



# IOWA ASSOCIATION OF NATURALISTS COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMER 2014

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**Committee:** Traveling Exhibits

**Chair:** Ann Burns

**Members:** Wade into Your Watershed Team –Holly Schulte, Chuck Ungs, Jacklyn Gautsch; Angela Freyeremuth, Marybeth Stevenson; Michelle Olson; Lora Kanning, Jeny Meyer, Cari Nicely, Annette Wittrock, Dave Bakke, Karen Phelps, Aaron Askelson, Rene Stroud, Kaytlan Boeckenstadt, Allie Schmalz

## PLANTING THE SEED

**Brief description of the purpose of the Committee:** The purpose of the committee is to develop a series of medium sized traveling exhibits that would be available to IAN members for display at facilities in their areas

**Specific progress since the last IAN meeting:** Due to time constraints on the part of team members in late May and early June, the planned June team meeting was cancelled. A meeting has been scheduled with staff from the Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium for August 11 at 10:00 AM at the River Museum. Earlier this spring, Mark Wagner from the museum had contacted committee chair, Burns, regarding their intent to develop a large exhibit about watersheds and wanted to make sure they were not “stepping on our toes”. As the IAN Aquatics team has continued to be challenged to get together to move their project forward the idea has come up that perhaps the goal of developing a traveling exhibit for IAN members would be accomplished more quickly if the project were folded into the River Museum’s project. They have already produced a travelling exhibit as part of their successful “Turtles” exhibit. We will know more after August 11. Any ExCom member who can attend this August 11 meeting is welcome to.

**Will the committee report only take 2-3 minutes and be informational in nature?**

*If yes, you will be given three minutes to briefly update the membership on the committee’s work. If a lengthy discussion begins, the topic will then be moved to the Discussion/ Action portion of the business meeting.*

**Will the committee report take 5-10 minutes and require discussion and/or action from the membership?**

*If yes, what is the specific point for discussion or motion for IAN members to address during the Discussion/ Action portion of the business meeting?*

**If you do have an item for Discussion/Action, will you be able to present this to the Executive Committee at our meeting?** Please give us any feedback you have after discussing this new development! Do you need to make a motion to OK the committee entering into discussions with the River Museum folks? Do you want to discuss whether we want to put any IAN money towards this? They have not asked for any money from us at this time. The indication is that this exhibit would become available to IAN members just as they have made the Turtle exhibit available.. These are things we will learn at the August 11 meeting.

**Thank you for all of your work!**