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New memberships are beginning to trickle in! My sincere thanks to those of you who’ve made use of the new membership brochures that were inserted in your last issue of EBBRA NEWS. An urgent plea... that YOU join me in the effort to bring our membership up to 750 by next Annual Meeting in April, 1976.

****Update on the Combined Journal: The effort to publish the Eastern and Western Bird Banding Associations’ Journal under our cover. I met for an evening with WBA President Mike San Miguel in Woodland Hills, Cal., for a general discussion of this project. The very practical consideration of finances seems to be our “great problem.” This is tied-in directly to the need for an increased membership for both organizations. (See photo, upper right).

I would remind you that “funds through an increased membership” is not an easily arrived at goal or solution, since WBA and EBBRA may have already enrolled 75% of its potential membership. The alternative proposals for financing a combined journal, which has been suggested, is a REDUCTION in the number of pages we offer and/or INCREASE in dues.

Our EBBRA News lends focus to the work of our organization as well as providing the matrix and structure through which we can communicate to our members. Research of the last 15 years of EBBRA News reveals that our Editors have provided an average of 220+ pages of banding and birdbanding information annually to meet the interests and needs of our members. We would appreciate your comments concerning a combined EBBRA/WBA Journal!

In response to a recent request, I offer the following as general information. If you are preparing your estate and wish to have EBBRA as beneficiary and recipient of any part of your properties or birdbanding materials... then you use the recommendations of our Attorney Stanley Dickinson in the following format:

"I give, devise and bequest to the Eastern Bird Banding Association, a non-profit Association of the State of New Jersey . . . ."

A note of thanks to George Jonkel, Chief of the Bird Banding Lab who is sending a monthly letter to keep us posted on the highlights of current activity at the Banding Office (see also p. 38 and p. 202, Ed.). From the August letter I quote: “So far in 1975 there have been 492,794 birds banded”. . . . We have also been involved this month in preparing for requirements of the PRIVACY ACT/Com’s...