



Inland Regional News

Inland Bird Banding Association

The President's Message

I debated about writing a message for this issue but after writing the Banders' Forum I just have to add a few items here.

We have heard through the grapevine that some members have been unhappy during the past year with the fact that NABB in some issues has been very heavy with Western material. Well, this issue is very heavy with Inland material.

NABB is a magazine for all three organizations. We publish whatever is sent to us by the editor of each organization. I have privately thanked them but at this time I want to publicly thank both Dr. Quay and Dr. Sloan for their excellent efforts in continuing to supply us with material until Eastern is able to get its program back in order. Just before this issue goes to press we have been informed of the new Eastern editors, Wade and Sharon Wanders. Welcome! Eastern members, if you want to see your articles in print, just send them to your editor so they will be in the next issue.

Finding volunteers to serve as editors and officers for each organization is not an easy task. I applaud all of the officers and directors in each organization but especially those treasurers and editors who have to continually work to keep abreast of developments.

I feel this is also a very appropriate time to applaud one of Inland's greatest supporters and volunteers, a man who has just completed four years of dedication as our secretary, Vincent Bauldry. Since the annual meeting in Oklahoma, which Vince attended, he has undergone a massive cardiac by-pass surgery and is now recuperating at home. I am sure he would appreciate a letter expressing not only your concern but your appreciation for his

dedication to the organization. (Just the day before his surgery his greatest worry was being sure the minutes of the annual meeting were in order.) His address is Rt. 4, Green Bay, WI 54303.

In my last letter I stated that Inland members would receive a copy of the bylaws. Actually the By-Laws added too much weight to the mailing and the board decided to hold them and just send them to those of you truly interested in receiving a copy. If you do want a copy please send me a note and a copy will be shipped right out. We will have copies at the annual meeting in Michigan for those of you attending.

Speaking of our annual meeting. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us October 26-28, 1985 in Michigan for an excellent meeting. Bring your new ideas and techniques and share them with other banders. Come and learn how other banders are catching their birds and enjoying it more.

Remember, as usual, any cost incurred for attending the meeting as well as all of your documented expenses for banding, traps, nets, pliers, books, cages, travel expenses, and even your telescope for reading those band numbers, is a donation to the Fish and Wildlife Service and may be deducted from your taxes.

Keep your articles coming to your editor. NABB can be your magazine but only if you let it be so. We need your input, whether it be a letter to the Banders Forum, or an article to be refereed for the front section or just an interesting tidbit for your organization's section. Let's put some life back into our amateur banding program by supporting your organization and your journal.

Terrence N. Ingram

I.B.B.A. Endowment Fund

At the 1984 meeting of I.B.B.A. we were appointed as a finance committee to develop an endowment fund.

The purpose of such an endowment fund is not to run the everyday finances of I.B.B.A., but to provide an annual interest income so that we can further research on birds, using banding as a tool. Income from the endowment will provide financial support for members who need assistance in purchasing materials or travel in gathering information on a bird species. Grants will be made to individual members of I.B.B.A., not to institutions.

In addition, grants will be given to encourage young people to present their data at the annual meeting and to publish their results with I.B.B.A. Such grants will normally cover the travel expenses to the meeting and subsistence while at the meeting.

The endowment committee will seek funds from I.B.B.A. members and other interested organizations and individuals in the form of cash, securities, real property, or bequests. With gifts of \$2,000 or more, the giver may designate that the funds be used only on a selected species. A gift of \$10,000 will result in the person's name being applied to the award, e.g. "John Jones Song Sparrow Grant".

All real property will be sold on the market unless the donor and finance committee determine that the property should be kept in public ownership.

All the funds will be invested and only the interest income used to support research and travel grants. Investment of funds will be done by the committee in consultation with a professional investment broker to insure maximum safety of all investments. The fund will be audited yearly.

Once a year, a list of donations will be published in the newsletter or other suitable publication of I.B.B.A.

In an emergency, the board of directors may borrow from the income of the endowments to operate the organization if it does not interfere with grants already made, but funds must be repaid within one year.

The success of the endowment fund will depend upon the contributions we can generate. Many businesses will match employee contributions; you may be able to have an equal donation made in your name.

Because we are incorporated in the state of Nebraska, we will be glad to help you with the proper Nebraska format needed to include I.B.B.A. in your will.

Endowment contributions or inquiries should be sent to the I.B.B.A. treasurer, currently C. Holmes Smith, 6305 Cumberland Rd. S.W., Sherrodsville, Ohio 44675.

