

THE
PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE

By now, most of you are aware that the various banding associations are considering the issuance of a joint journal. Many interesting opinions have been flowing in from officers and councillors all over the country. Coherent questions have been asked. Some of these questions have answers which are immediately apparent. Other questions will require meeting and discussion before solutions are forthcoming.

A specialized journal of the type being considered is in reality a business venture of considerable magnitude. There are all the aspects of financing to be considered. Mechanical production of the book is not a small task. The recent articles by the staff members of EBBA News have given an idea of what is involved in giving birth to a small journal such as ours. Imagine, if you will, what it would be like in a journal of four or five times this size!

Imagine not only the difficulties of such an undertaking, but also the crowd of benefits which might accrue. These too, are numerous. Possibly the most important is that many more, if not all, United States bird banders will get to see material published by all of the associations.

Consider! I will be glad to receive your ideas.

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