



Those of you who know Jim Baird will be pleased to hear he was elected NEBBA's new president at their annual meeting on Oct. 28 at Drumlin Farm.

Earl Baysinger was at the meeting and gave some news I would like to pass on to you.

The steel-work is up for the new office building and soon both Earl and Chan Robbins will have spacious new quarters. The banding laboratory will have a computer installed which uses tape instead of punch cards. This will allow for changes and additions which can't be made on the card type. The change-over will be completed in about six months. Among other things we will be getting wallet-sized permits, a revised "reference letter" and form to use when recommending new banders, a new code for status so those of you who color band, bleed, transport and de-tick can adequately communicate this information. NEBBA members gave Earl a nice hand for a job well done.

William L. French of the Northeast Region of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service told of a survey being made by his division, which includes the majority of EBBA banders. He and his staff would like to know from banders the exact location of areas where 100 or more shorebirds are likely to be seen at a time in season. This survey can do much to provide information usable in the fight to save marshland. Please write Mr. French (U.S. Post Office and Court House, Boston, Mass. 02109) of any area you know about. Don't stop there; get your local birding clubs to write in also. If we fail to provide this information we will be failing our duty towards conservation.

Now that the push of the fall banding season is over, your Officers and Council are getting down to serious work. To date there have been no offers for papers for the Annual Meeting. This is rather typical for both EBBA and NEBBA as people are reluctant to come forward, yet how else is the program chairman to know you have a paper of interest? Don't be awed by the professional type papers we have had in the past. We need all types to provide new insights for banders. Drop Frank McCamey a line, and also let him know what your preferences may be for the Saturday afternoon program.

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COVER Operation Recovery at Island Beach, in front of the Coast Guard
 PHOTO Station which serves as headquarters. From left to right: Mrs.
 Mabel Warburton, Bert Murray, Fred Mears, Francis Hornick, and
 Frank Frazier Jr.