



Western Regional News

Western Bird Banding Association

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President's Message

As 1986 ends, I want to express my appreciation to those people who have served Western Bird Banding Association this year.

Bill Quay has continued his excellent job as Editor and has also been 1st Vice-president.

Howard Cogswell has cheerfully and capably handled the time consuming task of being Treasurer. Remember that WBBA is a strictly volunteer association and Howard mails all your dues notices and reminders, records all payments as well as paying all bills. Howard has also continued to handle his previous post as Membership Secretary and we would welcome a volunteer to take this over.

Steve and Ruth Russell have been most effective as 2nd Vice-president and Secretary, respectively. The Arizona banders meeting they organized a year ago was an excellent example of their contributions.

Dave DeSante organized the program for our successful Santa Barbara meeting and Dick Doult made all the necessary local arrangements. We also thank the Natural History Museum for allowing us to use their facilities.

In WBBA, our Past Presidents continue to serve the organization. Howard Cogswell, our Treasurer, is a Past President. My predecessor, Martin McNicholl, is Chairman of the Nominating Committee and compiles the Recent Literature section of the NABB. Martha Balph edits the Significant Returns section of NABB and handles our research grant. Charley Collins edits worksheets as well as serving on the Review Board for NABB, and Dick Mewaldt is also a Review Board member.

Other members of the Review Board are: Keith Arnold, Dave DeSante, Steve Ervin, Kerry Reese, George West and Fred Zwickel. They provide the suggestions that make WBBA contributions to NABB excellent.

Jolan Truan handles all our back issue and monograph sales and sends back issues of NABB to new members.

Finally Joan Tweit has kept our computer busy compiling the 1985 WBBA Annual Report and the index to volumes 6-10 of NABB.

If you would like to be active in WBBA, just let an officer know.

Dr. Robert C. Tweit

Western Bird Banding Association's Memorial Grant

Nora Mays is the winner this year (1986) of WBBA's memorial grant. Nora's research is on "Hormonal correlates of mating systems: reproductive hormones of the cooperatively breeding Harris' Hawk." She is at the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721. Our hearty congratulations to you Nora, and best wishes for the success of your studies!