



Inland Regional News

Inland Bird Banding Association

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Past President's Message

My thoughts this evening are many and varied. To realize that two years have passed so fast is almost too much for my mind to comprehend. But when I consider what has been accomplished I have to realize that indeed time has flown.

When I took over as president, IBBA's finances were in dire straits. In fact, if NABB had been on schedule we would not have been able to pay our portion of the bill. NABB was a problem and was hurting all three organizations by being late. Everyone wanted to complain but no one wanted to take appropriate actions to solve the problems.

Thanks to the cooperation of Eastern and Western we were able to solve some of the problems with NABB, getting it back on schedule, reducing its cost and changing the editorial policy concerning content and editorial rights of each association. By reducing NABB's cost we were able to help Inland's finances, but our biggest financial help came from you, our members, who responded to my appeal with your renewal notice last year. Many of you increased your membership category and many others sent in a donation in addition to your membership.

It took one year to get NABB on schedule, without losing an issue to catch up. Since last June, NABB has been on schedule, thanks to the excellent cooperation of Norman Sloan, Bill Quay, Mr. and Mrs. Wander, and Martin McNichol. The editorial committee, composed of the presidents and editors of each association, has worked well together in solving problems with no person or association overpowering any other. By continuing to work together we can allow NABB to be sort of a melting pot of ideas and efforts across the country.

Last year at the annual meeting we finalized IBBA's constitution. This year we took many actions to move the organization into the future. The Endowment Fund Management Committee was formally set up, composed of both Vice

Presidents, President and chaired by the Immediate Past

President. This will give continuity to the committee's actions as the chairman has the potential for being a member of the committee for two to six years before he becomes chairman.

Another important change was the incorporation of IBBA's Newsletter into Inland's section of NABB beginning with Volume XI. Willetta Leushen will be Inland's Editor for this section of NABB for the coming year. This consolidation will save the organization as much as \$6-800 per year and we hope it will not result in the loss of very many members.

One other important action which was taken in Ypsilanti was the creation of a banding library and archives for banders records. One room in the Eagle Foundation's new bald eagle captive breeding facility will be set aside for this purpose.

We are presently looking for donations for our Endowment Fund and to set up our library and archives room. The room needs a table, four to six chairs, shelves, file cabinets as well as insulation, sheet rock and paint. Send your donations to Holmes Smith with a note explaining what you want it to be used for.

Included with this issue of NABB is your notice of membership renewal for 1986. Why not return your membership right away and include a donation for one of the above items? With your help we can be sure that IBBA is a real aid to banding throughout the Inland area.

My wish for the New Year is that you will give Don Varner, your new president, and your officers, the excellent cooperation, and consideration and courtesy which I have enjoyed throughout these past two years. May the Holiday Season be Joyful and Peaceful and the New Year filled with your hopes and wishes.

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