



NEWSLETTER

Fall 2016

Production, education and marketing of quality roundwood products

President's Message

The more things change the more they stay the same. This old saying rings true yet again. Another busy fencing season and a mild fall have come and gone, another election cycle has thankfully run its course and I am confident we will see snowflakes again.

The winds of change have been displayed by the American electorate. In a "surprise" the parties will swap the tenant in the white house. In an effort to be as a-political as possible I won't cheer and brag or protest and pout. I am amazed at how many people truly give others the power to strike cheer or fear in their lives. No doubt elections have consequences as we have been reminded after every change in power but these changes shouldn't change us.

While the stances in Washington change, I won't alter how I treat you, my customers, my family or those who disagree with my political viewpoint...and I suspect you are much the same. People are only as powerful as we allow them to be, how we allow them to affect our attitude and outlook is dictated by our reaction.

Politicians are eerily similar to officials at sporting events. Their stance automatically enrages half of the crowd. We all preach to our kids to play through the events in life they can't control and to play above the fray and take care of their business, yet society seems to be raising its victim mentality once again by choosing to be affected by something they can't control.

As usual I am probably preaching to the choir in the great members that comprise the IRA, but I encourage you all to continue to place your sanity

and life in your faith, your steady treatment of others and in the same fair business practices that have gotten you to this point.

I remember the last two elections as I watched the dismay in the outcomes and heard from everyone on social media pontificate like the political scholar of our time, and now the tides have changed and guess what? The other half is doing much the same! We definitely have a political bent and I am aware that we have shared it in the past, as it relates to getting a fair shake in running a business and chasing the American dream, but I hope we haven't ever given the impression that we weren't confident in our ability to conduct ourselves the right way regardless of who is in "power". (Whatever that is.)

I simply urge you all to be the same you that you have always been regardless of what goes on in your vicinity. I am positive when I see you all again you won't be so altered by an election that you will be unrecognizable.



Our daily relationships mean a great deal more than the social, financial and political topic of the day. So say an extra prayer, make an extra call to a friend and keep your family close and cared for and the days will be largely the same. Society just makes life so complicated, so I will say to you what my kids here after a ball game....do your best and forget the rest.

God Bless,

—Steve Tyser, President

Fall Board Meeting



Director, Rock Reman organized a exceptional fall meeting. Here IRA meeting participants enjoy a tour of the Homestake Mine in Lead, SD.

October 3rd 2016

Location of meeting was Lead, SD

IN ATTENDANCE:

Directors: Steve Tyser, Christian Pfendler, Rock Reman, Clint Weis, Jody Parker. Executive Administrator, Karen Kovatch and guests, Jody Parker and Kal Kovatch.

Call To Order: 8:45am

Minutes: Approved first by Rock Reman and Clint Weis seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Steve will email to Directors.

OLD BUSINESS

Talked about promoting the IRA and industry by: Other Organizations, Commercials, Scholarships, Fire Safety, and Buy Local Promotions.

NEW BUSINESS

Teleconference Tuesday, Dec 13th 2016 at 9:00am.

Annual Meeting: Possible dates – March 10th or 17th 2017 at Missoula MT. Karen will call the Hilton. (*Editor's Note: March 10th was available.*) Post Cards will be sent off a month in advance. We will be looking for speakers for this meeting. Possible look to have a banquet in future.

Elections: Steve Tyser's terms are done at the 2017 meeting. Christian Pfendler is up for re-election for a second term.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Rock Reman and seconded by Clint Weis.

In Memory



Cliff Eddington, retired manager of Timber Products Inspection (TPI), passed away November 30th 2016. Cliff had been ill for quite some time and had been in hospice for the last three weeks. Cliff attended numerous IRA Annual Meetings. Our sympathy to Cliff's family and TPI.



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Forestry Tour

Looking for a last minute Christmas gift? Give the gift of travel! Join Peter Kolb, Montana State University Extension Forestry Specialist (406-243-4705) on a forestry tour in Bavaria, Germany. Titled "Forests, History and Culture" the tour is scheduled for May 14-28th 2017. There are presently four spaces available. Here's a sample of the itinerary:

May 14th **Freising** Arrive in Germany: Munich International Airport

May 15th **Freising** Visit to Palace Nymphenburg – historical seat of Bavarian Royal family. View forest landscape park, and museum. Tour historical downtown Muenchen including hunting museum

May 16th **Freising** Land Institute for Forests and Forestry (Landesanstalt fur Wald und Forst LWF): Overview of Bavarian forests, ownerships. Tour of University Forest – native species introduction Spruce and Beech. Tour forest conditions and climate monitoring site and Freising old city and Diocese Museum

May 17th **Munich - Ruhpolding** Leave Freising for Munich watershed forest. Bavarian logging institute and logging museum in Ruhpolding

May 18th **Munich - Salzburg** Leave for St. Wolfgang – Austrian Lake district. Ride Schafberg cograil. Spectacular vista of alps and landscape forestry.

May 19th **Freising** Enjoy Salzburg on your own then Burghausen – former residence of royal family and longest castle in Germany

May 20th **Freising** Freising market & shopping. Forestry educational trail.

May 21th **Freising** Wildlife park visit

May 22th **Regensburg** Daytrip to Kehlheim and state forestry district office. Overview of state

forest management with objectives of integrating nature conservation with forest wood production. View baroque church and Cloister, Boat trip on Danube through historic narrows – forested landscape overview. Organ concert in church.

May 23th **Regensburg** Tour forest management site with forester. Mill tour of wood processing facility.

May 24 **Nuremburg** Overview of pine forests around Nuremburg private landowner forestry assistance and forest landowner harvesting coops. Tour historic Nurnberg.

May 25th **Kronach/Lauenstein** View fortress Rosenberg. Rural Lauenstein – view former East-West German Border and forestry practices.

May 26st **Freising** Tour Castle Lauenstein, local praline factory and wood processing facility.

May 27nd **Freising** Train trip into downtown Munich. Dinner at the oldest brewery in Germany – University Brewery School WeiherStephan – either outside or in historic brewery basement.

May 28th **Travel** Return to USA. What a schedule, call Peter today!



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Meetings

Members are encouraged to participate in the quarterly director meetings throughout the year as well as our annual meeting scheduled for March 10th 2017. The next Board meeting is **Tuesday, December 13th 2016** via teleconference. 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.

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.

Advertising

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Contact Karen Kovatch (406) 677-2932 or
info@roundwoodassociation.org

IRA Websites

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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
Hamilton, MT 59840

Name of Business or Organization:

Contact person:

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

New member: Complete remainder of this form.

Current Member: Make changes as noted.

Current Member: No changes this year.

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