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LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

So, what projects did we accomplish this year? We were extremely lucky with unbelievably good weather in early spring and summer. We implemented a four man dock crew and an expanded trail crew from user fee money (Recreational Fee Demonstration Program). The Windigo trail crew was re-established and we once again had a small "roving crew." Much trail rerouting and grading along the Rock Harbor shoreline was done and work on several bridges completed. The Windigo crew regraded trail, cleaned water bars, and generally tackled long deferred trail maintenance on the west end of the island. The dock crew replaced lumber, replaced the float plane docks at Windigo and Tobin Harbor, rebuilt the "T" dock at Windigo and installed a floating dock at Hay Bay. They will also finish the Caribou Island dock which was begun last year.

The General Management Plan is complete and we hope to have the final, approved plan to the public by October 1. The three-year progression of the plan has been extremely well scrutinized by all "sides." Interest has been high, and I feel, rightfully so. This is a park looking to the future and defining its future role. At this point let me say one more time: No group will

be excluded. There will be lodging with food service, no closed water to any group. Boaters are and will be welcome, separation of uses has been de-emphasized, gasoline will remain available, and commercial transportation will be available to bring everyone to this wonderful park. There will be a few more restrictions. There will also be some new opportunities in the form of new docks and camping areas. We listened to people. We tried to accommodate traditional uses without damaging the resources. This park has been and will be visitor friendly.

We have accomplished a significant amount of work in the infrastructure including installing a new water tower at Rock Harbor. We have also completed and moved into a new fourplex housing unit (small, efficient one bedroom units) and a new visitor center at Winidgo. The Charles S. Mott Foundation, through a public/private partnership which matched dollar-for-dollar National Park Service, provided the funding for the visitor center. The same kind of partnership provided the funding for the fourplex. The design of the fourplex was donated by William Kessler of Detroit. The design of the visitor center was donated by professor Carol Hicks of Northern Michigan University. The donations and fundraising were coordinated by Donald M.D. Thurber, who represented the National Park Foundation.

One last item. The Ranger III is going into dry-dock this late fall at Bay Shipbuilding in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin for new engines, a bow thruster, electrical work and retrofitting of a restroom on the main deck to meet handicapped standards. The ship will return to her proud service in 1999.

Have a great fall.

Doug Barnard,
Superintendent

1998 IRNHA BOARD ELECTIONS

Four people ran this year to fill three vacancies on the IRNHA Board of Directors. The balloting which was completed in June resulted in the election of new board member Christine Manninen and the re-election of Doug Welker. The third vacancy is still unfilled as Greg Bluth and Steve Merritt tied for that position. A run-off election between those two candidates is being held at this time. All persons who were members of IRNHA as of May 1, 1998 are eligible to vote, using the postcard enclosed. Ballots should be returned to us by Sept. 28 and results will be published in the Fall '98 Wolf's Eye. (Please see page three for biographical information on Greg and Steve.)

Our newest board member, Christine Manninen, is a Project Manager in Communications and Information Management with the Great Lakes Commission in Ann Arbor. She is the webmaster for the Great Lakes Information Network and is managing editor of ADVISOR, the commission's newsletter for policymakers in the binational Great Lakes region. Her areas of expertise will make her a valuable addition to our publications and marketing committees!

Doug Welker, who is a teacher's aide in the Houghton schools, returns for his second term on the board. Doug has been responsible for designing and updating our website, and he is currently working with Isle Royale's Chief of Interpretation, Smitty Parratt, on a book on Isle Royale place names to be published next spring.

Founding IRNHA member Bob Linn and two-term member Bill Rose are leaving the Board at this time.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL IRNHA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a meeting of the IRNHA on Friday, October 16, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held on the Ranger III at Park Service Offices in Houghton, Michigan. The special meeting will be held in order for the membership to vote on the Restated Articles of Incorporation.

We encourage all members to vote either by **completing and mailing the enclosed ballot** by Sept. 28 or by attending the meeting on Oct. 16.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The proposed revisions to the IRNHA Articles of Incorporation are designed to better reflect IRNHA's current status, to better support our non-profit status, and to be more consistent with current volunteer liability laws. The changes include: addition of Keweenaw National Historical Park (Article II), updating the valuation of IRNHA (Article III), changing the registered agent to the current treasurer (Article IV), addition of articles to support and better define our non-profit status (Articles V, VI, and VII), and addition of articles to relate to current liability laws (Articles VIII and IX). The restated Articles of Incorporation were prepared for IRNHA by the firm of Tercha & Daavetila. A copy of the revised articles follows.

RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is: ISLE ROYALE NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE II

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are: to assist the Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park by publishing and selling historical, scientific, educational and interpretive materials to the public, including park visitors; to educate the public about the Parks and surrounding environs; and to provide funds to the Parks for interpretation and research activities.

ARTICLE III

1. The corporation is organized on a nonstock basis.
2. Not applicable.
3. If organized on a nonstock basis, the description and value of its real property assets are: None and the description and value of its personal property assets are:

(Note: These numbers will be updated to reflect IRNHA's status when the Restated Articles of Incorporation are filed.)

Cash & money	
market funds.	\$20,578.19
Inventory	\$141,298.00
Equipment	8,519.06
Accounts receivable.	5,323.65
TOTAL.	\$175,718.90

(The valuation of the above assets was as of June 24, 1998)

The corporation is to be financed under the following general plan: through membership dues, donations, and the sale of historical, scientific, educational and interpretive materials.

The corporation is organized on a membership basis.

ARTICLE IV

1. The address of the current registered office is: H21 Half Moon Beach, Chassell, Michigan 49916.
2. The mailing address of the current registered office, if different than above: P.O. Box 679, Chassell, Michigan 49916.
3. The name of the current resident agent is: Nancy Leonard.

ARTICLE V

Any action required or permitted by the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act (the "Act") to be taken at an annual or special meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting, prior notice, or a vote, if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by the members having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take the action at a meeting at which all members entitled to vote were present and voted. Prompt notice of the taking of the corporate action without a meeting by less than unanimous vote shall be given to members who have not consented in writing.

ARTICLE VI

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons. However, the corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in article II. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing and distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under IRC 501(c)(3) or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code or (2) by a corporation whose contributions are deductible under section IRC 170(c)(2) or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VII

On dissolution of the corporation, after paying or providing for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, the corporation's assets shall be

distributed (1) for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of IRC 501(c)(3), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code or (2) to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations that the court shall determine and that are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VIII

No member of the board of directors of the corporation who is a volunteer director, as that term is defined in the Act, shall be personally liable to this corporation or its members for monetary damages for a breach of the director's fiduciary duty; provided, however, that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any of the following:

1. a breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its members;
2. acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
3. a violation of section 551(1) of the Act;
4. a transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit;
5. an act or omission occurring before the filing of these amended articles of incorporation; or
6. an act or omission that is grossly negligent.

The corporation assumes all liability to any person, other than the corporation or its members, for all acts or omissions of a director who is a volunteer director, as defined in the Act, incurred in the good faith performance of the director's duties. However, the corporation shall not be considered to have assumed any liability to the extent that such assumption is inconsistent with the status of the corporation as an organization described in IRC 501(c)(3) or the corresponding section of any

future federal tax code.

If the Act is amended after the filing of these articles of incorporation to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of directors of nonprofit corporations, then the liability of members of the board of directors, in addition to that described in article VIII, shall be assumed by the corporation or eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Act as so amended. Such an elimination, limitation, or assumption of liability is not effective to the extent that it is inconsistent with the status of the corporation as an organization described in IRC 501(c)(3) or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No amendment or repeal of article VIII shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any member of the board of directors of this corporation for or with respect to any acts or omissions occurring before the effective date of any such amendment or repeal.

ARTICLE IX

The corporation assumes the liability for all acts or omissions of a nondirector volunteer if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The volunteer was acting or reasonably believed he or she was acting within the scope of his or her authority.
2. The volunteer was acting in good faith.
3. The volunteer's conduct did not amount to gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.
4. The volunteer's conduct was not an intentional tort.
5. The volunteer's conduct was not a tort arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle for which tort liability may be imposed as provided in section 3135 of the Insurance Code of 1956, Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, being section 500.3135 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Article IX shall be effective prospectively, and not retrospectively, from the filing date of these amended Articles.

RUN-OFF ELECTION FOR IRNHA BOARD POSITION

Following is biographical information on the two candidates in the run-off election for one position on the IRNHA Board. All people who were members of the IRNHA on May 1, 1998 are eligible to vote. To be valid, ballots must be completed on the enclosed post card and postmarked by Sept. 28.

GREGG BLUTH

(Hancock, Michigan)

- Associate Research Professor, Dept. of Geology, Michigan Technological U.
- BA-- Geology, U.C. Berkeley
- MS and Ph.D.--Geochemistry, Penn State U.

I believe that I am qualified to serve on the IRNHA Board because of my interests in protecting pristine regions like Isle Royale, my background in the geosciences, and my experience in project management. As a research scientist I have many years experience in developing projects to support both myself and student researchers, financial management, writing and editing, and both developing and seeing through worthwhile projects. I hope to use these skills as a Board Member to help the IRNHA achieve and maintain its objectives to protect and enhance Isle Royale's natural resources.

STEVE MERRITT

(Marquette, Michigan)

- First Officer, Skyway Airlines
- Attended University of Minnesota

I feel I would be most qualified for a position on the board of directors based on my years spent on Isle Royale. With a family lease on an island in Tobin Harbor, I virtually grew up on Isle Royale during summer months. On family vacations spent fishing and exploring, I found all of the things that make it such a naturally beautiful and exciting place to go. Through admiring the stories told by my grandfather and father, I learned all of the things that make it such a fascinating and pioneering place to visit as well.

I choose to be more active in the issues that involve Isle Royale at this time, as I am concerned with some of the most recent changes that the park is undergoing, and their impact on its visitors. I have many friends and family who visit the park and wish to preserve its natural and historic values for the generations to come.

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ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE BOOK DONATIONS

In July IRNHA members received a letter requesting donations for our upcoming Artist-in-Residence book. The hard cover coffee table book will be our most ambitious publishing project to date, and contributions are being sought to help fund design and pre-press costs for the book. The response so far has been terrific!

We began our fund-raising campaign with a generous contribution from Phyllis Titmus in memory of her late husband, John Titmus. Individual IRNHA board

members then matched her contribution, bringing us up to \$3000.

Since our letter went out a couple weeks ago, over \$4000 in additional contributions has come in from IRNHA members.

If you have not yet made your tax-deductible contribution, we encourage you to send a check today. Members contributing \$100 or more will receive a complimentary copy of the book when it comes out in 2000!



1998 AID-TO-THE-PARK

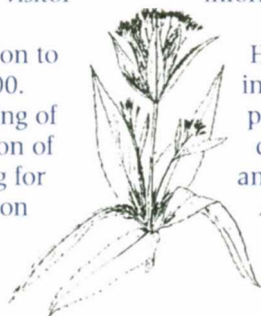
1998 was an exceptional year for cooperative work at here at Isle Royale. Several major projects were undertaken as team efforts this year by park and IRNHA staffs. Major among these was the publication of the park newspaper, The Greenstone, the initiation of a Junior Ranger program, and the completion of a new herbarium for the Windigo visitor center.

IRNHA's cash contribution to the park for 1998 was \$8900. Major expenses were printing of The Greenstone, construction of the herbarium, and funding for the ongoing beaver survey on the island. Funding was also provided for new

exhibits at Malone and Amygdaloid and publication of a new boaters' brochure and a Junior Ranger workbook.

In-kind contributions to the park included over 750 hours of IRNHA staff time. Staff at Rock Harbor and Windigo visitor centers spent much of their work week providing information to park visitors and

issuing permits. The Houghton staff provided park information over the phone to potential park visitors, helped design and edit The Greenstone, and processed applications for the Artists-in-Residence program. Cash value of this in-kind work was \$5200.



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IRNHA is a non-profit membership organization that assists Isle Royale National Park by publishing and selling educational materials to park visitors. Gifts, bequests, memorials and memberships are U.S. tax deductible.

Membership Categories

Individual	\$15
Household	\$25
Supporting	\$50
Sustaining	\$100
Life Membership	\$500*
Corporate Sponsor	\$1,000
Corporate Patron	\$5,000

**Life memberships may be paid in 5 annual installments.*

Board of Directors

Gary Pethe, President, Charles Boyle,
David Duchamp, John Dunn,
Nancy Leonard, Christine Manninen,
Doug Welker, Charles Zamzow.

Staff

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Lauren Rastello, Mail Order and
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