

## THE MISSISSIPPI KITE

MINUTES OF THE 1976 SPRING MEETING OF  
THE MISSISSIPPI ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The annual spring meeting of the Mississippi Ornithological Society was held on April 2, 1976 in the Marine Resources Laboratory Library, Dauphin Island, Alabama.

The Society voted to renew the lease on the Heronry.

Mr. W. H. Turcotte, chairman of the Awards Committee, announced that Mr. Ed Alexander has been selected as the recipient of the Tucker Award. Mr. Alexander was cited as having generated a lot of interest in an area where there had been no interest.

The Society voted to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Gandy for his long service as treasurer of MOS. Mr. Gandy has served as treasurer since 1961.

Mrs. Frances Wills presented Mr. Turcotte with a bound copy of all the newsletters and also with a pair of binoculars on behalf of the Society:

"Fifteen years ago our Editor helped to organize the MOS. He planned and led the field trips, was always in attendance at meetings, and very often gave the program. The Newsletter was the ingredient that held the Society together when interest was not as keen as it is today."

"We owe Mr. Turcotte a debt of gratitude for his faithful service to the MOS, for his many contributions to the Museum of Natural History, and for the interest and patience he has shown to beginning bird watchers. And so, Bill, it is with the greatest pleasure that I present to you on behalf of the membership these presents as a token of our appreciation."

Mr. Steve Peterson presented an entertaining and informative slide program on "The World of the Barred Owl". The slides were taken by Mr. Peterson of birds in the Mayes Lake area of Jackson.

Mr. Louis Cashman read the report of the Nominating Committee: President, Mr. Walter Davis; Vice-President, Mr. Carl Bauer; Secretary, Mr. Steve Peterson; Treasurer, Miss Evelyn Tackett; Editor of MOS Newsletter and Mississippi Kite, Dr. Jerry Jackson. The officers were elected by acclamation.

Mr. Ed Alexander announced the meeting time for birding Saturday. Members of the Mobile Bird Club guided MOS members to good birding spots. All groups met at 12 noon at the Shell Mounds for a final count. A total of 125 species of birds were seen. Unusual birds were a Grasshopper Sparrow and a nesting Oystercatcher.

After an afternoon of birding on their own, members gathered for a delicious seafood dinner in the auditorium. A movie of the Kirtland's Warbler was shown.

Incoming president, Mr. Walter Davis, thanked members and promised to do his best to promote the interests of the MOS.

Ruth E. Downey, Secretary