



The Izaak Walton League of America

IOWA DIVISION

103rd State Convention

April 24-25, 2026

**Hosted by the
Emerson Hough Chapter
Newton, Iowa**



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THE IOWA DIVISION WELCOMES ALL MEMBERS TO
THE 103rd ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

Thank you to the Emerson Hough Chapter for hosting the
2026 Iowa Division

UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 National Convention in Bloomington, MN

July 17-18, 2026

at the Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport,
3800 American Blvd E, Bloomington, MN 55425
(Early Bird Welcome Reception the evening of Thursday, July 16, 2026)

*With the 104th Anniversary of the National Convention so close,
please plan on taking this opportunity!*

Welcome to Newton

Enjoy Your 2026 State Convention



All events take place at the

Emerson Hough Chapter Facility
889 Hwy. F-36 W.
Newton, Iowa 50208

Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Water, and Wildlife

Our Mission: To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife.

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Emerson Hough Chapter

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Newton, Iowa 50208

Chapter Officers:

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| President..... | Todd Pierce |
| 1st Vice President..... | Kalob Hesson |
| 2nd Vice President..... | Colton Gibson |
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| Director..... | Mandy Barkley |
| Director..... | Jason Anderson |

Izaak Walton League is one of America's oldest and most successful conservation organizations - and we are the only organization training, equipping and coordinating volunteer water quality monitors on a national scale.

These volunteers are the heart and soul of our common-sense conservation mission.



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Scott Meyer, President (Lakeville, MN)

National Vice President

Jim Storer, Vice President (Willoughby, OH)

National Executive Board (from Iowa)

Craig Enneking, Treasurer (Cedar Rapids, IA)

Rick Cerwick (Des Moines, IA)

Jack Johnson (Schleswig, IA)

Past National Presidents from Iowa

Vicki Arnold, Sherrill 2022-2023

Don Freeman, Waverly 1989-1990

Dale Brentnall, Ames 1986, 1989

Lee Dallager, Des Moines 1980-1981

J. Justin Roger, Spirit Lake 1967-1968

Alden Erskine, Sioux City 1960

Judge John W. Tobin, Vinton 1952

George W. Wood, Waterloo 1935-1936

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2026 Rick Cerwick, 515-971-2924 rcbowhunter44@gmail.com

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2026 Shelley Morgan, 641-814-2301 shellemorgan@mchsi.com
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One of the 2026 positions will be a 2-year term for 2028

2027 Jack Johnson, 712-269-0777 jcjohnson4646@gmail.com

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2027 Open position

2028 Open position

2028 Open position

State Directors

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Keynote Speaker:
Prof. Neil D. Hamilton
Through Nature's Lens

At the Izaak Walton League, conservation is more than policy — it is a way of life shaped by our connection to the land and water. Professor Neil D. Hamilton has spent a lifetime honoring that connection.

For over 30 years, Neil helped shape agricultural law in Iowa as a professor at Drake University Law School and founder of the Agricultural Law Center. His work has always emphasized stewardship – the relationship between people, soil, water, and food systems.

Since retiring in 2019, he has focused on writing and reflection. Through books like *The Land Remains*, *The River Knows*, and *Through Nature's Lens*, he invites readers to see Iowa as a place of responsibility, beauty, and hope.

A respected voice in agricultural law and conservation, Neil continues to inspire Iowans through his writing, speaking, and daily work at Sunstead, the 12-acre market farm he shares with his wife, Khanh, near Waukee.

We are honored to welcome Professor Hamilton as keynote speaker for the April 25 State Convention. He will will also moderate a 30-minute discussion on outdoor education with Mark Dorhout and Jay Gorsh.

Outdoor Education Discussion Panel

- **Professor Neil D. Hamilton** – Emeritus Professor of Law at Drake University Law School and founder of the Agricultural Law Center. Author of *The Land Remains*, *The River Knows*, and *Through Nature’s Lens*. Neil lives and farms with his wife, Khanh, at Sunstead, their 12-acre market farm near Waukee, and will moderate the discussion.
 - **Mark Dorhout** – President of the Panora Conservation Chapter of the Izaak Walton League and leader of the Panorama Middle School Outdoor School Program, where he helps connect students with hands-on outdoor learning and conservation values.
 - **Jay Gorsh** – Director of School of the Wild and board member of the Iowa County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League. Jay works to engage youth through immersive nature-based education and community stewardship programs.
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State Convention Program

Emerson Hough Chapter

The Izaak Walton League of America

Friday, April 24, 2026

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Division Board Meeting (open to all)

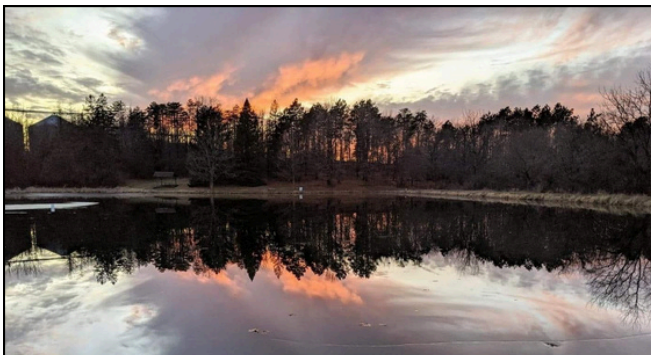
2:30 p.m.

**Jasper County Conservation Environmental
Education Center Tour**

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Early Registration Open and Social Time

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner and program



Saturday, April 25, 2026

8:00 a.m. Convention Registration Open

**9:00 a.m. Call to Order of the 103rd Annual
Convention**

Lisa McIntyre— Iowa Division President

Pledge of Allegiance

IWLA Member Pledge

Invocation

Welcome

- **Todd Pierce, Emerson Hough Chapter President**
- **Lisa McIntyre, Iowa Division President**
- **Christine Curry— Outreach Coordinator**

Intro of Division Leadership and Guests

- **Scott Meyer— National President**
- **Vicki Arnold— Parliamentarian**
- **Board members**

Roll Call of Delegates

- **Cheryl Kunch, Iowa Division Secretary**

Saturday (continued)

10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker

**Prof. Neil Hamilton - Through Nature's Lens
and Outdoor Education Panel Discussion with Mark
Dorhout and Jay Gorsh**

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

12:45 p.m. Special announcements

**1:00 p.m. Award Presentations and Scholarships-
with Mike Delaney and Lisa McIntyre**

Committee Reports:

- **Nominations, Resolutions & By-Laws**
- **Dane Schumann— Iowa Division Lobbyist**
- **Conservation— Mike Delaney**
- **Other Updates—**

Business Meeting:

- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Membership Report**
- **Division Elections**
- **Other Business (Old/New)**

Final Remarks- Lisa McIntyre

Saturday (continued)

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Dinner/Banquet

- **Installation of Officers**
- **Live Auction & Division Baskets**
- **Silent Auction Winners Announced**



Brey Hansen, 12, discovered his passion for auctioneering at age 8 after hearing The Auctioneer and teaching himself the chant through practice and videos. By elementary school, he was already calling bids at local fundraisers.

He is the 2025 Oklahoma State Junior Auctioneer Champion and 2026 Missouri Rookie First Runner-Up, and an active member of the Iowa Auctioneers Association.

Brey regularly donates his talents to community events and is passionate about FFA. A 7th grader at Audubon Middle School in Exira, Iowa, he enjoys fishing, sports, music, and spending time with his dog, Milo.

Conservation ACTION: On-line at our monthly Watershed Talks...



2026 Watershed Talks

WHERE CONSERVATION MATTERS!

Tuesday ~ January 20 @ 7 pm CT via Zoom

Ground Zero:

Iowa's Water Crisis with Carey Gillam

Impacts on Public Health, Agriculture, and the Nation

Carey Gillam— Author, Editor-in-Chief, *The New Leader*



At the State Fair August 2025



At the National & State Convention



Supporting Outdoor Education



At the Iowa Capitol





Convention Year, Location and State President

| YEAR | SITE | PRESIDENT | RESIDENCE |
|------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1923 | Waterloo | George W. Wood (Acting) | Waterloo |
| 1924 | McGregor | George W. Wood (Acting) | Waterloo |
| 1925 | Boone | George W. Wood (Acting) | Waterloo |
| 1926 | Independence | B. Shimek | Iowa City |
| 1927 | Des Moines | B. Shimek Resigned 5-26-1927 | Iowa City |
| 1927 | Fort Dodge | Dr.E.G Wollenweber6/3-30-1927 | Keokuk |
| 1928 | Fort Dodge | A.C. Wilford | Waterloo |
| 1929 | Mason City | Ralph H. Stansbury | Mason City |
| 1930 | Des Moines | Walter Baumgartner | Dubuque |
| 1931 | Waverly | Harold Thomas | Des Moines |
| 1932 | Sioux City | E.S. Parker | Ida Grove |
| 1933 | Burlington | A.H. Bolton | Sioux City |
| 1934 | Des Moines | R. Ewinger | Burlington |
| 1935 | Des Moines | Harold Thomas | Des Moines |
| 1936 | NO CONVENTION | | |
| 1937 | Des Moines | JH Frenchick | Sioux City |
| 1938 | Sioux City | JH Frenchick | Sioux City |
| 1939 | Mt. Ayr | AJ Hodgson | Maquoketa |
| 1940 | Burlington | AJ Hodgson | Maquoketa |
| 1941 | Des Moines | HC Beard | Mt. Ayr |
| 1942 | Des Moines | Cliff Hollowell | Waterloo |
| 1943 | Ft. Madison | Cliff Hollowell | Waterloo |
| 1944 | Des Moines | Ries Tuttle | Des Moines |
| 1945 | Waterloo | Ries Tuttle | Des Moines |
| 1946 | Des Moines | JC Ochsner | Ft. Madison |
| 1947 | Marshalltown | Arthur Smith | Emmetsburg |
| 1948 | Cedar Rapids | Arthur Smith | Emmetsburg |
| 1949 | Fort Dodge | Murray Russell | Newton |
| 1950 | Clinton | Murray Russell | Newton |
| 1951 | Ft. Madison | Paul Beck | Sioux City |
| 1952 | Des Moines | Paul Beck | Sioux City |
| 1953 | Marshalltown | Alden Erskine | Sioux City |

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|------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1954 | Davenport | Alden Erskine | Sioux City |
| 1955 | Waterloo | LH Benesh | Davenport |
| 1956 | Spirit Lake | Henry Frei | Reinbeck |
| 1957 | Iowa City | Justin Rogers | Spirit Lake |
| 1958 | Newton | Justin Rogers | Spirit Lake |
| 1959 | Fort Dodge | CM Naser | Fort Dodge |
| 1960 | Sioux City | Bob Russell | Iowa City |
| 1961 | Des Moines | Bob Russell | Iowa City |
| 1962 | Ottumwa | Marvin Dalchow | Maquoketa |
| 1963 | Waterloo | Keith McNurlen | Ames |
| 1964 | Ames | Dale Brentall | Ames |
| 1965 | Newton | Bob Hare | Waterloo |
| 1966 | Fort Dodge | LeRoy Fleming | Des Moines |
| 1967 | Des Moines | Eugene Hannam | Keosauqua |
| 1968 | Algona | Dale Brentall | Ames |
| 1969 | Burlington | Richard Ayres | Spirit Lake |
| 1970 | Muscatine | Richard Ayres | Spirit Lake |
| 1971 | Storm Lake | Gene Kragenbrink | Ankeny |
| 1972 | Clinton | Gene Kragenbrink | Ankeny |
| 1973 | Waterloo | Gene Kragenbrink | Ankeny |
| 1974 | Waverly | Don Freeman | Waverly |
| 1975 | Davenport | Don Freeman | Waverly |
| 1976 | Dubuque | Jim Haring | Clinton |
| 1977 | Waverly | Jim Haring | Clinton |
| 1978 | Waterloo | Dave Wright | West Des Moines |
| 1979 | Fort Dodge | Dave Wright | West Des Moines |
| 1980 | Des Moines | Dick VanderHorn | Davenport |
| 1981 | Newton | Dick VanderHorn | Davenport |
| 1982 | Ottumwa | Nick Frost | LaPorte City |
| 1983 | Davenport | Nick Frost | LaPorte City |
| 1984 | Dubuque | Jack Hackney | Dubuque |
| 1985 | Waterloo | Jack Hackney | Dubuque |
| 1986 | Iowa City | Pauline Novotny | Swisher |
| 1987 | Clinton | Pauline Novotny | Swisher |
| 1988 | Ottumwa | Dick Peer | Davenport |
| 1989 | Newton | Dick Peer | Davenport |
| 1990 | Muscatine | Dr. Roy Overton | Des Moines |
| 1991 | Cedar Rapids | Dr. Roy Overton | Des Moines |
| 1992 | Waterloo Lakes | Dean Knight | Readlyn |
| 1993 | Des Moines | Dean Knight | Readlyn |
| 1994 | Denison | Don Passmore | Atalissa |
| 1995 | Ames | Don Passmore | Atalissa |
| 1996 | Newton | Ron Kuntz | Des Moines |
| 1997 | Iowa City | Ron Kuntz | Des Moines |

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|------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1998 | Waterloo | Tom Rodd | Ankeny |
| 1999 | Indianola | Tom Rodd | Ankeny |
| 2000 | Davenport | Doyle Adams | Indianola |
| 2001 | Newton | Doyle Adams | Indianola |
| 2002 | Fort Dodge | Teri Souer | Indianola |
| 2003 | Indianola | Teri Souer | Indianola |
| 2004 | Ottumwa | Tom Holm | Des Moines |
| 2005 | Davenport | Tom Holm | Des Moines |
| 2006 | Des Moines | Seth Davis | Marshalltown |
| 2007 | Newton | Gary W. Madsen | East Moline, IL |
| 2008 | Denison | Gary W. Madsen | East Moline, IL |
| 2009 | Ottumwa | Marion Striegel | Oskaloosa |
| 2010 | Indianola | Marion Striegel | Oskaloosa |
| 2011 | Ames | Jay Samuelson | Des Moines |
| 2012 | Newton | Jay Samuelson | Des Moines |
| 2013 | Davenport | Brenda Smith | Ames |
| 2014 | Des Moines | Brenda Smith | Ames |
| 2015 | Indianola | Anita Samuelson | Des Moines |
| 2016 | Schleswig | Anita Samuelson | Des Moines |
| 2017 | Vinton | Jack Johnson | Schleswig |
| 2018 | Ottumwa | Jack Johnson | Schleswig |
| 2019 | Newton | Vicki Arnold | Sherrill |
| 2020 | NO CONVENTION | Vicki Arnold | Sherrill |
| 2021 | Newton | Rick Cerwick | Des Moines |
| 2022 | Indianola | Rick Cerwick | Des Moines |
| 2023 | Des Moines | Rick Cerwick | Waukee |
| 2024 | Cedar Rapids | Dale Braun | Cedar Rapids |
| 2025 | Ottumwa | Dale Braun | Cedar Rapids |
| 2026 | Newton | Lisa McIntyre | Indianola |

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We are very grateful!

Upcoming Events

Save the Date!



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Meet us at the Iowa State Fair

August 20, 21, and 22!



Izaak Walton League's Pledge

“To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources; to know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to mankind's sharing in it.

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