



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2013

Production, education and marketing of quality roundwood products

President's Message

I hope this newsletter finds everyone busy and profitable. As summer hits full stride we all are aware that fall and winter aren't ever far away and that we must make hay while the sun shines. I wish you all the best in making some hay this season.

And while we all stress under the weight of our heavy season I want to also remind you that we still must take the time to be stewards of our industry. I have to admit that meetings and focus groups aren't near the top of my list either. This week I was asked to provide an industry perspective at panel of professors and professionals on the campus of the University of Wyoming. While I may feel like a carcass being fed to the wolves I still feel it is important to provide a voice for all of us who depend on and truly appreciate our forested lands.

I suspect that few people ever sit down to think if they depend upon the forest, but they need not look far to realize that they are indeed consumers of forest products and that their community and state benefit greatly from the industry.

This panel I will attend is focusing on the implications of the pine beetle...too bad we are only now looking at the aftermath but my hope is that we may be able to educate now more than ever.

The causes of the epidemic go much farther than a simple onslaught of beetles and I hope to convey that the management of our forested lands is the only way we mitigate the ebb and flow that is nature. While I am preaching to the choir now, I urge you all to take the opportunity to put something positive into the beetle epidemic, even

if it is nothing more than to help us educate the public. It is still the public that makes policy (I say with a bit of apprehension) and we



must continue to fight the good fight in being stewards of our industry which is one in the same with being a steward of the forest.

So as you make another sale and deliver another order remember to make the time when necessary to insure a future sale by educating and speaking reason to those who don't grasp the entire picture. Dare I say some of us loggers might have to pick up a brush and paint the picture for them.

Happy painting,

—Steve Tyser, President

IRA Directors Meeting

Teleconference 6/5/2013

9:05 AM

Attendees: Directors Ronda Taggart, Steve Tyser, Kal Kovatch, Jody Parker, Rock Reman, and Dave Archer; Executive Administrator, Karen Kovatch.

Absent: Mike Croxton

Minutes:

Motion was made to approve the last meeting minutes by Jody Parker and seconded by Ronda Taggart.

Treasurers Report: By Kal Kovatch

First Interstate Checking: \$6130.17

Vanguard Savings: \$4380.89

Total: \$10,511.06

Motions to approve Treasurers Report was made by Jody Parker and seconded by Ronda Taggart.

Old Business:

In the last meeting the Board approved moving forward with the idea of a scholarship fund. We needed to follow up on ideas that were kicked around last meeting. Two different mock options were sent out via e-mail on application forms and various ideas on GPA, SAT, ACT scores, dollar amount. The board likes parts and pieces of the two mock versions that were emailed to board members. Steve Tyser will draft the IRA'S guideline and application form and send it out via email to the board members to vote on and get a final draft before the newsletter deadline to promote our new Scholarship Program. In conclusion, so far the amount is \$500.00, students last ACT or SAT scores are required, and deadline of February 1st 2014 for application to be emailed to Karen Kovatch Executive Administrator who will then send out nameless to the board members via email to choose the winner.

More old Business, Tackling the mailing list: Karen Kovatch will send the list out to the Board



A 'post' on Facebook social media is a comment or status and this photo has been making the rounds there. Those of us in the roundwood business think of posts in a whole different way!

members 2 weeks prior to our fall meeting in September 27th. 2013. The objective is to scratch the deceased, out of business, or doing business under a different name. (*Editor's Note: Fall meeting rescheduled for September 20th.*)

New Business:

Mike Croxton resigned from his seat on the board. The board agreed to leave the seat vacant until the next annual meeting in March 2014.

Deadline for the next Newsletter: Middle of June 2013 to get articles sent to Karen Kovatch for printing. So if you have pictures or articles you would like to share get them sent to Karen ASAP. This summer's newsletter will consist of Door prize winners from annual meeting, update on the treated wood disposal, and an introduction into the Scholarship Program.

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Future New Business:

President Steve Tyser wanted to get the board thinking about the IRA'S financial situation, making sure we are adding value to the existing and new members to IRA.

Ideas thrown out to ponder before the next meeting are: web design, current cost of the service we have, adding the newsletter to it, giving it a facelift?

Looking into the cost of the newsletter we are currently at \$133.00 to print it and \$125.00 to mail it.

Steve Tyser asked Karen Kovatch to send out to all the board members the IRA'S income and spending habits for the past 3 years so it can be discussed at the fall meeting that we are doing everything possible to give our members a fair shake in terms of value for their dollars spent to belong to the IRA.

Fall meeting is planned to be in Buffalo, Wyoming September 27th. Dave Archer will send out motel and dining options for the big town of Buffalo, Wyoming.

As a reminder to the board members, always be thinking of ideas for the annual meeting:
Theme: topics: speakers: venue.

Karen Kovatch will check with the Hilton in Missoula MT. for available dates in March 2014. The 3 Fridays are 7th, 14th and the 28th.

9:54 Rock Reman motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ronda Taggart seconded it.

—Dave Archer, Secretary

Save the Date!

26th Annual IRA Meeting

March 14th 2013

2014 IRA Scholarship

In an effort to give back to the members of the IRA, the Board of Directors has set up a scholarship for a current member or a high school graduate dependent of a paid IRA member.

This scholarship is not restricted to students pursuing degrees in the forestry related fields; it is available for any purpose at any institute of higher learning.

The requirements:

- Member of IRA or a graduating dependent of a member.
- Two letters of reference.
- A 250 word essay on accomplishments, community contributions, work experience and how this scholarship would help applicant achieve goals.

All information must be received by February 1st, 2014. The scholarship will be awarded at the Annual IRA Meeting in March 2014. (Need not be present.) The scholarship amount will be \$500.00.

Email info@roundwoodassociation.org for application form.



New Rule 1

Effective July 1st 2013 the 2013 Montana Legislature enacted Chapter 296 an act that requires the Montana Weights and Measures Bureau to adopt rules to implement and administer split weighing.

This is good news for roundwood producers who purchase raw material from agencies who previously did not accept weight tickets from single axle scales.

IRA Supports Montana SB 325

On April 28, 2013 Montana SB 325 - *Eligible Renewable Resource* (Olson) become law. It is the first known legislation in a western state to define preserved wood biomass as an eligible renewable resource for the production of electricity. The law allows a limited amount of electricity to be generated from preserved wood material that can now be claimed by the state as being purchased

from a renewable energy source and be included in their Renewable Energy Credits (Certificates) program.

Additional supporters included Montana Treasure State Resource Industry Association, Western Wood Preservers Institute, Creosote Council, Railway Tie Association and Treated Wood Council.



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Governor Bullock,

The IRA is made up of post and pole producers, treating facilities and service companies that facilitate bringing roundwood products into the market place. It is our view that signing SB 325 to include treated wood after its normal service life for eligibility as a renewable resource further utilizes our forest resources. Inclusion of used treated products as an energy source brings the life cycle of forest products full circle, without burning more fossil fuels while at the same time reducing strain on landfills.

The IRA appreciates the full use of all forest resources and we see SB 325 as a final step in the process of bringing fence posts and other materials to benefit one last time. Our members strive to manage our renewable forest lands for the future and we see the combustion of treated forest products as a sensible progression of managing products that have reached the end of their service life.

Thank you for your consideration,

Steve Tyser
IRA President

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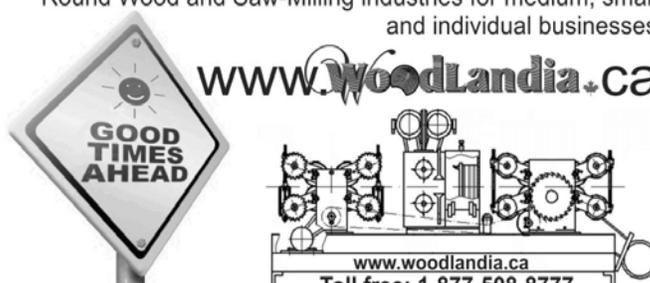
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Meetings

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 follow the Annual meeting on **September 20th 2013** in Buffalo, WY. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact President, Steve Tyser for more information.

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www.facebook.com/RoundwoodAssociation

Email: info@roundwoodassociation.org

New Members

Thank you for inquiring about the Intermountain Roundwood Association.

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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2013 IRA Membership Application Form

Please return this form and \$100 payment to: (Sorry, we do not take credit cards.)

Intermountain Roundwood Association

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

1 Name of Business or Organization: _____

Contact person: _____

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

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New member: Complete remainder of this form. Current Member: Make changes as noted.

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

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

Email: _____ Website: _____

DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY for your page on the IRA website.

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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