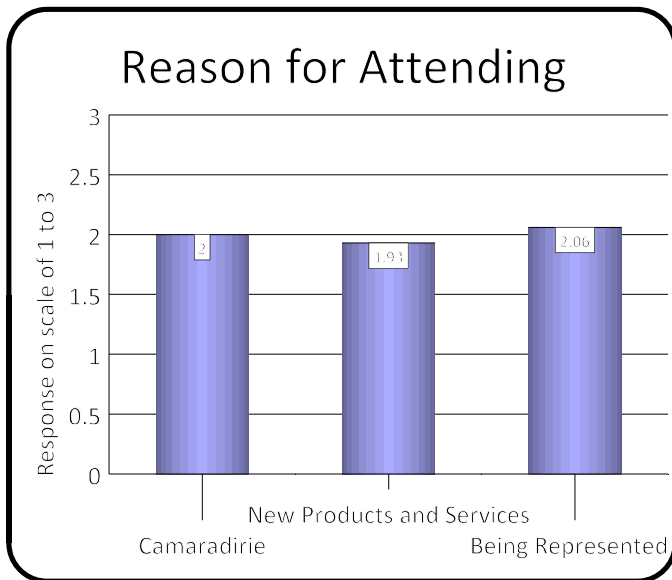
-Steve Tyser, Secretary

Survey Results from Meeting

Thanks go to all who took the time to give some input concerning the IRA as the board works to improve your experience as a member. The data is shown below, giving insight into demographics and preferences of the membership that will allow the IRA to offer more value to our members.

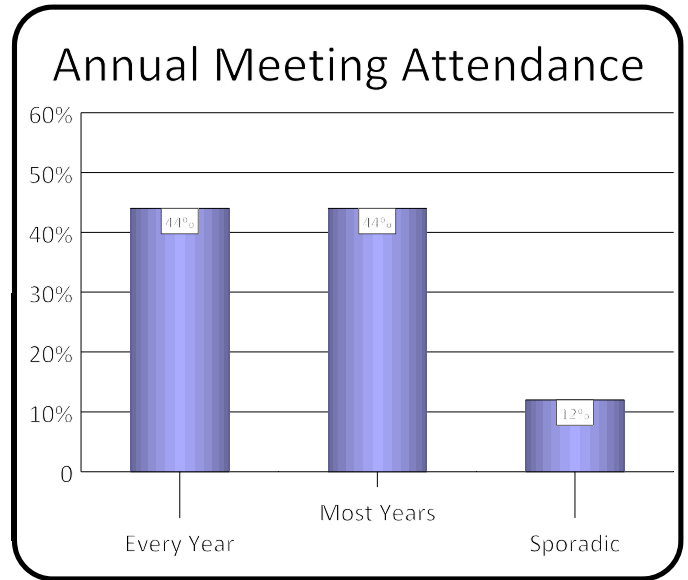


Membership Demographics

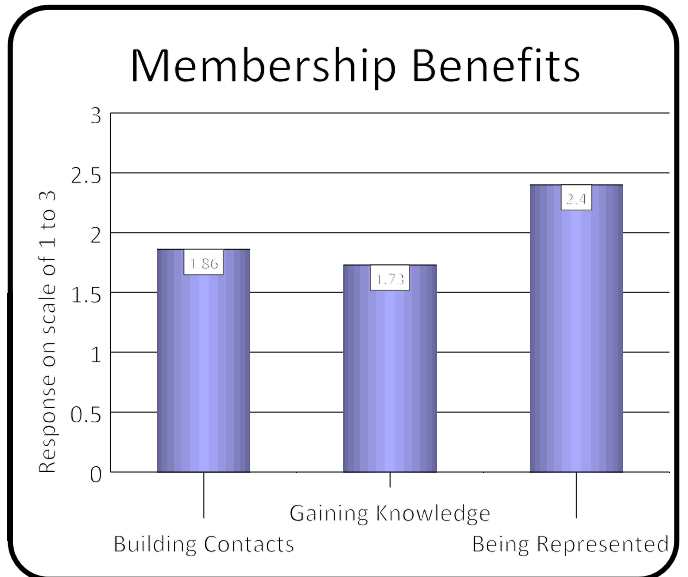


Reason for attending Annual Meeting

While this graph may look as though there was a preference: the range on the average response was only .13. All reasons were equally chosen.



Attendance Demographic



Reason for joining the IRA

The last two survey questions were simple:

Interested in sponsors for the meeting?

70% Yes
30% No

Prefer newsletter in hard copy or on-line?

38% Hard copy
62% On-line

-Steve Tyser, Secretary

New Director Note

Ronda Taggart officially joined her father, Ron Porter, at Porterbilt Company in Hamilton MT, 18 years ago after graduating with a Business degree from the University of Montana. However, her younger years were spent accompanying him in his logging truck, 'hanging out' with her grandparents in the yard and working summers helping out.



She has enjoyed the family business experience with all of the rewards and challenges it has brought. She is married with 2 children who keep her busy with lots of sports activities throughout the year. When she is not working, she enjoys spending time at sporting events with her family and friends, gardening, camping, boating and just spending time outdoors! ✍️



Julie Kies, MT DNRC poses at the IRA Annual Meeting with the beautiful metal clock donated by Missoula Saws, Inc. Helping her hold the clock is former director, Craig Rawlings holding the plaque he received in appreciation of his two terms served on the IRA Board of Directors from 2005 to 2011.

Door Prize Winners

Annual meeting attendees were rewarded with some super door prizes. Steve Smith, Stephen Smith Consulting went home with the homemade Pecan pie and Ken Carns of Plum Creek Timber was the lucky winner of the Triple Berry pie. Kal Kovatch, Roundwood West won the free night stay courtesy of the IRA.



Missoula Saws, Inc. donated a heap of door prizes again this year. Starting with gift certificates, lucky recipients were:

\$75 to Darrell Miller, Marks-Miller Post & Pole
\$75 to Jan Guelff, Roundwood West
\$100 to Ronda Taggart, Porterbilt Company
\$75 to Dan Deininger of Innovative Solutions Group
\$75 to Jim Basler of Osmose
\$100 to Ken Carns of Plum Creek
Louie Bouma, Bouma Postyards won a vertical saw wall hanging and Julie Kies of Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation won a metal clock with chainsaw edge.

Loyd Beaver of **Hamilton Hinge Company** donated three hinge sets and a latch.

Jim Basler, Osmose won the 3/4" hinge set.
Steve Tyser, Lodgepole Products won the 5/8" hinge set.
Brian Delbrueck, Viance won the blind hinge set.
Brian Miller, Missoula Saws won the slide latch.

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Meetings

Members are encouraged to participate in the quarterly director meetings throughout the year as well as our annual meeting in March. The board conducts four meetings, usually two teleconference meetings and two physical meetings each year. Members are welcome to raise concerns and contact directors with specific issues and any questions.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 6th 2012** via teleconference call. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact President, Bill Baker for more information.

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info@roundwoodassociation.org

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Our organization is a nonprofit corporation representing the economic, educational, and social interests of roundwood producers. Anyone engaged in or interested in the harvesting, manufacturing, or marketing of small roundwood and associated products is eligible for membership in our organization.

Our association has been working for a consistent and stable supply of raw materials; presenting a united voice to government agencies and congressional delegations on those issues facing our association; working with government agencies on hazardous waste disposal alternatives; working to find State and Federal loan opportunities for small businesses; locating new out of region markets for members products; providing information on State and Federal Regulations; distributing a quarterly newsletter with pertinent information; providing advice to members in their dealings with governmental regulatory and land management agencies; and educating the public on the need to thin timber stands to provide a healthy environment and prevent stand-destroying fires.

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Intermountain Roundwood Association

Kalvin Kovatch, Treasurer P.O. Box 1275, Seeley Lake, MT 59868

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Name of Business or Organization: _____

Contact person: _____

↳ This is how your membership will be listed on the back of the newsletter and on the IRA website.

Additional contact and services information for receiving newsletter and for your personal IRA web page.

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Current Member: No changes this year. **Stop here, as tempting as it might be; do not check any more boxes!** ☺

2
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: _____ Toll Free: [Optional] (____) _____

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DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY for your page on the IRA website.

3
Email to info@roundwoodassociation.org or attach separate page. Limited to 150 words. Remember to include one photo or logo image to accompany your business or organization description. You may email photo or logo also.

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- Doweled Rail Fencing
- Fence Posts
- Fence Rails
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- Research

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- Hardware
- Manufacturing Equipment
- Shipping & Packaging Materials

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- Guardrail Posts

Jump Rails

- Horse Jump Rails

Landscape Products

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- Log Furniture

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- Tree Stakes & Crop Poles
- Utility Poles

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- Custom Sawing & Machining
- Treating Facility

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