

Wolf's Eye



ISLE ROYALE NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 1999

Letter from the Superintendent

As I write this, the summer is swiftly coming to a close. Seasonal employees have already left and the hint of fall is in the air. It has been a summer that has gone entirely too fast. Your association officers have been integral to the success of some key happenings this summer. After the annual meeting on the island they volunteered for a work project at Crystal Cove. They picked up a phenomenal amount of trash and reportedly had a great time doing it. They also greatly assisted with the rededication of the park's "roads and bridges", the Motor Vessel Ranger III, and the dedication of the new Windigo Visitor Center.

Both the Ranger III and the new visitor center warrant your inspection. The ship has new engines, a bow thruster, a new handicapped restroom, and many other upgrades. The new visitor center, constructed utilizing funding donated by the Charles Stuart Mott Foundation, matching construction dollars from the National Park Service, Washington office, and many hours of paid and volunteer labor is a wonderful new addition to the scene at Windigo. For the first time in many years the proud fresnel lens from the Rock of Ages Lighthouse sits on its base and it now beckons visitors to the new facility. This is something worth going out of your way to visit!

Look for information in coming editions of the *Wolf's Eye* about the annual meeting at Rock Harbor in the coming millennium, July 22 and 23. It will be a real treat for everyone.



Doug Barnard

Dedications



August 19th and 21st were full of ceremony and celebration for the NPS and IRNHA. On the 19th the National Park Service's Ranger III was rechristened in a ceremony at Isle Royale National Park Headquarters in Houghton. Tours of the newly refitted and remodeled Ranger III were offered throughout the morning, and at 11:00 approximately 200 people gathered for the official rechristening ceremony. Speakers included Supt. Doug Barnard, NPS Regional Director Bill Schenk (pictured above at the podium), Congressman Bart Stupak, and Houghton Mayor Tom Merz. Also participating were Congresswoman Debbie Stabenow and several Congressional aides. Sylvia Barnard, Julie Schenk and Laurie Stupak cracked the bottle of champagne over the bow of the Ranger III. That afternoon visiting dignitaries and winners of a public drawing were taken for a ceremonial cruise on the Houghton waterway. IRNHA provided refreshments for activities throughout the day.

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1999/2000 IRNHA BOARD MEETING DATES

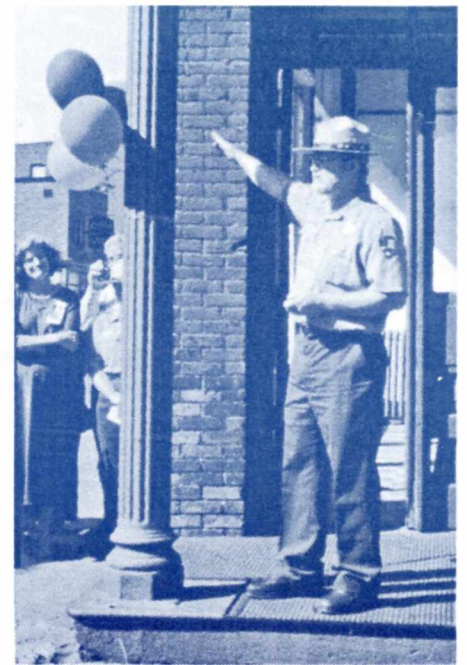
The IRNHA Board of Directors have set tentative dates for the upcoming year's meetings. All meetings begin at noon.

- Saturday, October 16 at Keweenaw Park Offices, Calumet, MI
- Saturday, March 25 at Keweenaw Park Offices, Calumet, MI
- Weekend of July 22 location to be announced

Members are welcome to bring business to the board with prior notice. (See section II of the enclosed bylaws for details.)



The Windigo Visitor Center



Supt. Frank Fiala at Calumet's Union Bldg.

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Later that afternoon the focus turned to Keweenaw National Historical Park where the keys to the Union Building in Calumet were officially turned over to park Supt. Frank Fiala by building owner Ray Ostermyer. Speakers were Frank Fiala, Bill Schenk, and Congressman Stupak. The historic Union Building, located in downtown Calumet, is the first building acquisition made by the KNHP. The three story building which has been home in the past to a bank, print shop, ballroom and theater, will be renovated and will house an interpretive center and other park facilities.

On Saturday afternoon, August 21, the new Visitor Center at Windigo was dedicated in a ceremony on Isle Royale. Speakers were Park Supt. Doug Barnard, NPS Regional Director Bill Schenk, and building architect Dr. Carol Hicks. Hicks, who is a professor at Northern Michigan University, described the architecture of the building and his intentions in designing it as he did. The building of the new visitor center is an example of successful partnerships and volunteer efforts by a number of organizations and individuals, and in their comments NPS representatives praised those efforts and thanked the many people responsible. After the official ribbon cutting, cookies and lemonade were served, compliments of IRNHA, and visitors enjoyed touring the new building and a variety of new interpretive exhibits.

REVISED BY-LAWS

Included as an insert in this issue of your Wolf's Eye is a copy of the newly reworded IRNHA by-laws. The intent in rewording the complete by-laws was to simplify and update the language. The only real content change is under Article IV, section a, which allows for four members of the board to be appointed, rather than three as provided for in the current by-laws. Since there were no other major content changes, and for brevity, we have not included a copy of the present by-laws. However, if you should wish a copy for comparison purposes, please contact us at 800-678-6925 and we will be happy to supply you with one.

Any comments or suggestions should be made prior to the board's next meeting on Oct. 16.

1999 Board Elections

Three IRNHA members ran this year to fill two vacancies on our board of directors.

Re-elected for three-year terms were David Duchamp and Charlie Zamzow. David and Charlie have led the board's strategic planning effort over the last two years. Charlie is also responsible for revising the IRNHA Bylaws (See insert in this Wolf's Eye) and he is the chair of the Personnel Committee. Dave serves on the Finance Committee.

All IRNHA members are eligible to run for our Board of Directors. Our next elections will be held in May 2000.

Those wishing to run should submit a brief biography and a statement describing their qualifications for board director by March 1.



The Isle Royale Natural History Association Bylaws

Article I - Name

The name of this organization is "The Isle Royale Natural History Association."

Article II - Authority and Purpose

Section 1. The Isle Royale Natural History Association (hereafter "the Association") shall operate under the authority of Public Law 633, approved by the Congress of the United States, August 7, 1946 (60 Stat. 885, Sec. 67) which permits use of the "...services of field employees in cooperation with such non-profit scientific and historical societies engaged in educational work in the various parks and monuments as the Secretary of the Interior may designate."

Section 2. The operations, business, property, and assets of the Association shall be devoted to historical, archaeological, scientific, interpretive, and other educational purposes.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. Classes of Membership.

There shall be seven classes of membership: annual single, annual household, annual supporting, annual sustaining, corporate sponsor, corporate patron, and life. The Board of Directors (hereafter "the Board") may grant honorary life memberships. The Board shall also set appropriate dues amounts for each of these classes of membership from time to time as required.

Membership categories and voting privileges shall be according to the following:

Annual Memberships:

Single, Household, Supporting, and Sustaining are all allowed one vote each.

Life Memberships:

Corporate Sponsor, Corporate Patron and Life are all allowed one vote each.

Dues payments are due on January 1st of each year. To vote in an annual election, dues must be paid by May 1st of the election year. notic

Section 2. Member Resignation and Removal.

Any member may withdraw from the Association by giving written notice to the Board. Any member may be expelled from the Association with good cause and by unanimous vote of the Board.

Section 3. Member Discounts. A member shall be entitled to a discount, the amount of which shall be determined by the board, on all publications and other materials sold by the Association, providing that the items purchased are for that member's own personal use, and not for resale.

Article IV - Organization and Administration

Section 1. Number, Election and Term of Office.

(a) The business of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) Directors, a majority of whom must be elected, and as many as four (4) of whom may be full term appointments. The term of office for Directors shall be three (3) years. Terms shall be staggered to allow three (3) Directors to be elected or appointed each year.

(b) Elections shall be held during the spring months of the final year of expiring terms. Any election that ends in a tie shall be decided by a vote of the Board. If the vote of the Board ends in a tie, the decision shall be made by the President of the Board. Full term appointments shall occur during the final year of expiring terms.

(c) A director must be a member in good standing of the Association.

(d) An elected or appointed Director may serve no more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms, except the Board may, by a two thirds vote, appoint a Director to another three-year term subject to the restrictions stated in subsection (a) above. Any Director who, for any reason, serves less than a two-year term shall be eligible to serve two full three-year terms in addition to any term already served.

(e) Any Directorship that becomes vacant prior to the expiration of its term may be filled by Board appointment as described in subsection (d) above. The term of office for such appointed Directors shall be only for the remainder of the un-expired term being filled. The person filling an un-expired term shall be eligible for election or re-appointment upon the completion of the stated term, subject to the restrictions stated in the above subsections. Partial term appointments do not count towards the four full term appointments allowed in subsection (a) above. Elected Board positions filled by partial term appointments shall be considered "elected" Board positions.

(f) Directors and selected Officers shall assume their office, duties, and responsibilities

on August 1st of the year elections/appointments occur.

(g) A President of the Board shall be selected by, and from among, the Directors whenever that position becomes vacant. The President serves at the pleasure of the Board.

(h) A President-of-the-Board-Elect shall be selected by, and from among, the Directors by a majority vote of the Board at least six months prior to the expiration of the term being served by the current Board President. The person selected shall serve as President of the Board when that position becomes vacant.

(i) A Treasurer of the Association shall be selected by, and from among, the Directors whenever that position becomes vacant. The Treasurer serves at the pleasure of the Board.

(j) Each officer shall hold office until a successor is elected/appointed and qualified, or until death, resignation, or removal.

(k) The Executive Director of the Association, at the pleasure of the Board, serves as an ex-officio member of the Board.

Section 2. Meetings of the Board. There shall be at least two meetings of the Board each year — one during the winter and one during the summer — at places and times to be determined by a majority of the Board. A majority of Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or upon request of four Board members. At any meeting held in the absence of the President, the President-of-the-Board-Elect shall preside. If the President-of-the-Board-Elect is also absent, an acting President shall be selected by a majority vote of the Board members present. The Board shall formulate all of the operational policies of the Association and shall direct its activities through the Association Coordinator (appointed by the Superintendent of Isle Royale National Park), a hired Executive Director, and other employees deemed necessary by the Executive Director and the Board. The powers of the Board shall be limited only by law, the articles of incorporation, the Bylaws of the Association, and the policies of the National Park Service as articulated through the Guidelines and Memorandum of Agreement between the National Park Service and the

Association. The membership and the public at large are welcome to attend Board meetings, but for smooth and efficient Board proceedings, discussion and participation is limited to Board Members and Staff, except as noted below. Any person who wishes to address an item of business to the Board is requested to:

(1) submit a request to do so by written notice 15 days prior to such meeting; or, (2) request at such Board meeting to be placed in the appropriate section of the agenda for comment. An agenda for each Board meeting shall be made final as a first item of business and shall not be deviated from except as determined by a majority vote of the Board. The agenda shall always provide for a period when comments may be made by non-Board members who are in attendance at the meeting.

Section 3. The President of the Board.

The President of the Board shall be responsible for calling and conducting all Board meetings, conducting the Annual Membership Meeting(s), and general overseeing of Association activities throughout each year of his or her tenure as President.

Section 4. The Treasurer of the

Association. The Treasurer of the Association shall be responsible for monitoring the finances of the Association on a monthly basis. The Treasurer must be continuously cognizant of the overall financial condition of the Association. The Treasurer must work closely with the Executive Director to review operational expenses and proposed purchases.

The Treasurer shall report to the Board:

1. In a timely fashion, any serious financial situation that he or she believes might exist. 2. In a timely fashion, the general financial condition of the Association. 3. and Cosign with the Executive Director a semiannual Financial Report, which shall be given to each Board Member at least one day prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Section 5. Committees of the Board.

The Board may, at its discretion, appoint members of the Board to serve as Committee Chairs, for the following standing committees:

Standing Committees:

1. Marketing
2. Finance
3. Membership and Public Relations
4. Publications
5. Personnel and Elections
6. Strategic Planning

The President of the Board may also

appoint, at his or her discretion, such ad hoc committees as seem reasonable to address specific tasks/problems, such as a committee to plan and execute the Annual Membership Meeting. Committees must consist of at least one Board member, and Board members may serve on more than one committee.

Section 6. The Executive Director of the

Association. The Board shall be responsible for the employment of an Executive Director. The Executive Director shall represent the Association in all business and legal activities. The Executive Director shall authorize the expenditure of Association funds according to the approved budget or as specifically approved by the Board. The Executive Director shall be the immediate supervisor of all persons employed by the Association. The Executive Director shall arrange for the recording and distribution of Board meeting minutes. The minutes shall be recorded and ready for review and approval prior to the next Board meeting. The Executive Director shall work closely with the President of the Board and the Treasurer of the Association as described in Sections (3) and (4) above.

Article V - Membership Meetings

The Association shall hold an Annual Membership Meeting during the summer months at an appropriate place and time as determined by the Board. The meeting date shall be announced by November of the previous year and an agenda shall be given to all members at least one month before the meeting by newsletter or by special mailing. The President shall conduct the meeting, and shall arrange for the presentation of the annual report of the Association's activities and its plans for the future. The Executive Director and/or Treasurer of the Association shall present a financial report, cosigned by each. An announcement of the results of the annual election, as prescribed in Article IV, Section 1, shall be made by the Board President. A quorum of the membership is not required to hold the Annual Membership Meeting. Unless otherwise stated in these bylaws, all meetings shall be conducted according to Rules of Order by Henry M. Robert.

Article VI - Miscellaneous

Section 1. Principal Place of Business.

The principal place of business of the Association shall be at the headquarters of Isle Royale National Park.

Section 2. Maintenance of Association

Funds. The Association shall maintain all funds in financial institutions approved by the Board. All checks drawn from checking accounts and withdrawals from savings accounts shall require the signature of the Executive Director or the

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall oversee the financial condition of the Association as stated in Article IV, Section 4.

Section 3. Auditing. An audited financial statement of the Association's financial records shall be required if requested by a majority of the Board or by a majority of Association members.

Article VII - Changes to Bylaws

Power to change these Bylaws and/or to adopt additional Articles and Sections to these Bylaws is hereby delegated to the Board, and may be executed at any meeting of the Board, provided that: (1) sufficient notification of such impending action has been given to the membership so that members of the Association might have the opportunity to comment to the Board prior to adoption of such change(s)/amendment(s); and thence, (2) sufficient notification of such impending action has been sent to each Board member by mail, indicating any comments/suggestions that might have been made by the membership as a result of (1) above. Changes to Bylaws requires approval by at least six (6) members of the Board, either in attendance or by written proxy. The President shall be responsible for arranging these procedures.

Article VIII - Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the net assets of the Association shall be disposed of by the Board in accordance with the articles of incorporation of the Association.

Article IX - Non-Discrimination

The Association, does not discriminate with regard to terms or conditions of membership because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual preference, national origin, age, or physical or mental handicap. The Isle Royale Natural History Association is an equal opportunity employer.

6 May, 1999

1999 RESEARCH REPORT: *Frogs & Toads*

During a survey of Michigan's herpetofauna in 1963 and 1964 it was discovered that Isle Royale National Park was home to six species of anurans (frogs and toads). They were the American toad, spring peeper, boreal chorus frog, green frog, mink frog, and the wood frog.

Since that time, there has been a growing concern for the apparent decline in several species of anurans. There is not only concern for the individual species but for the role these populations serve as an indicator of environmental quality. Isle Royale National Park established a frog survey program to monitor and integrate island population data with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Frog and Toad Survey program.

In 1996 two transects were created. The first transect fol-

lowed the Mount Ojibway loop, the second was established along the trail between Three Mile and Lane Cove. In 1997 a third transect was created between Moskey Basin and the north LeSage portage and was surveyed in 1998. A fourth transect was surveyed in 1999, on the Huginnin trail near Windigo. A call index was used to obtain a measurement of calling males for future comparison.

During the 1999 survey, five out of six of the previously known anurans were heard. The mink frog was not heard on the survey, but was heard by NPS employees during the summer. Comparison between the first four years has demonstrated a close correlation between the frog populations and the amount of rainfall during the summer. The apparent decline in numbers over the first three years of the survey reflected a decline in the amount of rainfall, which did not continue in 1999. The frog numbers went up in 1999.



The new transect on the Huginnin Loop increased the amount of certain wetland types and added greatly to the number of species heard on the July run.

In 2000, the survey will continue on the existing four transects, and the numbers of American toads seen between survey points will also be recorded. If possible, more intensive surveys will be conducted in specific areas along the transect routes to more accurately record the "singing season" of Isle Royale's anurans.

1999 Membership Meetings

IRNHA's Annual Membership meetings were held on July 15 at the Calumet Theatre and on July 16 aboard the Ranger III in Rock Harbor. Approximately 35 members attended the two meetings.

Reports were given at both meetings summarizing the financial results for the first three quarters of the year. (Complete year-end financial information will be available in the fall *Wolf's Eye*.) Also included were reports on publication activities, sales, fund-raising and aid-to-the park.

Information was given on IRNHA's new relationship with the Keweenaw Community Foundation. Beginning this fall IRNHA will have established an endowment fund through the Community Foundation which will allow individuals to make charitable gifts and planned gifts to IRNHA through that organization. Michigan residents will be able to claim a tax credit for gifts made through the Foundation. (More information will be sent to all IRNHA members in a special letter this fall.)

The Calumet meeting focused on IRNHA's new relationship with Keweenaw Natl. Historical Park. There was discussion on what projects we might like to pursue together, and Supt. Frank Fiala gave a report on recent events with that park. Supt. Doug Barnard also gave a report on Isle Royale activities.

Discussion at the Rock Harbor meeting included plans and suggestions for a special marriage event to take place July 22-23, 2000, to correspond with the IRNHA annual meeting on the island. (Specifics will be available in the fall and winter *Wolf's Eyes*). Publications were also discussed, with suggestions for republishing some of our out-of-print books.

Superintendent Doug Barnard gave a report on the park and Rolf Peterson briefed those present on the status of wolf and moose on the island.



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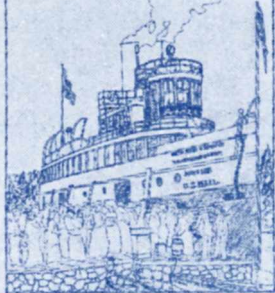
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A Diver's Vision of the Past

by Stephen B. Thaxton

A Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society Project



Our Newest Offerings

New to the IRNHA inventory are a couple of history books which we believe will be of interest to you.

S.S. America: A Diver's Vision of the Past

is a brand new publication of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society. Author and illustrator Stephen Daniel brings his readers along on a dive of this famous Isle Royale shipwreck. Included are detailed accounts of the ship and its history and a room-by-room description of the ship as it rests in Washington Harbor today. Large and detailed drawings of the vessel's exterior, interior, furnishings, and engines are included on every page. *Spiral bound paperback, 28 pages, \$11.95*

You will begin to see in our catalogues more books dealing with issues related to Keweenaw National Historical Park. One of our newest acquisitions in that area is the Silver Anniversary Edition of **Calumet Copper and People: History of a Michigan Mining Community 1864-1970**. This very readable book by Calumet native Arthur W. Thurner tells the story of the immigrants who came to the Copper Country seeking their livelihood, if not their fortunes, in the copper mines and stayed to develop a community rich in ethnic and cultural diversity. *Paperback, 107 pages, \$9.95.*

To order, call us at 800-678-6925

Artists in Residence Book Donations

Thanks to all of you who have so generously responded to our request for donations to our Artists in Residence book project. As of August 27, we have received \$1700 in response to our recent letter, bringing the total IRNHA member contributions for the project to over \$10,000. A hardcover volume with full-color reproductions, the Artists in Residence book will be our most expensive publishing project ever. We have applied for a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs to help us with production and printing costs. We will also be looking for a paper company that will be willing to donate paper for the book.

If you have not yet made a personal contribution to the project, we invite you to do that today by sending a check or credit card information to us at 800 E. Lakeshore Dr., Houghton MI 49931. If you work for or know of a company that might be willing to help with paper or other costs, we would love to hear from you.

Everyone contributing \$100 or more to the project will receive a complimentary copy of the book which is due out in April 2000.



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IRNHA is a non-profit membership organization that assists Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historic 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.

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