

The directors for the odd-numbered districts are elected in the even-numbered years, and those for the even-numbered districts in the odd-numbered years.

Any resident of the state is eligible to membership in the society. The secretary will on application furnish information relating to membership.

The annual meeting begins on Tuesday before the second Wednesday in December of each year.

The society publishes an annual report full of valuable and interesting papers.

The object of this society is the promotion and encouragement of horticulture and arboriculture in the state by the collection and dissemination of practical information regarding the cultivation of such fruits, flowers and trees as are best adapted to the soil and climate of the state. The rooms of the society are kept open at all times for the reception of visitors. All communications on horticultural topics will be promptly answered by the secretary.

STATE FORESTRY COMMISSIONER.

WESLEY GREENE, of Scott county, secretary of the state horticultural society is ex officio state forestry commissioner. His address is Des Moines, Iowa. He serves as commissioner without compensation. The law authorizes him to appoint deputies to serve without salary for each county or group of counties, who shall assist him in the performance of his duties, and also make report to him annually of forestry matters for the use of the horticultural society.

The object of the law is to encourage the planting of forest and fruit trees in the state. The act provides that any person owning land in the state may plant or select a tract of land not less than two acres in area for a forest reservation, provided there shall not be less than two hundred forest trees growing on each acre and that cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats and hogs are not permitted on said reservation.

A fruit reservation shall not be less than one or more than ten acres in area and can be claimed for a period of eight years after planting; provided that there are not less than forty apple trees, or seventy other fruit trees growing on each acre, under proper care.

Forest and fruit tree reservations are assessed at a taxable value of one dollar an acre.

Any landowner in this state wishing to enter a forest or fruit tree reservation, or both, should do so when the assessor is listing property for assessment.

IOWA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

OFFICERS.

President—T. C. STEPHENS, Sioux City.
First Vice-President—NICHOLAS KNIGHT, Mt. Vernon.
Second Vice-President—D. W. MOREHOUSE, Des Moines.
Secretary—JAMES H. LEES, Des Moines.
Treasurer—A. O. THOMAS, Iowa City.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Ex officio—T. C. Stephens, Nicholas Knight, James H. Lees, A. O. Thomas.
Elective—P. E. Brown, Ames; Ira S. Condit, Cedar Falls; S. W. Stockey, Cedar Rapids.

"The object of the academy shall be the encouragement of scientific work in the state of Iowa."

Membership is not limited to those giving their time to the advancement of science either in teaching or in original research, but is open to those interested in scientific subjects.

Members of the academy are divided into four groups: (1) fellows, who shall be elected from residents of the state of Iowa actively engaged in scientific work; (2) associates, residents of the state of Iowa who are interested in

the progress of science, but not direct contributors to original research; (3) corresponding fellows, fellows who have moved outside the state, and (4) honorary fellows, to be elected by vote from original workers in science in other states.

Papers of general interest in addition to those that are technically scientific are presented at each annual meeting.

Meetings are held each spring, time and place being fixed by the executive committee.

The academy publishes each year a volume containing a report of the proceedings of the annual meeting and the papers which have been presented at that time.