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#### Are your Dues current?

For those who received a second Renewal Notice reminder for your FHAW Membership... Please **Renew Now** to avoid missing further newsletters. Membership mailing lists will be updated early in December.

We are consolidating our website under a single domain -

**ForestHistoryAssociationWI.com** - please update your bookmarks

and remove ChipsAndSawdust.com

# Chips and Sawdust

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Dedicated to the discovery, interpretation, and preservation of the forest history legacy of the State of Wisconsin



## From The President's Chair

Greetings!

Hats off and a major thank you goes out to the communities of Peshtigo and Marinette

along with John Grosman and the event management team for the recent annual conference! This conference exceeded all expectations for content and for the facilities made available for our use.

It is a major challenge to create a memorial event to honor the 1,200 people who died and those who were injured in the Peshtigo fire appropriately while developing a positive future looking posture for the community, but it was done and done well.

The teamwork, cooperation and seeming harmony between the communities of Peshtigo and Marinette was heartwarming in a world that is all too often competitive. The historical societies of the communities were gracious and welcoming with important stories to tell. The genealogical society was great with their singing group and in the reenactment of the lives of survivors of the great fire, by their work we certainly hope and encourage other communities to create similar methods of education.

While we had a high level of attendance at the conference, we also noted the absence of several "old friends" who could not attend due to the Covid-19 issues. To you we will say we missed you, but we understand the tumult the virus is causing, and we look forward to seeing you next year!!!

The Two Rivers and Manitowoc area will be hosting the 2022 Forest History Association of Wisconsin annual conference. Planning is already underway and is looking good!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Regards,

Ed Forrester

## **City of Peshtigo** Welcomes Members of the **Forest History Association** of Wisconsin for 2021 Conference

The good people of Peshtigo welcomed FHAW members and their quests

with typical small town Wisconsin friendliness ensuring we all enjoyed our stay there. As hosts of the 2021 Forestry Conference the Peshtigo community included us in their commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Peshtigo Fire, as well as shared the rich history of the area communities.

The conference started with the annual membership meeting at the Embers 1871 Restaurant. Then following an excellent dinner and service, Peshtigo and Marinette community members entertained and informed attendees with songs and stories.

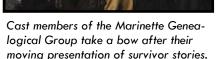
Members of the Menominee River Chorus opened the evening's entertainment with a delightful selections of 1870's music sung in four-part harmony barber shop style. Their voices blended to fill the air with joyful songs as an opening to the evening's historical reenactments.

The reenactments, provided by members of the Marinette Genealogy Group, were an excellent introduction to the presentations of fire survivors' stories to be shared on Friday and Saturday. Based on local newspaper accounts of the fire in 1871, the performances provided moving testimonials of those who lived through the horrific Peshtigo Fire.

Friday events continued at the Henry Drees Community Center in Peshtigo where attendees were greeted by the Associations, current and past "First-Ladies" with each attendee receiving area promotional items and a copy of the Peshtigo Times Special Edition, Peshtigo Fire Sesquicentennial, 1871-2021.

City of Peshtigo officials and fire-

Members of the Menominee River Chorus sana historic and inspirational songs in four part harmony.





Welcoming conference attendees, Kate Grosman and Pam Forrester.









Several of the local firefighters whose volunteer efforts contributed to the success of the Peshtigo Conference

#### FRIDAY MORNING PRESENTERS



Conference Organizer, John Grosman, introduces Martha Bergland, the first morning presenters.





Paul G. Hayes

Karen Vincent Humiston



Cole and Robert (Cubby) Couvillion

men assisted throughout the day with breakfast, beak, lunch and dinner service, as well an exhibit of some of the current fire fighting apparatuses. Another example of the community's support and hospitality.

Friday's six presentations were divided equally with three during the morning session and the remaining three during the afternoon session.

Martha Bergland and Paul Hayes shared the podium for the first lecture, Before and After the Fires: Increase Lapham on Deforestation, Climate, and the Fires, chronicling the life of Increase Lapham, and specifically his early efforts of applied science throughout Wisconsin.

Next Karen Vincent Humiston's talk, A Stricken People; The Victims of the Peshtigo Fire, complemented details of the personal stories shared during the prior evening's historical reenactments. By sharing details discovered in her historical research she provided a greater awareness of the suffering of the victims and survivors of the Peshtigo Fire.

Karen will publish the results of her intensive research into the fire and the many families and individuals caught up in it. Her book, The Sky Was Brass; The Earth Was Ashes: The Story of the Great Peshtigo Fire, will be released early in the new year.

The final morning presentation, Father Pernin's Personal Account of the Peshtigo Fire -"revisited" is based on Father Pernin's book, The Great Peshtigo Fire: An Eyewitness Account. That book has provided historians with the most realistic and unembellished facts based on what he witnessed that night as he struggled for his own survival. Cole Couvillion narrated Pernin's experiences and with his father, Robert Couvillion, long-time local historian, answered questions from the audience.

The midday break featured a

soup and sandwich wrap luncheon, time to visit with speakers and other attendees, view historic and educational displays around the room, or view Peshtigo the fire equipment displayed outside the community center.

Our afternoon presentations started with Baily Kopesel, sharing, The Night of Hell. Using maps, she identified several Door County villages that dotted the forest wilderness of 1871, and then told of the devastating fires that swept over the southern part of the county the evening of October 8th. That night, a small sawmill village, Williamsonville with a population of just 77, was blotted out by a tornado of fire. Today, Door County's first county park established in 1927, Tornado Memorial Park, commemorates that village and the no less than 60 persons who perished there.

Next at the podium was Gary Besaw, sharing his presentation, Menominee Connections: Perspectives on the Peshtigo Fire of 1871 and Indigenous Forestry. Gary talked about the history of Menominee, their relationship with natural resources and their culture. Speaking of how all of us our connected, he talked about Abraham Place, who had married a Menominee tribal member and their efforts providing shelter and care for survivors of the fire in 1871. He then highlighted some of the Menominee forestry practice used to manage the Menominee forests.

Closing out the day's talks was Pete Villas, who presented **Ruins to Recovery: The Birth of the County Forest.** The fire that devastated the area in 1871 transformed the landscape and had lasting effects. In his talk, Pete highlighted the foresightedness that recognized the importance of growing trees leading to the creation of the County Forests and some of the unique niches these properties offer.

After the evening dinner at-

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON PRESENTERS





**Bailey Koepsel** 

Gary Besaw

tendees joined in Peshtigo's Memorial Walk. At 8 pm, just as they did on October 8, 1871 the church bells tolled as a fitting tribute of the victims and survivors of



Pete Villas

America's most deadly forest fire. Saturday's tours rounded out an excellent conferences, thanks to good planning and the good people of Peshtigo and Marinette.



Peshtigo Memorial Walk, Friday October 8, 2021



Peshtigo Memorial Ceremony outside the Peshtigo Fire Museum and Cemetery

## Highlights of the Associations 2021 General Membership Meeting

#### President's Report:

President Forrester began by complimenting the Annual Meeting planning committee, both FHAW members and Peshtigo community members. It looks like it will be an outstanding event, and he expressed his appreciation to all those attending. He then briefly commented on the following activities:

- Landmark Pines Kiosk project has been completed.
- The FHAW webinar series has had a successful year with good attendance for the live events, and later viewing from the website or YouTube channel
- The Archives Committee continues to work on archiving materials collected by the FHAW at UWSP, digitization of print materials, and creating finding aids to support middle and high school student's National History Day activities.
- 2022 Fall Conference planning is underway for the Manitowoc area. Bob Walkner and Jerry Theide are serving as local events coordinators. Plans will be shared as they are developed and finalized.

#### Nomination Committee Report:

Two board members' term of office end with this meeting, Tom Jerow and Ed Forrester. They have both agreed to seek reelection and by proper motion and second were elected to a three-year term ending in 2024.

#### **Board Vacancies**

Forrester invites any member interested in taking a more active role in the Association to consider joining the FHAW Board of Directors. At this time there remains 2 vacancies for terms ending in 2024, 1 vacancy for term ending in 2022 and 1 vacancy for term ending in 2023. Anyone with such an interest is invited to reach out to him for additional information.

#### **Fixmer Awards**

Past president, John Grosman, presented the 2020 Fixmer Distinguished Service Award to Don Schnitz-

ler. He acknowledged Schnitzler's contributions to the Association as newsletter editor, past Sec-



retary, vice-president and president of the Association and his recent efforts with the FHAW Webinar Series.

President Ed Forrester then presented the 2021 Fixmer Distinguished Service Award to John Grosman. Ed cited John's tireless devotion to the

FHAW through strategic planning, reemphasizing partnerships with schools and local histo-



ry societies as well as coordinating the commemoration of the Peshtigo Fire Through all his efforts John has significantly improved the Association.



From the Newspaper Archive



## LOST IN THE LAKE

Schooner Lumberman Capsizes in a Gale off Racine North Point and Goes to the Bottom.

#### CREW CLING TO THE RIGGING.

#### Rescued by the Steamer Menominee Which Left This Port at 3 O'clock Yesterday Afternoon —The Captain an Old Racine Man.

About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a three masted schooner was observed to pass this port bound north. Although a stiff wind was blowing, every sail on the craft was set. It was the schooner Lumberman, commanded by Capt. A. Vose, an old Racine man, and a crew of five men, comprising the first mate, William Hansen, Robert Anderson, Thomas Nelson, Thomas Olsen and Nels Christenson, bound for Kewaunee. The craft made good time. When about three miles northeast of Racine point sailing north-northwest, the sky suddenly became overcast, and suddenly the boat was caught in a terrific gale that sprung up from the west. Wm. Hansen was in command of the boat and immediately ordered sails shortened. The top sails were lowered and the main sail and the reef jib, but it was of no avail, and after fighting for a moment with the storm the steamer careened and then capsized. It did not take long for her to fill with water and she commenced to sink. In going down the vessel righted and to this fact is due the escape of the crew. When the storm struck the boat, Captain Vose, Seamen Nelson and Olsen were below.

Hearing peals of distant thunder and fearing a squall the captain hastened to the deck just in time to see that the vessel could not live in the storm. He ordered the two men who were sleeping below to be waked, and just as they reached the deck, half clothed, the Lumberman went over. All the men save the captain were on the leeward side of the vessel and easily reached the rigging, and in this way were for the time being in a place of safety. Capt. Vose however, was on the windward side of the schooner and when she capsized was caught in the rigging and dragged down with the boat. With rare presence of mind he at once started to free himself and was soon on top of the water. Here a rope was thrown him by one of the sailors, with the aid of which he was after being in the water fully three-quarters of an hour, drawn to the mizzen mast where clung until rescued.

#### DOVE FOR THE YAWL.

As soon as the crew had recovered from the shock of the accident they began to think about a means of escape from their peril. When the Lumberman sank she carried her yawl down with her, and it was immediately proposed that some of the crew dive and attempt to release the small boat by cutting the falls. Seamen Olsen and Christensen volunteered to make the attempt, and after diving several times succeeded in loosening one of the falls. All efforts to sever the other proved fruitless and finally the dangerous experiment was abandoned.

#### SIGHTED BY THE MENOMINEE.

Night was falling and within an hour darkness would have settled over the lake, when the men were fully aware their doom was sealed, as after failing to release the yawl their only hope lay in being sighted by a passing vessel. The sun once set the men well knew that no one could see them, and as they had no way of raising a sign of distress, darkness would have forever settled their fate. Indeed, as the hour of sunset drew nearer the men lost all hope and even the attempts of Captain Vose to cheer them failed, as their numbed limbs chilled by the seas which were constantly washing over them indicated to them that they could not expect to live through the night upon the cross trees. Just before 6 o'clock, however, one of the men gave a shout of joy and cried to the rest that a steamer was approaching them. The vessel was the Menominee and when she had drawn near enough so that the men could be reached by a small boat, a yawl was lowered under the command of Second Mate W. H. Egan in which the worn out crew of the Lumberman were transferred to the larger vessel and taken to Milwaukee. On board the Menominee every courtesy was given Capt. Vose and his men. Clothes were provided for the two sailors that had been obliged to take to the water in a half dressed condition, while stimulants were given to all the men. They were nearly worn out by their perilous battle with the waves. In speaking of the rescue last night, Capt. Vose praised in the highest terms the conduct of Capt. Stines and the crew of the Menominee, and said that but for the latter the Lumberman's crew must surely have perished.

#### THK CREW RECUPERATING.

After reaching Milwaukee the crew of the schooner went to sailors' boarding houses on the south side, where they were found last night. All were worn out by the hardships they had endured, but a night's rest will probably set them all right. Captain Vose telegraphed the owners of the Lumberman, A. T. Hansen and V. Machbeck of Kewaunee, of the disaster that had befallen the schooner, and today a tug will be sent to the place where she is lying, and if practicable, an attempt will be made to raise her and draw her to shoal water where she can be so repaired that it will be possible to place her in dry docks. As the Lumberman is only four miles from the nearest shore point old sailors believe she can be saved.

According to Captain Stines the officers of the Menominee first sighted the Lumberman soon after clearing this port. They noticed the spars of the vessel sticking out of the water, and knowing there had been no wreck lying there, turned from their coarse to see what boat had met with an accident. Soon, with the aid of a glass, the men were spied in the rigging, and then haste was made to the rescue of the shipwrecked sailors.

#### AN OLD VESSEL.

The Lumberman is an old vessel, having been built in Grand Haven, Mich., in 1862. She was rebuilt in 1889 and was in first-class condition. The boat has an inland Lloyds rating of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , and her value is placed at \$3,000. Her tonnage

is 152 and she has for many years past been engaged is the lumber trade, plying most of the time between Chicago and Kewaunee.

The following is taken from the Northwestern Lumberman, published March 25th, last.

"When Ferry & Bro. sawed lumber across the lake and brought it to their yards in this city (Chicago) they employed, besides several barges, two schooners, the Major N.H. Ferry and the Lumberman. They were three-masted sister boats, there being no particular differences in their construction so far as could be observed. Captain Dick William, whom some of you remember, doubtless, commanded the Lumberman for 15 years. From the first the Major N. H. Ferry was strong headed and rebellious. If there was a bar or dock within reach the vessel was sure to go against it. If there was a big storm, the Ferry would lessen her pace and get caught in it. She was everlasting doing what a well behaved vessel should not do. On the other hand the Lumberman always acted like a thoroughbred lady, and so much confidence did her owners have in her that the lumber she brought over came uninsured.



Three-masted schooner Major N.H. Ferry.

Of course you may say that the difference between the behavior of the two vessels was

owing to the captains. The Ferrys did not think so, however. They had no more confidence in Captain Williams than they had in the commander of the Ferry. The idea was firmly established in their heads that the vessel was an unfortunate, unlucky craft, and right along she sustained that reputation."

The Ferry is all safe and sound at her dock in this city and the Lumberman at the bottom of the Lake. (From the Journal Times, Racine, Wisconsin, 08 Apr 1893, Sat • Page 4)

#### Removing Sunken Vessels or Craft Obstructing or Endangering Navigation.

In April 1983, the three-masted schooner, Lumberman, the V. Mashek Company, Kewaunee, Wis., owners, was capsized and sunk in 11 fathoms of water, 6 miles off Wind Point, Lake Michigan, directly on the course between Racine and Milwaukee. The vessel righted in sinking so that her topmast projected above the water surface from just above the crosstrees and were a dangerous obstruction to navigation.

Under an allotment from the permanent indefinite appropriation provided by act of June 14, 1880, or \$250, the spars and jibboom of the wreck were removed June 23, 1893, under agreement with Knapp & Gillen, of Racine, Wis., at a cost of \$200. There is now no part of the wreck less than 45 feet below the water surface, and it therefore no longer and obstruction to navigation. (From the 1895 United States Serial Set, Volume 3202—page 2777, <u>https://www.google.com/books/edition/United States Congression-</u> al\_Serial\_Set/\_6i5HAQAAIAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=%22schooner+\_Lumberman%22&pg=PA2777&printsec=frontcover. [accessed Nov. 9, 2021]

#### Local shipwreck listed in National Register of Historic Places

The Wisconsin Historical Society has announced the listing of two Lake Michigan shipwrecks, the Lumberman (Milwaukee County) and the Continental (Manitowoc County) in the National Register of Historic Places.

The remains of the schooner Lumberman lie in 55 feet of water four miles east of Oak Creek. Built in 1862 in the remote, frontier shipyard of Allyne Litchfield in Blendon's Landing, Mich., the Lumberman was built specifically for transportation of lumber products. The three-masted, double centerboard schooner sank in a fast-moving storm on April 6, 1893.

The Lumberman is remarkably intact and provides the opportunity to study construction techniques on this unique vessel type. Little documentation exists in the historic record regarding double centerboard schooners, and the Lumberman is one of only four examples known to exist in Wisconsin waters, making it an important archaeological resource, according to a news release from the Wisconsin Historical Society

The remains of the bulk carrier Continental, 1.5 miles north of Rawley Point Light in Point Beach State Forest near Two Rivers, rest broken in 15 feet of water. Built in 1882 by well-known shipwright George Presley in Cleveland, Ohio, the Continental was one of a transitional class of Great Lakes bulk carriers that began to employ innovative hull-strengthening technologies to accommodate greater gross tonnage and longer hulls.

The Continental was lost in a blinding snowstorm in December 1904 while running empty, bound for Manitowoc for winter service and repairs. Bulk carriers like the Continental are an important and enduring part of the Great Lakes economy and history, having played a substantial role in the industrialization of America, according to the news release.

The register is the official national list of historic properties in America worthy of preservation, and it is maintained by the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Wisconsin Historical Society administers the program within Wisconsin. It includes sites, buildings, structures, objects and districts that are significant in national, state or local history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture. (From the Manitowoc Herald-Times, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, 30 Jan 2009, Friday, Page 2)

> National or State Register of Historic Places Historic Name: Lumberman Shipwreck Reference Number: 08001331 Lake Michigan, Milwaukee County Builder: Allyne Litchfield Date of construction: 1862

The remains of the schooner Lumberman lie in 55 feet of water in Lake Michigan four miles east of Oak Creek, Wisconsin. Built in 1862 in the remote, frontier shipyard of Allyne Litchfield in Blendon's Landing, Michigan, the Lumberman was built specifically for transportation of lumber products. The three-



Lake Michigan Shipwreck, Lumberman, 1862 –1893

masted, double centerboard schooner Lumberman sank in a fast moving Lake Michigan storm on 6 April 1893. Although much of the ship's equipment and the crew's personal effect have been salvaged by divers, the Lumberman is remarkably intact and provides historians and archaeologists the unique opportunity to study construction techniques on this unique vessel type. Built specifically for the Lake Michigan lumber trade, today it is un-

known why some builders equipped

their vessels with double centerboards while the majority of Great Lakes builders installed only one. Little documentation exists in the historic record regarding double centerboard schooners, and the Lumberman is one of only four double centerboard schooners known to exist in Wisconsin waters, making her an important archaeological resource. (https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/ NationalRegister/NR2280 [accessed November 9, 2021])

## SCHOONER OTTER DRIVEN ASHORE

#### Members of the Crew Rescued by Life Saving Men

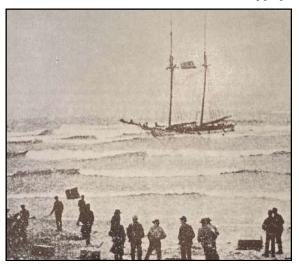
#### Severe Easterly Gale Raging Over Lake Michigan's Waters

The schooner Otter went ashore early this morning near White Fish Bay, a small port about fourteen miles north of Sturgeon Bay. The schooner lies in a dangerously exposed position where she is exposed to the full sweep of a severe easterly gale. The vessel lies 200 to 300 yards from shore, but opposite a point where the formation of the land makes it impossible for a yawl to land. The seas were breaking clear over the vessel and the crew were in the rigging

anxiously awaiting the arrival of help.

A call for assistance was made to the life saving station at Sturgeon Bay and the crew at once left overland for the scene of the wreck, taking the surf boat, which was drawn by team. The tug Leatham also started to aid the distressed vessel.

When the life saving crew reached a point on shore opposite the wrecked schooner they found that it would



be impossible to launch the surf boat and so the gun line was used and a shot sent the life line across the schooner's deck. By means of the breeches buoy the crew of six men were finally rescued from their perilous position.

The undertaking was an exceedingly difficult one, and the prompt management of it reflects great credit upon the life saving crew, as the sailors could not have maintained their hold in the rigging much longer.

The Otter was lumber laden, and it looks now as though she would pound to pieces before she can be released. She Is owned by J Caesar of Chicago and was without rating or insurance. (From The Chicago Chronicle, Chicago, Illinois, 11 Oct 1895, Friday, Page 3)

#### The Schooner Otter

October 10, 1895, the schooner Otter loaded cordwood at the pier in Whitefish Bay, Door County. When she was ready to set sail, Captain Kaufman, seeing the falling glass, decided that the weather was unfavorable for the run to Chicago and decided to lay at anchor in the bay.

The Otter was two-masted, 105 feet in length with a 25-foot beam. She was built in Freeport, OH in 1863 and after 32 years on the Great Lakes, her wooden hull was beginning to show signs of age.

After laying at anchor for several hours in the deeper water outside, the growing seas creeping aboard, washed most of her deck load overboard and loosening the hatches, started to fill her hold with water. The ever-increasing sea and wind caused the vessel to rise and fall, making her ride heavily on the anchor chains, which soon parted. Then waterlogged and drifting helplessly before the wind she fetched up broadside on a rocky reef.

The ship was too far offshore for the men to make the beach safely so they ran aloft the signal of distress (the flag upside down) hoping it would be seen and assistance sent before their ship broke up and they all perished in the raging sea.

Word of the disaster was relayed to the life-saving station 12 miles south, at Sturgeon Bay Canal. Upon receipt of the message, the station keeper got his crew together and started for the wreck.

The high seas made it impossible to get to the Otter by surfboat so the station crew loaded the boat and life-saving equipment on a wagon and hauled it overland to Whitefish Bay.

When they arrived they found the schooner in imminent danger of destruction and the crew clinging despairing to the ship's rigging, trying to stay out of the grip of the angry seas below.

Still unable to launch the surfboat, the lifesavers quickly set up the beach apparatus and fired a successful shot line to the stricken ship. As soon as this was made fast, the breeches buoy was sent out and the captain and the five members of his crew were brought ashore safely, none the worse for their experience. The schooner went to pieces shortly after the men were rescued and was a total loss.

(From Door County Historical Society Facebook page, <u>https://</u><u>www.facebook.com/page/225442784269982/search/?q=Otter</u> [accessed November 9, 2021] Excerpts from "Ships and Shipwrecks in Door County, Wisconsin" by Arthur C. and Lucy F. Frederickson. Photographer unknown. Photo on previous page from source book.)

#### BY-LAWS OF FOREST HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN, INC.

#### PREAMBLE

These bylaws shall supersede all previous bylaws and amendments thereto and shall be consistent with the provisions of Chapter 181 and section 44.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes and with the articles of incorporation and all subsequent restatements and amendments thereto filed with the Department of Financial Institutions under which this organization is incorporated as a non-stock, non-profit corporation affiliated with the Wisconsin Historical Society and shall govern the administration and activities of this organization. Furthermore, the provisions of Chapter 181 and section 44.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of this organization not herein provided for.

#### **ARTICLE I**

Classes of Membership, Voting Rights, Dues, Fiscal Year

SECTION 1. Classes of Membership: Two classes of membership are established: duespayers and non-dues-payers. Within the dues-payer class, six (6) sub-classes of membership are established: individual, corporate, non-profit organization, family, student, and individual life. These types of memberships are defined as follows:

- Individual Open to any person and will represent only that person.
- Corporate Open to associations, corporations, partnerships or other entities representing a group or group of persons operating for profit.
- Family Open to two or more persons living together and occupying the same domicile.
- Students Open to any high school or college student attending classes regularly during the academic year.
- Non-profit Open to organizations that do not operate for profit, or which have been accorded tax exemption by IRS.
- Life Open to any person who elects to pay the one-time dues payment specified in Section 3.

Within the non-dues-payers class, three (3) sub-classes of membership are established: affiliate, honorary and exchange. These types of memberships are defined as follows:

- Affiliate Such status shall be granted to organizations, which have formally accepted the Forest History Association of Wisconsin (FHAW) as its affiliate, specifically the Wisconsin Historical Society.
- Honorary Such status shall be granted to organizations and individuals who have made one or more substantial cash donations or grants to FHAW of \$500 or more.
- Exchange Such status shall be granted to those organizations which enter into a reciprocal exchange agreement with FHAW whereby each receives the others newsletters or other publications without cost.

SECTION 2. Voting Rights. Every Dues paying member shall be deemed a Voting member of this corporation. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on every question put to a vote at any meeting. Voting of a corporate membership shall be by the designated representative of the corporate member. Members may vote either in person or by proxy.

SECTION 3. Membership Dues. The annual payment of dues shall be according to the following rates:

Individual	\$ 20.00	Student	\$ 10.00
Corporate	\$ 55.00	Non-profit	\$ 30.00
Family	\$ 30.00	Life	\$250.00

Dues shall be payable to the treasurer of FHAW as of July 1 of each year and before October 1, after which date the member becomes delinquent and subject to the cancellation of his membership.

SECTION 4. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be from July  $1^{\,\rm st}$  to June  $30^{\rm th}$  annually.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### Board of Directors; Meetings of Members

SECTION 1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of twelve (12) directors. Directors shall be chosen as set forth in Section 2 of this article.

SECTION 2. Selection of Directors. Directors shall be elected from the membership as recommended by the Nominating Committee at the annual meeting of the Corporation. Term of offices shall be 3-years with one-third of the board being up for reelection at the annual meeting in accordance with other sections of the by-laws.

SECTION 3. There shall be a category of Board member known as a "Director Emeritus" who is nominated and elected by the Board of Directors. Director emeritus shall be selected from those board members who have served on the Board of Directors with distinction and excellence. Emeritus members shall serve three (3) year renewable terms as long as they remain active in the work of the FHAW and maintain their membership in good standing. A Director Emeritus may end their term at any time.

A Director Emeritus shall be entitled to receive all written notices and information which are provided to the Board of Directors, to attend all Board of Directors meetings, to participate in meetings of the committees in which they serve, and encouraged to attend other events of the Association. A Director Emeritus shall not be subject to any attendance policy, counted in determining if a quorum is present at a meeting, entitled to hold office, or entitled to vote at any board meeting.

Eligibility: In order to be considered for designation as a Director Emeritus, a person must be a current or former member of the FHAW Board of Directors who:

- Has served the FHAW Board of Directors with distinction,
- Held an important leadership role, and made or continues to make signifi-

cant contributions to the Association,

- Engaged in major volunteer or advocacy activities in his or her service on the board, and,
- Completed the terms for which he or she was elected or appointed.

Election: Annually, with the recommendation of the board nominating committee, the Executive Committee of the board will consider potential candidates and may nominate one (1) or more individuals for a board emeritus position. The Executive Committee will present the nomination(s) along with supporting statements to the FHAW Board of Directors for its consideration. A simple majority vote of directors present, at a meeting at which a quorum is present is sufficient to approve an appointment.

SECTION 4. Meetings of Members. The annual meeting of the members for the election of directors and other business shall be held in July, August, September or October of each year, on such day, time and place as shall be designated by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the members may be held at such time and place as the same may be called by the president or secretary, and shall be called by them whenever requested so to do by at least ten (10) members, said request to state the object of said meeting. No business other than that stated in the notice or call shall be transacted at any special meeting of the members unless all members present otherwise consent. Ten (10) members, voting either in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the members.

SECTION 5. Annual and Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting shall be held each year following the annual meeting of members. Regular meetings shall be held at such time and place as may be established by resolution of the Board of Directors from time to time. Such resolution shall serve as notice for the regular meeting established thereby.

SECTION 6. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called for any purpose at any time by the president, and shall be called by the president upon the request, in writing, of any four (4) directors. Notice of the time, place and purpose of all special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given by the secretary to each director and may be given by depositing such notice at any post office or in the United States mail box in the State of Wisconsin or by telephone or telegraph, not less than two (2) days before the time appointed for such meeting; provided, however, that any director may waive notice of any meeting, either in advance or, during or subsequent to such meeting.

SECTION 7. Electronic Meetings. The President may determine that any meeting of the Members or Board of Directors shall not be held at any place, but may instead be held solely by means of remote communication. Participation in a meeting held by remote communication shall constitute presence in person at the meeting for all purposes, including quorum and voting. Members shall receive at least seven (7) days advance notice of the change to a remote meeting and shall be provided instructions for participation and voting for such remote meeting.

SECTION 8. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute

a quorum, but less than a quorum meeting at any time pursuant to notice shall have power to adjourn from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

SECTION 9. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the care and management of the property, affairs and business of this Corporation. The Board of Directors shall also have powers, in addition to all other lawfully vested in them:

To raise funds; solicit and accept contributions of money or gifts; obtain options upon and acquire by purchase, exchange, lease, gift, grant, bequest, devise or otherwise any property, real or personal, or rights or interests therein.

To sell, lease, convey, transfer or assign any property, rights, interests or privileges of the Corporation, upon such terms and conditions, and for such price as the Board of Directors sees fit.

To elect or appoint assistants to the general officers, and to employ such servants and agents upon such terms and conditions as the Board may see fit, with power to remove or suspend any of the same, or all or any of the said general officers of the Corporation by resolution, or to any committee of its members, all or any of the powers stated in this section, or any part of such powers.

To create any necessary committees and define their functions. The members of such committees need not be members of the Board of Directors, provided, however, that all committee members will be appointed by the president.

To enter into written agreements and contractual arrangements with corporation, other associations, agencies, institutions or other organizations for the purpose of achieving the state purposes of this organization.

SECTION 10. Organization of Meetings and Order of Business. The president, and in his absence the vice-president, shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and at all meetings of the entire membership, with the secretary to act as secretary at said meetings; but in the absence of either or any such officers, their functions may be performed by any member of the board selected by those present. The regular order of business shall be: (1) call of roll; (2) reading of minutes of previous meeting(s); (3) reports of officers and committees; (4) unfinished business; (5) new business. All meetings of this Corporation, or its Board of Directors, shall be conducted under "Roberts Rule of Order."

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### Officers

SECTION 1. Principal Officers; Election. The principal officers of the Corporation shall be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Such officers shall be elected by the board from its membership.

SECTION 2. Terms of Office. Officers shall be elected for two (2) years terms. President and Vice-president elected in even years and the Secretary and Treasurer elected in odd years. All officers shall serve until their respective successors are elected. The term of office of any officer shall be terminated by his death or resignation, and the term of any officer may be terminated by a vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting whenever in their judgment the best interests of the association will be served thereby.

SECTION 3. Filling of Vacancies. In the event of the death, resignation or termination of office by the board, the Board of Directors shall be authorized to fill any such vacancy until the next annual meeting of the membership.

SECTION 4. Principal Duties. The principal duties of the officers shall be as follows:

The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and generally perform all duties usually incumbent upon such office. He is the chief executive officer of the Corporation, charged with its general supervision and management, subject to the control of the Board of Directors; with the execution of contracts, deeds, leases, conveyances, and instruments generally on behalf of the Corporation. He shall countersign all documents and disbursements required to be signed by the secretary or treasurer, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by these By-Laws or delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in the case of the latter's absence or disability, and, in addition, such other duties as may from time to time be described by these By-Laws or delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

The secretary shall have the custody of the minute book; keep a record of all meetings of the Board of Directors; send out any required notices of meetings or the board; countersign all deeds, leases, conveyances and other documents requiring the seal of the Corporation; and perform such other duties as may from time to time be imposed upon him by these By-Laws or delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

The treasurer shall have custody of all moneys, securities and valuable papers of the Corporation; collect and disburse all funds and keep accounts thereof; make reports from time to time as required by the Board of Directors; and perform such other duties as usually devolve upon such office. He shall, in addition, perform all duties as may from time to time be imposed upon him by these By-Laws or delegated to him by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. The Board of Directors may appoint one or more assistant secretaries one or more assistant treasurers to act with or for the secretary or treasurer, respectively.

SECTION 6. All officers shall serve under the supervision and direction of the Board of Directors, and shall perform any and all as may be directed by such board.

SECTION 7. Accountability and Reports. The officers of the Corporation shall prepare and submit to the Board of Directors at or before its annual meeting each year a full and complete report on the affairs and accounting of the funds of the Corporation covering the preceding year.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### Indemnification

SECTION 1. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party of any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation by reason of the fact, that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amount paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably

bly believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any ariminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, in itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any ariminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

SECTION 2. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party of is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought or another court of competent jurisdiction shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnify for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

SECTION 3. To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Section 1 and Section 2, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

SECTION 4. Any indemnification under Section 1 and Section 2 (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in said Section 1 and Section 2. Such determination shall be made (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit, or proceeding, or (20 if such a quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

SECTION 5. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or ariminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance if the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Section 4. Upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized by the By-Law.

SECTION 6. The indemnification provided by the By-Law shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which an indemnified person may be entitled, as a matter of law, or under any agreement, or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office,

and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

SECTION 7. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of the By-Law.

#### Article V

Affiliation With the Wisconsin Historical Society

SECTION 1. Authority for Affiliation.

This organization is an affiliate of the Wisconsin Historical Society by virtue of incorporation under the provisions of s. 44.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and shall accordingly receive such benefits and meet such responsibilities as are stipulated therein and as may otherwise be defined through mutual consent and through action by the Board of Curators of the Wisconsin Historical Society. As an affiliate, this organization is an institutional member of the Wisconsin Historical Society and of the Wisconsin Council for Local History. A representative of the affiliate organization is entitled to a vote of one at all the general meetings of the Society and the Council.

This organization may terminate affiliation through restatement or amendment of its articles of incorporation and amendment to its bylaws. The Wisconsin Historical Society may terminate affiliation by formal resolution of the Board of Curators, a copy of which shall be deposited with the Department of Financial Institutions.

The following shall be causes for termination of affiliation by the Wisconsin Historical Society, but extenuating circumstances shall be taken into account before action to terminate affiliation is taken by the Board of Curators:

- 1) Failure to hold annual elections for three consecutive years.
- 2) Failure to submit annual reports to the Wisconsin Historical Society for three successive years.
- 3) Consistent failure to hold meetings for the membership as set forth in Article II, section 4, of these bylaws.
- 4) Failure to maintain state non-stock corporation and federal tax exempt status.

#### SECTION 2. Responsibilities.

It shall be the responsibility of this organization to submit an annual report to the Wisconsin Historical Society, which shall include the results of annual elections, the names and addresses of all officers and directors, and such other information as may be requested at given times for the purpose of accumulating data for the benefit of this and oth<u>er affiliated organizations. Such a report</u> <u>may be filed electronically.</u>

The Wisconsin Historical Society shall be notified in writing or by email of all

changes in the articles of incorporation and the bylaws. In order to protect the interests of donors and contributors, this organization shall maintain state non-stock corporation and federal tax exempt status.

SECTION 3. The Role of the Wisconsin Historical Society in Affiliation. The Wisconsin Historical Society shall send notices and announcements of the meetings and activities of the state society to the president of the organization whose name appears on the current mailing list, and whenever practical such notices and announcements may be sent to the officers, directors, and staff members of this organization to the extent to which the organization provides the Wisconsin Historical Society with current mailing lists.

The organization shall receive without charge such publications and periodicals as prescribed by Wis. Stats. 44.03(5).

To the extent to which staff time and funds permit, the Wisconsin Historical Society shall extend its professional and technical services to this affiliate.

SECTION 4. The Wisconsin Council for Local History.

a. This organization shall be a member of the Northwoods Region of the Wisconsin Council for Local History, the association of the affiliates of the Wisconsin Historical Society established by the Board of Curators in 1961 through the authority of s.44.03(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

#### Article VI

#### Dissolution

SECTION 1. Voluntary Dissolution.

In the event this organization shall be unable to maintain its facilities or to sustain its activities, notice of intent to dissolve shall be sent to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Upon ratification by the members of a vote by the board of directors to dissolve the organization the following steps shall be taken:

- 1) Satisfy all liabilities and obligations;
- 2) Satisfy all conditions stipulated in agreements with donors;
- 3) Distribute all remaining assets exclusively for educational purposes to one or more historical societies, libraries, museums, or educational institutions, state, county, town, or municipally operated or incorporated, exclusively for forest history educational purposes in accordance with s. 181.1401 and s. 44.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes and section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### Amendments

Amendments to the By-Laws may be adopted either by the members or the Board of Directors, but no By-Law adopted by the members shall be amended or repealed by the directors. Any By-Law adopted by the Board of Directors shall be subject to amendment or repeal by the members as well as by the directors.

#### 46th Fall Conference Committee (Peshtigo, Wisconsin)

John Grosman Fred Axelrod Cathi Malke Chuck Gardon **Mike Folgert** Janet Seymour Don Schnitzler

## 47th Fall Conference Committee

(Manitowoc County, Wisconsin)

**Bob Walkner** Jerry Theide

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Don Schnitzler

Other Contributions:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Student Awards

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Operations

## Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Inc.

#### Membership Application

Please enroll me as a member and participant in the Association's program of developing the educational and historical aspects of Wisconsin's forestry and logging industry. Attached is payment for

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- Individual Membership (\$20.00)
- Family Membership (\$30.00)
- Non Profit Membership (\$30.00)
- Corporate Membership (\$55.00)

Individual Life Membership (\$250.00)

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Detach and mail this application with payment to:

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