

NOTES AND NEWS

Spring NEBBA Meeting—The 1980 annual meeting of NEBBA was held jointly with EBBA on 25–27 April 1980 at Silver Bay, Lake George, NY. The NEBBA Council met on 25 April with 16 councilors and officers present. Reports were presented on the following matters (details of these reports are available from the Secretary): finances by President Robert Yunick, Editor of *J. Field Ornithol.* by David W. Johnston, Bergstrom Research Committee by Susan R. Drennan, Investment Committee (written report from James O. Seamans), Mist Net Committee by Brian Harrington, Location Committee (written report from Gilbert Fernandez), Nominating Committee by Marion Metcalf, and Membership Committee by Sally Laughlin.

Highlights of Council action included (1) a **dues increase** beginning for 1981 (individual from \$8 to \$10, institutional subscription from \$10 to \$12) and (2) **partial page charges** to authors in *J. Field Ornithol.* (beginning in 1981, \$10 for each figure published and \$1.75 for each column-inch of every table).

Susan R. Drennan announced her committee's actions in making six recent Bergstrom awards: Joan Marie Ballam—\$200. The Function and Energetics of Soaring in Red-tailed Hawks (University of Arkansas); Peter W. Bergstrom—\$200. Incubation Behavior in Wilson's Plover (*Charadrius wilsonius*) (University of Chicago); Michael T. Murphy—\$200. The Breeding Ecology of the Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) (University of Kansas); Linda Kinkel Southern—\$200. Site Tenacity in Ring-billed Gulls and the Influence of Habitat Perturbations; Jill M. Trainer—\$200. Spectrographic Analysis of Song in Antbirds (University of Michigan); William J. Devlin—\$60. Habitat-niche Discrimination for Avian Species Utilizing Nest-boxes (University of Maryland).

At the Annual Business Meeting on 26 April, abbreviated reports were read from the Treasurer, Editor, Research, Membership, and Locations committees. The Nominating Committee's slate of officers for the next year was accepted; the following were elected:

<i>President</i>	Robert P. Yunick	<i>Councilors</i>
<i>Vice-president</i>	George A. Clark, Jr.	Brian Harrington (until '82)
<i>Secretary</i>	Sarah Laughlin	Margaret Bon (until '82)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Elissa Landre	David W. Johnston (until '84)
		Wayne Peterson (until '84)
		Jo Kixmiller (until '84)

A resolution was read:

Whereas David W. Johnston has served the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association for the past nine years as editor of the journal, *Bird-Banding*, and
 Whereas he has worked tirelessly and capably in this pursuit, and
 Whereas he has, through his efforts, bestowed on the journal an aura of national and international recognition for excellence among ornithological journals, and
 Whereas his efforts have won him the respect of his fellow councilors and officers, and the ornithological community, and
 Whereas this Council, assembled at its Annual Meeting on April 25, 1980, wishing to recognize this highly valued service to the Association, hereby enthusiastically recommends to the assembled membership that David W. Johnston be elected an Honorary Member of the Association at the Association's Annual Meeting at Silver Bay, Lake George, New York on April 26, 1980.

Respectfully submitted,
 Robert P. Yunick, President

A written ballot was held, and the resolution carried with 19 favorable votes and no dissenting votes.

Recognition was given to retiring Councilors and Officers for their assistance in running the affairs of NEBBA: Susan Drennan, retiring Councilor, Elise Lapham, retiring Vice-president, John Merrill, retiring Councilor, Bob Shaw, retiring Councilor, Peggy Bon, retiring Treasurer.

Additional highlights of the joint meeting included field trips, a banquet, and a fascinating evening talk by Dr. William Keeton (Cornell Univ.) on Orientation and Navigation in Migratory Birds.

Spring NEBBA Meeting, 1981—On recommendation of Gilbert Fernandez's Location Committee, the 1981 Annual Meeting will be held 1–3 May at Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, MA. This date was chosen to take advantage of peak migratory movements and a whale watch/pelagic bird trip (weather permitting). Make your plans now to attend this important meeting next spring.

RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Eastern Bird Banding Association and the Western Bird Banding Association are each offering a research grant of \$250 in aid of research using bird-banding techniques or bird-banding data. Applicants should submit a resumé of his or her ornithological or banding background, the project plan, and a budget to the joint selection committee chairman: ROBERT C. LEBERMAN, *Powdermill Nature Reserve, Star Route South, Rector, PA 15677*. No formal application forms are available, and the amount requested should not exceed \$250. The deadline for receipt of applications is 15 March 1981.

MEETINGS

The fourth annual meeting of the Colonial Waterbird Group will be held 9–12 October 1980 in Ottawa, Canada. It will be co-sponsored by the Colonial Waterbird Group and the Canadian Wildlife Service. A symposium on the effects of humans on colonial birds is planned, and a Proceedings will be published. For information on contributing papers, please contact J. BURGER, *Department of Biology, Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903*. Abstracts must be received by 1 September 1980. For information on registration, please contact J. MICHAEL ERWIN, *Migratory Bird and Habitat Research Laboratories, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Laurel, MD 20811*.

The Symposium on Estimating Populations of Terrestrial Birds will be held 26–31 October 1980, at Asilomar, near Monterey, California. The invited papers, given by authors from the United States, Canada, Europe, New Zealand, and Australia, will cover a wide range of subjects. The principal topics will be the problems, methods, and analyses of bird censusing. There will be a variety of field trips during and after the Symposium to explore methods of censusing and habitats of coastal and interior California. The Asilomar conference grounds are located in a State Park on Monterey Bay and provide an attractive and stimulating setting. For further information write the Symposium organizers: C. JOHN RALPH or J. MICHAEL SCOTT, *Bird Census Symposium, P.O. Box 43, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii 96718*.

The Department of Land Resource Science, University of Guelph will be sponsoring a Symposium on the Scientific Studies of Hudson and James Bay on 28–30 April 1981. The objectives of the Symposium are to assess the current state of knowledge, report on research in the area, relate features and processes of this area to other similar arctic and subarctic zones, foster interdisciplinary interaction and determine needs for further research. For information write to: I. P. MARTINI, *Department of Land Resource Science, Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1*.

The 1980 Meetings of the Raptor Research Foundation will be held 10–13 October in Duluth, Minnesota. Preliminary plans call for special emphasis on the following topics: Raptors in the Third World Countries, Raptor Physiology, Telemetry Studies of Raptor Behavior, Captive Breeding, Raptor Habitats, Raptors in Zoos, Raptor Surveys and Dynamics, and Raptor Migration. Particular emphasis on owls is planned. Non-members of the R.R.F. who would like to receive the preliminary announcement and call for papers should contact: DR. P. B. HOFSLUND, *Biology Department, University of Minnesota, Duluth, Duluth, MN 55812*.

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