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## From the President

On the occasion of this, my first president's message, I personally would like to commend Ted and all the officers and committee chairpersons who have served EBBA for the past two years. For these past two years I have been involved in program preparation for EBBA's annual meetings and can attest to the amount and quality of work the aforementioned officers must do.

Not being much of a sage or prophet, I will try to keep this message short. Bird banding started for me with a great deal of enthusiasm; that is, I can still remember the first bird I banded—a Black-capped Chickadee. To me that one chickadee represented a culmination of a year's worth of sub-permitting and a great deal of ornithological research. Nonetheless, the time and effort were worth it. What I didn't realize at the time was that I needed guidance and direction. How would I put that bit of information to good use? What to do?

One of the journals that I happened on was that of EBBA and I remember how eagerly I awaited each issue. True, EBBA has changed—the journal is larger, the cover is different, among other things, but essentially the content and the intent is the same. It remains, for me at least, the cornerstone of my enthusiasm. Through attendance at annual

meetings and the acquaintances I have made with other banders, my involvement grew.

Perhaps, in some respects, my experience with EBBA sounds familiar. Little did I realize what my involvement in the affairs of EBBA would lead to. I must confess, though, I had some selfish motives for becoming involved with this organization. There was simply too much I didn't know and still don't know about bird banding, and EBBA's publication satisfied that desire to learn and still does, even though it is now called *North American Bird Bander*.

Which leads me to another point. I still feel there needs to be more input from the membership as to how to improve our organization. Perhaps we have someone within our membership who would have the time and interest to run a simple survey on **constructive** improvements desired. (Perhaps one of the findings would be to eliminate the president's message space—you see, I'm way ahead to you!) This survey could include suggestions about our annual meeting, committees, and the journal.

Finally, I sincerely hope that through the next year I have an opportunity to meet or correspond with many of you.

Robert Pantle

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## Who Is . . . ?

### Chris N. Rose

Chris is our immediate past-president and presently a councillor. He and his wife, Ruth, our circulation manager, live in Cedar Grove, New Jersey. Chris' hometown is Suffern, New York.

As a teacher and counsellor in public education over the past 30 years, Chris has become very involved in conservation and ecology. He has developed the environmental education program for the Montclair, NJ school system which has been operating for 8 years. His involvement has also been developed into a summer avocation for 15 years as a volunteer instructor and director in various ecology/conservation workshops and schools operated by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, here in the East as well as in Idaho and New Mexico, for adults as well as for children.

Chris began his birding and interest in ornithology under William H. Carr who helped establish the

concept of Bear Mountain, NY Trailside Museum and more recently the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Arizona. Banding experiences started with Elise Dickerson at Island Beach, NJ and "Operation Recovery."

Bird banding for ecological study of given habitat and to determine the effectiveness of birds as bio-monitors and banding as a field technique in training ecology instructors in wildlife management are the prime banding interests of this very active man.

As diversion, Chris paints and illustrates in watercolor, tinkers in his shop, develops new banding equipment, does color photography, and carves decoys.

Both Chris and Ruth have long been involved in the functioning of EBBA and we owe them a great deal.