



NEWSLETTER

Winter 2017

Production, education and marketing of quality roundwood products

President's Message

I have great news for you all. My term has come to an end. I expect that this will be met with at least as much excitement as when my Father, Norm completed his term as president of the IRA. Since the apple didn't fall far from the tree I am confident that there will be a similar reaction.



It was my dad that encouraged me to get involved with the IRA. Since these words were received by a son who already knew everything I was cautious to proceed. But as life and time have passed, I have learned that dad is usually right. (I can say this because I will hijack this newsletter before Norm gets his copy in

the mail.) And being an established father of 18 years myself, I will make sure all my kids read this soon.

My dad was right about the quality of character of those I have met, befriended and conversed with these last six years. He was right about the likeminded hard working people that still value working and creating, that remain true to their livelihood and their families. And he was correct again in saying that I would be better for spending time with you all while serving within the IRA.

I really offered to serve thinking that you would benefit from my help. In all honesty, while I may have conducted a few meetings and written some letters I was the winner in this endeavor. To all of you who offered kind words, pointed me in the right direction, called to check in or cared enough to give me grief, I want you to know that I received

more than I gave. I even had a member swing by my yard from Montana just to say hello one morning. (You know who you are.)

For those that offered tours and opened up their businesses for other operators to snoop around, your spirit personifies the IRA. In today's society filled with so much greed and stature, the members I have met are the exception to the rule, the diamonds in the rough, the folks that make their home, community and country what it should be. And you all do it without the headlines and the accolades. You all work for that feeling all of society seeks but rarely finds, the feeling of a job well done.

Regardless of your motivation whether faith, family, customers or all of the above, I have learned that nothing beats the feeling of resting my head on the pillow every day with the knowledge that I gave that day my best. I hope that as we near another annual meeting that you will come and be renewed and energized by those of similar motivation.

I want to thank you all for making me a better individual these last six years and for allowing me to try to better the world in which we operate. My prayer for you is that with each post your resolve is strengthened, your family more secure and that every night when your head hits the pillow you are blessed with the peace of a job well done.

God Bless,

—Steve Tyser, President

Winter Board Meeting

December 13, 2016
Via Teleconference Call

IN ATTENDANCE:

Directors: Steve Tyser, Christian Pfendler, Rock Reman, and Clint Weis. Executive Administrator, Karen Kovatch. Directors absent: Ronda Taggart, Caleb Gardner and Mark Blattie.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve will have Ronda email Treasurer Report. Talked about allocating funds in a way that would better promote the IRA and the industry.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting:

- Talked about having a Banquet verses a typical meeting.
- Scheduled for March 10th 2017 in Missoula MT.
- Steve will contact Bruce Vincent, former sawmill owner who is now doing speaking engagements.
- Karen checked with the Hilton and this is a good date.
- Looking at possible ways to change how we run the meeting.
- Possible tour at Missoula Saws in the morning, followed by less speakers and lunch or keynote speaker.
- Clint is going to look for a place to have the social.

- We need to get the schedule nailed down soon, so that we can have it in the newsletter.
- Post Cards will be sent off.
- We do have one vacancy on the board that we need to fill.
- We will need to have the information on the speakers and tour nailed down by the 15th of January.
- All information pertaining to the meeting needs to be into Karen by Jan 15th.
- Newsletter goes out on Feb 1ST.
- Dues notice will go out on Feb 15th.

Board Positions:

- Steve Tyser's term is up.
- Christian Pfendler's term is up for re-election.
- Ronda Taggart's term is up for re-election.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:52.



29th Annual IRA Meeting

March 10th IRA Social

Tentative Agenda

Changing it up! Start the day with a coffee and doughnuts while taking in a informative circuit around a saw shop.

8:30am Missoula Saws Tour
212 Commerce Street

Stations include:

- Banding tool repair
- Saw cleaning
- Hammering and inspection
- Carbide tip room
- Knife sharpening
- Saw sharpening
- Small band saws
- Large band saws

11:00 Return to Hilton Garden Inn
Registration
Nomination of new board members

11:30 Lunch- Roasted Meat Buffet

12.30PM Peter Kolb
Professor of Forestry and
Management -University of MT

12:45 Break

1:00 Jeff Parrett, Wheeler Lumber

1:30 Tom Gorman, University of ID

2:00 Vote for Board Members
Adjourn

6:00PM Meet March 9th for an informal no
host IRA Social to be held at:

Missoula Brewing Company
200 International Drive



Since 2005 we've been gathering for dinner and socializing the night before the annual meeting. Enjoy a local micro brew, a slice of artisan pizza with a fresh salad and catch up with new and old postyard acquaintances!

Board Meeting

The IRA Board of Directors will meet right after the 29th Annual Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

IRA Members are encouraged to consider running for the IRA Board! Two of our Directors are up for reelections for their second three year term and there will be an open Board position available as well. Contact any Board member with questions.

Rooms & Dues

Online room discount code for 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn is **IRA03**. The Hilton Garden Inn is at 3720 North Reserve Street. Exit 101 off I-90. Phone: (406) 532-5300
www.missoula.gardeninn.com

Mail dues and meeting registration to:

Ronda Taggart , Treasurer
1727 Highway 93 South
Hamilton, MT 59840

Speakers

Jeff Parrett will be presenting at the 29th Annual Meeting on wood preservatives as in water versus oil. He will discuss the differences between current preservatives in use today and the markets they serve. Jeff has worked for Wheeler Lumber for 30 years in different capacities across four states. He has managed the Whitewood, SD treating plant since 1995. He has been the President of the Intermountain Forest Association for the past six years and prior to that was the President of the Black Hills Forest Association.

We have two speakers coming from Universities this year. **Peter Kolb** from Montana and **Tom Gorman** from Idaho. Peter has long been a timber advocate and some of you will remember Tom from the strength testing he did on doweled wood at Roundwood West in 2006.

Quote of the Quarter

"I just got done reading over your Fall IRA newsletter. We appreciate getting that newsletter as it usually gives us information and perspectives we would not receive otherwise."

—District Ranger, USFS

Tag line: "Sustaining the Nation's Forests"

Sponsors

Check the box on the Dues & Registration form for Sponsor and contact Steve Tyser with your information if you or your company would like to sponsor the meeting social, breaks or lunch. This is a great opportunity to promote products and services.

Vendors

Take advantage of the beautiful Rotunda at the Hilton Garden Inn to promote your business. Tables are provided and meeting attendee will have many opportunities to break to the Rotunda. Check the box on your Dues & Registration form to secure your table today. Questions: Contact Karen Kovatch at info@roundwoodassociation.org



roundwood

According to Merriam-Webster:
noun | round·wood | \ˈrau·nd-,wuːd\
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Definition: timber used (as for poles) without being squared by sawing or hewing
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Membership Information

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 **Friday, March 10th 2017** following the Annual meeting. 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.

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.

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

Advertising

Business Directory Ads:
Contact Karen Kovatch (406) 677-2932 or
info@roundwoodassociation.org

IRA Websites

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www.facebook.com/RoundwoodAssociation
Email: info@roundwoodassociation.org

IRA Board of Directors

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2017 IRA Membership Application Form

Business or Organization: _____ Contact person: _____

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

Annual Meeting Registration

Yes, I (we) will be attending the IRA Annual Meeting on Friday, March, 10th.

No, I (we) will not be attending this year.

Yes, I (we) will be having lunch at the Annual Meeting on Friday, March 10th. Please reserve _____ meals at \$15 per person.

Lunch(s) x	\$15	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> IRA Dues for 2017	\$100	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member registration fee	\$15	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2017 Business Directory Ads	\$140	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Meeting Sponsor	\$100	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Table Top Display	\$50	_____

TOTAL _____

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

Contact information for my IRA web page and newsletter mailing labels:

No changes this year. Stop here, do not check any more boxes! ☺

Please make changes as noted.

New member: Complete the remainder of this form.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: _____

Toll Free: [Optional] (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Official Use Only: Web List

DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY

Limited to 150 words. Email

info@roundwoodassociation.org Remember to attach one photo or image to accompany your business or organization description.

PRODUCT LOCATOR CATEGORIES

Please choose all products you sell and processes which apply to your operation. This information will be used in the **Product/Member Locator** feature on the website.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architectural Products | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Jump Rails |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Doweled Products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Doweled Wood |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Handling Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Machine-peeled Wood |
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