

I.R.S. GRANTS TAX EXEMPT STATUS

In a long awaited decision, the Internal Revenue Service has approved an Oxbow, Inc. request for 501-C3 tax exempt status. With this tax exempt status in place, 100% of all donations, contributions and membership fees made to Oxbow, Inc. during the year may now be reported as charitable contributions on the 1986 tax return. After 1986, only those filing an itemized deductions return will be entitled to claim charitable contributions made to non-profit organizations.



ELECTION

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate for an aye or nay vote by the general membership at the January 13th, 1987 meeting. This date was erroneously reported in the November-December newsletter as January 14th, 1987.

Codes:

- + Indiana Member
- o Ohio Member
- () Position presently held
- CM Charter Member
- Group Name - Board member or officer of the organization.

TRUSTEES

- o Judy Bramstedt (Pres.) Co-founder of Oxbow, Inc. Sales Representative, Telecommunication Systems.
- o Rick Bramstedt CM. Applications Engineer, Machine Tools.
- + Bill Corning Retired. Food Distribution.
- + Bonnie Fancher (Sect.) CM. Conservation and Science Teacher. Audubon.
- o Norma Flannery (Editor) CM. Retired. Conservation Activist. Audubon.
- o Jerry Johnson CM. Milacron.
- + Greg Mendell Manager, Transportation Department, University of Cincinnati
- o Morris Mercer Co-founder of Oxbow, Inc. Retired. Elevator Inspector. Audubon and Langdon Club.
- + John Miller (V.P.) CM. B.S. in Forestry. Maintenance Engineer.
- o Bea Orendorff CM. Education Dept. Cinti. Zoo. Raise and Release.
- o Jay Stenger Accountant. Audubon.
- o Dave Styer (Agent) Co-founder of Oxbow, Inc. P.H.D. Mathematics, University of Cincinnati.
- o Ed Thayer - Businessman. Cinti. Nature Center. Cinti. Museum of Natural History.
- o Cay Tuck CM. Psychology Teacher. Sierra.
- o Donna Wagner (Speakers' Bureau) CM. Homemaker and Mother. V.I.P.
- o Art Wiseman (Treas.) CM. Retired. Pharmacist. Audubon. Cinti. Bird Club.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Bill Bachman - Businessman. Ducks Unlimited.
- Helen Black - The Nature Conservancy. Cinti. Nature Center. Cinti. Museum of Natural History.
- Richard Durrell - Retired Prof. Geology, University of Cincinnati. Hamilton County Park Commission.
- Ned Ford - Businessman, Sierra Club
- Mike Fremont - Businessman. Rivers Unlimited. Cinti. Environmental Advisory Council.
- George Laycock - CM. Writer. Photographer. Lecturer.
- Karl Maslowski - CM. Writer. Photographer. Lecturer. Audubon.
- Aaron Perlman MD. - Neuro-surgeon. The Nature Conservancy. Civic Leader.

The Advisory Council is comprised of specialists with outstanding qualifications who are willing to use their experience in assisting Oxbow, Inc. solve specific

problematic issues. Members of the Advisory Council need not attend any, or all, meetings.

Members unable to attend the meeting may vote by mail. Ballots must be received by Friday, January 9th, 1987 to be counted, and should be sent to the Nominating Committee in care of Art Wiseman, 2073 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214.

LETTERS - WE NEED - LETTERS

Sources within the Ohio Department of Natural Resources have made it known that the department would very much like to see the Oxbow-Hardintown-Horseshoe Bottoms area preserved and protected but that a problem exists in the fact that much of the area lies within the borders of Indiana. The ODNR would like a commitment from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources that they would agree to protect that portion that lies within their boundary. However, the administrators in the IDNR do not, as this time, consider the area to be a high priority in their land acquisition program.

It is evident that Oxbow, Inc. needs all of our concerned Indiana organizations and residents to write both the Governor and the Director of the IDNR asking them to reconsider their priorities and request they work with the Director of the ODNR to have this unique area preserved and protected.

Letters may be addressed to Robert D. Orr, Governor and to James Ridenour, Director, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, 612 State Office Building, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Good news comes from a research paper presented to the Hamilton County Park Board and made available to Oxbow, Inc.

Work done on butterflies and moths around the boat ramp area of Shawnee-Lookout Park, that is also applicable to the Oxbow-Hardintown-Horseshoe Bottoms area, turned up the moth, Idaea Scintillularia (Hulst). This southern species was not known from Ohio until the specimen from Shawnee-Lookout was recorded on June 1, 1986. This is the northern-most sighting of this moth in the United States and is also a state record. It is a discovery that strengthens the case for habitat preservation in the Oxbow.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

January Field Trip - Friday, January 9th, 7:30 pm. Join the Audubon group on a night walk at Shawnee-Lookout Park. Meet Morris Mercer at the golf course parking lot for a winter walk. Golf course parking lot is up the hill on the left as you enter the park. We will cancel if there is more than 12 inches of new snow or the temperature is more than 25° below zero. Motor vehicle permit required.

January Meeting - Tuesday, January 13th, 7:30 pm at the Education Building of the Cincinnati Zoo. Enter through the exit gate on Erkenbrecker Avenue. Election night. Barry Wakeman, Curator of Education, Cincinnati Zoo, will be the speaker.

February Field Trip - Saturday, February 7th, 9:00 am. Meet Morris Mercer in the 50's Root Beer parking lot. Look for ducks.

February Meeting - Tuesday, February 10th, 7:30 pm at the Public Library, Lawrenceburg, Indiana. There will be a slide presentation given by Jerry Johnson, a member of the Speakers' Bureau.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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OXBOW, INC.

A non-profit organization formed by conservation groups and concerned citizens of Ohio and Indiana for the purpose of preserving and protecting a wetlands area known locally as the Oxbow, Hardintown, or Horseshoe Bottoms, from future industrial development and to preserve the existing agricultural floodplain at the confluence of the Great Miami and the Ohio Rivers for use as a staging area for the seasonal migrations of waterfowl. This is an agricultural area rich in geological, archaeological and anthropological history.

Help us save this unique wetland. You can make your state a richer place in which to live by helping us preserve this precious resource.

Membership in Oxbow, Inc. is solicited and encouraged.

Individual	\$10	Organization/Club	\$25	Cornerstone	\$250
Supporting	\$15	Contributing	\$25	Gift memberships	
Family	\$15	Patron	\$100		

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