



NEWSLETTER

Spring 2016

Production, education and marketing of quality roundwood products

President's Message

I left early for the annual meeting to avoid a snow storm that would have buried me in Wyoming. I returned from the meeting expecting spring but instead we have received two more wet spring snow storms. I for one have had enough snow and the ensuing mud, but it looks to me like most of the membership would love to see this moisture. If so, I am selling the rights to any more storms so please contact me soon quantities are limited.

Now that I have some practice in on sales pitches I feel ready for the busy spring and summer and hope that everyone experiences a busy and profitable fencing season. As always, I enjoyed visiting with all of you who made the trip to the meeting and appreciate your efforts. I trust that you left with a smile on your face as I did. While the meeting was non-traditional, the feedback I

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2016 IRA Board of Directors from left: Ronda Taggart, Steve Tyser, Caleb Gardner, Christian Pfendler, Rock Reman and Clint Weis. Not pictured Mark Blattie.

...President's Message Continued

received was very positive and encouraging. I want to offer a special thanks to Rock Reman for his extra work and the thought that he put into the meeting; we couldn't have done it without him.

While we are discussing some of our South Dakota membership I want to also thank Jody Parker. While Jody couldn't get ahead of the storm and was stuck in Denver I wasn't able to thank him for the completion of another six year term at the annual meeting. YES, I said another term. Jody has been on the IRA board as long as I can remember and we owe him for a great deal of what makes the IRA what it is. We sent a plaque home with Rock and trust that in his craftiness he didn't chisel his name in on the way home in the place of Jody's.

Another thanks to Dave Archer for his service on the board. I can't ever leave out a fellow Wyomingite when I get a chance to say thanks.

All of these thank you wishes remind me of how important membership attendance, service and activity really are. For those who weren't at the meeting I understand the busyness and the travel issues, but I want to remind you that when you aren't there the meeting isn't as good as it could have been. Every member adds to the meeting, the experience the camaraderie and the fun. So I will start the guilt trip now for next year. BE THERE!!!!!! Like our speaker Tom Troxel reminded us at the meeting, the world is run by those who show up.

I think of those I saw at the meeting that have great businesses, established contacts that still come to the meeting and support the IRA, many who have served on the board in the past. I see Dave and Jan Guelff, Gary Marks, Bill Baker, even a retired Darrell Miller and others in my inexperience I may leave out. To see upstanding business owners with that pedigree of experience (old or seasoned) still come year after year helps me feel like we do in fact offer something.

We will continue to sign letters to congressmen and women as we have in the past. Letters concerning chemical approval (CuNap), Long Eared Bat habitat issues, fire borrowing and funding issues.... issues that have affected us all at some point and letters that have aided the businesses of our members. In my last year of a six year term I hope to increase our voice further. So my plea is to be involved, be active and make the IRA better than ever. YOU and your activity make it great!

God Bless,

–Steve Tyser, President

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New Directors Notes

Clint Weis



My name is Clint Weis and I am originally from Corvallis, Montana but now reside in Clancy, Montana. I went to school at the University of Montana where I received my communications degree. In Missoula, I met my future wife Krista Marks whose dad is the famous Gary Marks of Marks-Miller Post & Pole.

Around 2013 Darrell and Karen Miller decided to retire from Marks-Miller Post and Pole and they needed some additional help. My wife had always wanted to move back home to raise a family and we decided it would be a good opportunity for the both of us.

Being in the wood products industry for three years I have learned quite a bit and hopefully plan to learn much more in the future.

Caleb Gardner

Caleb Gardner's experience with the post and pole industry began years ago working summers at the family ranch in Helmsville, MT. Over the years, he has worked a wide variety of jobs including logging with his dad, firefighting, construction, metal fabrication and post manufacturing.



Caleb earned an Associates in Applied Science from the Helena College of Technology in 2011 and began working with Montana Hydraulics/Round Wood Systems shortly thereafter. With years of experience building our products and working with customers; Caleb is now the sales representative for

Round Wood Systems, and is excited with his recent nomination to work on Intermountain Roundwood Association Board of Directors.

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Roundwood Product of the Quarter

Recently a member of the IRA advertised bollards as an available product. Just in case that is a new term to you, see below.



According to Wikipedia, the featured roundwood product of the quarter is defined as: a short vertical post. Originally it meant a post used on a ship or a quay, principally for mooring. The word now also describes a variety of structures to control or direct road traffic, such as posts arranged in a line to obstruct the passage of motor

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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. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact President, Steve Tyser for more information.

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New Members

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.

2016 IRA Membership Application Form

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

Intermountain Roundwood Association
Ronda Taggart, Treasurer
1727 Highway 93 South
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