

IOU Volunteer Descriptions

Event planning

Helps to plan special IOU events such as Zoom programs, regional IOU events, and special bird counts. The sky's the limit for using your creativity.

Review funding requests

Review small grant proposals and recommend funding each spring; solicit written reports from grantees. One person is added to this committee each year.

Maintain IOU history

Provide materials about the IOU for archiving our history at Parks Library, Iowa State University.

Grow the membership

Recruitment and retention of members; showcase the IOU at community events around the state; gather feedback from members and non-members on what we are doing well and what we might do better; periodically post to social media to recruit new members.

Help with management of Iowa birding hotspots

Contribute photos and content to the Iowa section of BirdingHotspots.org for local areas and accepts contributions as they are submitted.

Social Media and other communications

Help to promote the IOU by 1) regular posting on social media; or 2) sending messages to the listserv; or 3) creating a regular short electronic newsletter and send to members.

Produce & distribute monthly electronic newsletter

The Bob-o-Link is a single-page electronic newsletter with current items of interest distributed to members via email.

IOU website assistance

Keep web content updated through the use of web forms; respond to requests for assistance.

Writing and editing

Contribute articles for publication; provide some light editing of submissions.

Trip Leader or coordination

Plan and organize primarily birding trips both in-state and beyond; manage registrations as necessary; provide trip support to organizers of semi-annual IOU meetings.

Program presenter

Present a roughly 45 minute program either in-person at an IOU meeting or via Zoom throughout the year.

IOU Representative for Bird-friendly Iowa

Representative for the IOU on the Bird-friendly Iowa steering committee helping to bring communities into the Iowa network.

Other

Have a new idea? Send along your ideas.