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Minutes: 1975 Annual Meeting, Iowa Lakeside Laboratory, Milford, Iowa.  
September 26 - 28, 1975.

Attendance: Richard Bovbjerg, Host; Richard Coles, Tyson Research Ctr.; Robert Dalglish, Secretary-Treasurer, Huyck Preserve; Robert Ediger, President, Eagle Lake Biostation; Robert Fisher, Raystown Field Station; Sven Froiland, Black Hills Field Station; David Gates, Douglas Lake Biostation; Benjamin Graham, Conard Environmental Research Area; Richard Hartman, Pymatuning Laboratory; Roger Lederer, Eagle Lake Biostation; David May, High Altitude Lab.; Mark Paddeock, Douglas Lake Biostation; Oscar Paris, Jackson Hole Biostation; David Parmelee, Itasca Biostation; Jennifer Shay, Delta Marsh Field Station; John Tibbs, President Elect, Flathead Lake Biostation; John Warnock, Kibbee Life Sciences Station.

Guest: Dr. Brian Bedford, The Institute of Ecology, Experimental Ecological Reserves Project Coordinator, W. K. Kellogg Biological Station.

### Business Meeting:

There being a quorum present, the 1975 Annual Meeting of the Organization of Inland Biological Field Stations was called to order by President Ediger. A motion dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was properly moved and carried. The secretary reported the addition of seven new members bringing the membership total to 48. Discussion followed as to the failure of the expanded membership criteria to attract new members. The treasurers report was properly accepted as follows:

Bank: The Ohio State Bank, Worthington, Ohio	
Balance in checking account as of 2/24/74	164.10
Certificate of Deposit at 6%/annum	1,000.00

### Receipts:

Membership dues	510.00
Directory sales	23.95
Interest on C.D.	105.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	638.95

### Disbursements:

Ohio State Bank deposit slips	2.50
Conservation Foundation	39.00
Postage	64.00
MSS Info. Corp. Directory	165.00
AIBS, Society Dues	100.00
Telephone-course list	18.95
AIBS meeting-delegate	86.73
Acme Press-announcement	175.75
Brigham Young Univ. Xerox	54.40
Huyck Pres. -printing	34.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	740.33

NET TRANSACTIONS FOR PERIOD	-101.38
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Balance as of September 26, 1975	1,062.72
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The report of the Nominating Committee (Barnes, Lauff, Hill) was presented, in their absence, by the Secretary. A call for additional nominations from the floor resulted in a motion to close nominations and instructing the Secretary to prepare a mail ballot of the following offices: President-John Tibbs; President Elect, Edmund Smith, Jennifer Shay; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Fisher, Richard Coles. Following a discussion of the office of President Elect, it was moved and passed that the Executive Committee make recommendations to the members as to providing for succession of offices and change of title. The Secretary then presented his report as delegate to the AIBS Governing Board: David Gates is President and Robert Gordon is President Elect of AIBS. The most significant developments within AIBS were 1) the smooth and complete transition of AIBS administration to Dr. Richard Turmbull, Executive Director, 2) the establishment of the Office of Public Responsibilities, and the manner that this office better represents the interests and expertise of the community of biologists 3) increase in dues for individual and society members. (At the Corvallis meeting of the Governing Board, dues to adherent societies were increased 25% for each of the next two years with the provision that dues not exceed \$1.00/adherent society member. This provision, unless amended, will result in a 52% reduction of our dues to AIBS. We presently have 48 members and have paid \$100.00 membership dues to AIBS.) The by-laws of AIBS now require that the Adherent Society delegate be a member of the Executive Committee of that society. The term of the present delegate (Dalgleish) will soon expire and no provision exists for the election or appointment of a new delegate. It was then moved and passed that the Executive Committee appoint a delegate to AIBS at the end of the present delegates term.

The Directory of Inland Biological Field Stations, 1970, was discussed and any action on a new edition was tabled until such times as TIE or The Nature Conservancy decides on whether or not to publish a directory of "biological stations". The Secretary recommended that a membership directory be published. Insect World Digest, a publication of the Biological Research Institute of America, currently has a field station featured in each bimonthly issue. The plates from I.W.D. are available and could be used for a membership directory. The secretary agreed to estimate the costs of such a directory. The announcement of courses offered by member stations was then discussed and it was moved and passed that OIBFS would again pay for the printing, composition and mailing of this announcement. Dalgleish requested that interested members submit course titles and dates by mid January.

Drs. Bovbjerg and Gates submitted, for the consideration of the members, a draft of a letter to N.S.F. in which the concerns of OIBS were expressed in regards to the fate of existing stations under the presently proposed TIE-EER criteria of evaluation. Following editing by the members, it was moved and passed that the President (Tibbs) send this letter to appropriate officers of N.S.F. and TIE. It was further moved that the President appoint a committee to join him in meeting with the officers of N.S.F. Drs. Gates and Dalgleish were so appointed. (Letter to N.S.F. was sent to all OIBFS members).

President Ediger conveyed his appreciation to the officers for their service and assistance, and to Dr. Bovbjerg and his staff for making this such a successful and enjoyable meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Prior to the business meeting Dr. Brian Bedford reported on the T.I.E. Experimental Ecological Reserves project. (see appended report) Dr. Bedford also distributed announcements of a new National Science Foundation program for the "SUPPORT OF FIELD RESEARCH FACILITIES" (announcement attached.) The membership expressed their appreciation to Dr. Bedford for his presentation and discussion.

The following members participated in the "Show and Tell" "Bring and Brag" or "Bitch and Beg" feature of the program: Sven G. Froiland, Roger Lederer, Robert Fisher, Mark Paddock, Dave Gates, Richard Coles, Ben Graham, David Parmelee, John Warnock, Oscar Paris, Jim Barnes, John Tibbs.

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The Nominating Committee of Lauff, Barnes, and Hill, with the nominees' approval, present the following slate of officers:

PRESIDENT

John F. Tibbs  
Flathead Lake Biological Station  
University of Montana  
Missoula, Montana

PRESIDENT ELECT

Edmund Smith  
Pacific Marine Station  
Dillon Beach, California

Jennifer Shay  
Delta Marsh Field Station  
Manitoba, Canada

SECRETARY - TREASURER

Robert Fisher  
Raystown Field Station  
Juniata College  
Huntingdon, Pa.

Richard Coles  
Tyson Research Center  
Washington University  
Eureka, Mo.

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Please detach and return to OIBFS, P.O. Box 77, Rensselaerville, N.Y. 12147 by December 1, 1975.

There being but a single nominee, the Secretary has cast a single ballot electing Dr. John F. Tibbs as President. Please vote for one of the nominees for each of the two offices:

President Elect Smith ( ) Shay ( )

Secretary-Treasurer Fisher ( ) Coles ( )