

NEWS AND NOTES

NOMINEES FOR 1998-2001 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 1998, the members of the Cooper Ornithological Society shall elect to the Board of Directors three people to replace retiring members Sallie Hejl, Barbara E. Kus, and Thomas E. Martin.

The Nominating for Directors Committee, chaired by Richard F. Johnston, nominates Leonard A. Brennan, William R. Dawson, Alfred M. Dufty, Nadav Nur, and Donald R. Powers for three-year terms to the Board. A ballot will be distributed to all members 45 days prior to the 1998 annual meeting.

Leonard A. Brennan is Director of Research at Tall Timbers Research Station in Tallahassee, Florida. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1989, and worked as a Research Scientist in the Wildlife and Fisheries Department at Mississippi State University from 1990–1993. He has been a member of the Society since 1982, and served on the Membership Committee from 1991–1996 where he helped coordinate the annual Student Membership Awards Program. Dr. Brennan has regularly attended annual Society meetings, published in *The Condor*, and also reviewed manuscripts for the journal. His current research interests include: field experimentation to identify factors that limit Northern Bobwhite population abundance, how seasonal applications of prescribed fire influence avian and vertebrate populations, and how forest management and selective timber harvesting affect avian populations and communities.

William R. Dawson is D.E.S. Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California–Los Angeles in 1953. He has been a member of the Cooper Ornithological Society since 1945 and an Honorary Member since 1994. Dr. Dawson regularly attends annual meetings and has served as a member of the editorial board of *The Condor* and the Board of Directors of the Cooper Society 1983–1984. He also chaired the Audubon Advisory Panel on the Spotted Owl, was President of the American Society of Zoologists (1986), and Director of the Museum of Zoology at the University of Michigan. Dr. Dawson's research interests include the environmental physiology of reptiles, mammals, and birds. He has published more than 130 scientific papers and received numerous research awards, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, the Painton Award of the Cooper Society, the Brewster Medal of the American Ornithologists' Union, and the Miller Research Award of the Cooper Society.

Alfred M. Dufty, Jr. is Associate Professor of Biology at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho. He received his Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1981 and has been a member of the Society since 1980. Dr. Dufty has chaired the Paper Awards Committee and has served on the By-laws Committee, and is currently on the Publications Committee. He was Co-chair of the Committee on Lo-

cal Arrangements for the joint annual meeting of the AOU and Raptor Research Foundation in 1996. He attends COS meetings regularly, and has published papers in, and reviewed manuscripts for, *The Condor*. His research interests include the ecology of brood parasitism, the physiology of natal dispersal, behavioral endocrinology, and vocal communication.

Nadav Nur is Quantitative and Population Ecologist at the Point Reyes Bird Observatory. He received his Ph.D. from Duke University in 1981. He has been a member of the Cooper Ornithological Society since 1984 and regularly attends annual meetings. Dr. Nur is a founding member of "Partners in Flight" and a delegate to the International Council of Bird Preservation. He also organized the Workshop of Population Data Analysis for the 1994 Joint North American Ornithological Congress and convened the Discussion on Avian Population Monitoring at the 1994 International Ornithological Congress. Dr. Nur's research interests include behavioral ecology, evolutionary ecology, and the dynamics, structure and monitoring of avian populations. He has published more than 40 scientific papers.

Donald R. Powers is Associate Professor of Biology at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Davis in 1989, and has been a member of the Cooper Ornithological Society since 1984. Dr. Powers has served as COS Treasurer and a member of the Finance Committee from 1992 to 1996. He attends meetings regularly and has presented papers on several occasions. He has published in and reviewed papers for *The Condor*. Dr. Powers' research interests include avian energetics, water regulation, torpor, and cardiovascular physiology.

STUDIES IN AVIAN BIOLOGY

Studies in Avian Biology is a series of works too long for publication in *The Condor*. It contains both monographs and proceedings of symposia of general interest to ornithologists. As with *The Condor*, acceptance of individual manuscripts and proceedings as a whole is based upon scientific merit. All manuscripts undergo external peer review.

WHAT AND WHERE TO SUBMIT

The preparation for submission and subsequent review process associated with a lengthy manuscript can be long and expensive. To minimize this time and expense, submission procedures have been modified. Thus, we request individuals contemplating publication to contact the editor *prior* to submission of manuscript materials. The editor then will discuss with the author or symposium convenor the general suitability and appropriateness of the work (monograph or proceedings) for *Studies in Avian Biology*. In some cases, an outline of the proposed publication may be circulated for informal "pre-review." Upon agreement as to suitability, arrangements are made for submission of

an appropriate number of copies, and the review process is initiated.

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NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBIRD SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANTS—1998

The North American Bluebird Society announces the eleventh annual grants in aid for ornithological research directed toward cavity-nesting species of North America with emphasis on the genus *Sialia*. Presently three grants of single or multiple awards are awarded and include:

BLUEBIRD RESEARCH GRANT

Available to student, professional or individual researcher for a research project focused on any of the three species of bluebird in the genus *Sialia*.

GENERAL RESEARCH GRANT

Available to student, professional or individual researcher for a research project focused on any North American cavity-nesting species.

STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT

Available to full-time college or university students for a research project focused on any North American cavity-nesting species.

Further guidelines and application materials are available upon request from Kevin L. Berner, Research Committee Chairman, College of Agriculture and Technology, State University of New York, Cobleskill, New York 12043, e-mail: bermerk1@cobleskill.edu Completed applications must be received by December 1, 1997; funding decisions will be announced by January 15, 1998.

CORRECTION

In "On the Origin and Evolution of Nest Building by Passerine Birds" by N. E. Collias (*Condor* 99:253–270), p. 255, right column, first full paragraph, lines 9–11, the ratio for open nest is 39/53 families, 74% (not 32/53), and the ratio for domed nests is 27/53, 51% (not 20/53).