

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

JOHN L. ZIMMERMAN, SECRETARY

The Seventy-fifth Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society was held Tuesday, 21 June through Sunday, 26 June 1994 at the University of Montana, Missoula, Montana in joint session with the American Ornithologists' Union and the Cooper Ornithological Society. The local committee, co-chaired by Richard L. Hutto and Donald A. Jenni, was composed of Gerry Baertsch, Joe Ball, Dona Boggs, Kenneth Dial, Erick Greene, Sallie Hejl, Del Kilgore, Jeff Marks, Tom Martin, Chris Paige, Alison Perkins, Roly Redmond, Sue Reel, Lynne Teneffoss, and Bret Tobalsake. The meeting was hosted by the Avian Studies Program of the Division of Biological Sciences at the University of Montana and the Five Valleys Audubon Society of Missoula.

The Council met from 08:10 to 15:30 on Tuesday, 21 June in room 304 Liberal Arts. On Tuesday registration for the approximately 1070 guests and members of all three societies was followed by an informal reception at Caras Park. The opening session on Wednesday convened in the Five Valleys Ballroom of the University Center at 08:30 with a welcome from the University of Montana and responses by Brina Kessel for the AOU, Lloyd Kiff for the Cooper Society, and Keith Bildstein for the Wilson Society.

Following a plenary address by Lewis Oring, University Nevada–Reno, entitled “Discovering avian mating systems: From Datwin to DNA,” the 315 scientific papers were given from Wednesday through Saturday in concurrent sessions at various locations across the campus. Presenters of the 168 posters were available on Thursday and Friday evenings in conjunction with a social offering light refreshments at the University Center. Early morning field trips to local areas were conducted throughout the conference by members of the Five Valleys Audubon Society, while extended field trips on Sunday provided additional opportunities to sample the avifauna and general natural history of the area. A social hour preceded the annual banquet, which was held in the Five Valleys Ballroom of the University Center. After the banquet the following awards were presented:

EDWARDS PRIZE (for the best major article in volume 105 of *The Wilson Bulletin*)

Steven L. Lima for his paper, “Ecological and evolutionary perspectives on escape from predatory attack: A survey of North American birds.” *Wilson Bull.* 105(1):1–47.

ROGER TORY PETERSON INSTITUTE TRAVEL AWARDS

Paul R. Sievert, “Water balance constraints on the hatching success of tropical terns and sheanwaters.”

Andrew W. Kratter, “Habitat selection in bamboo specialist birds.”

ALEXANDER WILSON PRIZE (for best student paper)

William A. Schew, “Metabolic responses of European Starlings and Japanese Quail chicks to undernutrition: developmental constraint vs adaptive response.”

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING

Since President Conner was unable to attend due to recent surgery, the first business meeting was called to order by Vice-president Bildstein about 20:00 on Wednesday, 22 June

in Room 115 of the Music Building in conjunction with the combined business meetings of all three societies. Secretary Zimmerman presented the report of the nominating committee (Mary Clench, chair, Robert Burns, Herbert Kale): President, Richard N. Conner; First Vice-president, Keith L. Bildstein; Second Vice-president, Edward H. Burt, Jr.; Secretary, John L. Zimmerman; Treasurer, Doris J. Watt; Members of the Council, 1995–1997, William E. (Ted) Davis, Jr. and Carol A. Corbat. Secretary Zimmerman also read the suggested changes in the Bylaws and Constitution of the Wilson Ornithological Society as previously published in *The Wilson Bulletin*—to repeal Bylaw 7 which sets the fiscal year, to repeal item 5 of Bylaw 8 which deletes the election of members from the agenda for the annual meeting, and to amend Article II, section 2 of the Constitution to delete reference to the election of members so as to read “Any person who is in sympathy with the objectives of the Society may become a member by submitting an application and appropriate dues to the Treasurer.”

The names of deceased members of all three societies were read by Secretary McDonald of the American Ornithologists' Union. Wilson Society members included in this list are Karl E. Bartel (Blue Island, IL), T. A. Beckett, III (John's Island, SC), William D. Dugan (Hamburg, NY), Joseph J. Hickey (Madison, WI), M. E. “Pete” Isleib (Juneau, AK), Theodore R. Miley (Ann Arbor, MI), Charles E. Nelson (Brookfield, WI), Theodore A. Parker, III (Washington, DC), Paul A. Stewart (Oxford, NC), and Joseph W. Tayler (Honeoye Falls, NY).

The following resolutions, jointly sponsored by all three societies, were presented by Martin G. Raphael, and all were passed by unanimous votes:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, volunteers have made extraordinarily valuable contributions to the systematic collection of scientific information about birds since Spencer Baird marshalled a cadre of amateurs across the United States in the mid-1850s to collect data for the Smithsonian Institution on migration and breeding phenology; and

WHEREAS, the operation of many field and museum initiatives and current bird monitoring programs, such as the Breeding Bird Survey, waterfowl surveys, and bird banding operations in the North America continue to depend heavily upon volunteers, and

WHEREAS, the Breeding Bird Survey, the Bird Banding Laboratory, and the Biological Survey Program National Museum of Natural History) are currently administered under the National Biological Survey (NBS) in the Department of the Interior, and

WHEREAS, no comprehensive long-term policy for the use of volunteers for programs within the NBS has been formulated,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Ornithologists' Union, the Cooper Ornithological Society, and the Wilson Ornithological Society join with the Ornithological Council to petition the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the NBS to work with Congress to promulgate language in authorizing legislation for the NBS to ensure that volunteers can be used on all NBS projects.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

WHEREAS, the Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) is recognized as the most comprehensive, extensive, and useful monitoring program for nongame breeding bird species in the Western Hemisphere, and

WHEREAS, the results of analyses of the BBS data help to identify both bird species and their associated habitats that are at risk in the United States and elsewhere in North America, and

WHEREAS the BBS is now administered with the Inventory and Monitoring Program of the National Biological Survey (NBS), and

WHEREAS, support for the Survey has been reduced since the formation of the NBS and uncertainty exists concerning staffing,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Ornithologists' Union, the Cooper Ornithological Society, and the Wilson Ornithological Society join with the Ornithological Council to petition the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of NBS to ensure that the BBS be given sufficient staff and funding to permit a sustained coordination of BBS programs and to enhance the analytical capability for determining the status and trends of nongame bird populations.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PIPING PLOVER

WHEREAS the prairie population of the Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) has been classified as Endangered by the Committee On the Status of Endangered Wildlife In Canada (Canada) since 1985, and declared Threatened by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service since 1986, and

WHEREAS the population of the Piping Plover has been declining steadily since the early 1970s, and

WHEREAS in some years 5% of the breeding population use Lake Diefenbaker, in Central Saskatchewan for breeding, and

WHEREAS in some years, the population at Lake Diefenbaker is the largest single population of this species in the world, and

WHEREAS in some years the raising of lake levels by the Saskatchewan Water Corporation on Lake Diefenbaker results in a significant loss of annual productivity of this species,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Ornithologists' Union, the Cooper Ornithological Society, and the Wilson Ornithological Society strongly recommend that the Saskatchewan Water Corporation reexamine their schedule of filling Lake Diefenbaker, so that losses of Piping Plover eggs and/or chicks are minimized.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HABITAT PROVISIONS OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

WHEREAS the Endangered Species Act is one of the most important and fundamental laws for biological conservation, and

WHEREAS the Endangered Species Act makes it unlawful to "harm" an endangered species, and

WHEREAS no species can exist in nature without its habitat, and

WHEREAS the potential for a species to continue to exist in nature is directly related to the quality of its habitat, and

WHEREAS it therefore follows that any significant degradation or loss of habitat necessarily must harm an endangered species, and that any attempt to conserve an endangered species necessarily must include conservation of its habitat, and

WHEREAS a recent District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals decision (Sweethome vs Babbitt, 1994) found that the definition of "harm" under the Endangered Species Act could not include a prohibition against habitat destruction or modification;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Ornithologists' Union, the Cooper Ornithological Society, and the Wilson Ornithological Society find that the Sweethome decision is contrary to scientific understanding and that no law that purports to protect endangered species can do so effectively without protecting their habitat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Sweethome decision is upheld in the courts,

The American Ornithologists' Union, The Cooper Ornithological Society, and The Wilson Ornithological Society urge Congress to clarify that inclusion of habitat destruction or alteration is an explicit component of "harm" under the Endangered Species Act.

CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY IN CUBA

WHEREAS the Caribbean is a priority region in the Western Hemisphere for the conservation of tropical biodiversity, and

WHEREAS Cuba is the largest country in the Caribbean and is considered to be a unique biogeographical province, with the greatest number of flowering plants and vertebrate species as well as the greatest number of endemic species in the West Indies, and

WHEREAS Cuba has the largest expanses of wetlands and some of the most biologically diverse coral reef and coastal ecosystems in the Antillean region, and

WHEREAS Cuba is one of the most important countries in Latin America for the conservation of migratory birds that breed in the eastern United States and Canada, and

WHEREAS many Cuba species and ecosystems are endangered due to changing land uses, and

WHEREAS Cuba has taken important steps toward establishing a national network of protected areas to preserve the biological diversity of the region, and has achieved one of the lowest human population growth rates in Latin America, and

WHEREAS the present restrictions imposed by the U.S. government impede for bilateral cooperation in conservation programs, and

WHEREAS the United States is signatory to various international agreements for the conservation of biodiversity and migratory species in the Western Hemisphere,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Ornithologists' Union, the Cooper Ornithological Society, and the Wilson Ornithological Society urge the President and Congress of the United States to:

1. Promote United States–Cuba–Canada trilateral meetings of scientists and conservationists to discuss common concerns and priorities pertaining to biological conservation in eastern North America and the Caribbean region.
2. Promote academic and scientific exchange programs among government agencies and universities in the United States and Cuba.
3. Provide financial support towards the conservation of natural protected areas in Cuba, especially those known for their importance to the preservation of regional biodiversity, endemic, and migratory species.
4. Eliminate all restrictions that prevent members of non-governmental organizations, charitable foundations, and academic institutions from travelling to Cuba and supporting research, education, and conservation projects.

SUPPORT FOR THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ACT OF 1980

WHEREAS, fish and wildlife in the United States are of ecological, educational, aesthetic, cultural, recreational, economic, and scientific value, and represent a valuable national public resource, and

WHEREAS, more than 75 million Americans enjoy viewing, photographing, and studying wildlife, and

WHEREAS, expenditures on viewing, photographing, and studying wildlife in the United States exceed \$18 billion annually, and

WHEREAS, a pressing need exists for the management and enhancement of nongame wildlife species, and

WHEREAS, there has never been an adequate source of federal monies to fund programs for nongame wildlife, and

WHEREAS, a highly successful funding mechanism, the 1937 Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson), provided reliable funding for the research and management of game species, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recognized the need for a more comprehensive wildlife management program through passage of the 1980 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, reauthorized in 1986, 1990, and 1992, and

WHEREAS, no funding for the Act has ever been requested by the Executive Branch, nor appropriated by Congress, and

WHEREAS the funding ceiling for the Act of \$5 million is far below the estimated \$100 million needed, and

WHEREAS many state agencies have already attempted to implement the Act with limited state funding, but need federal support, and

WHEREAS, adequate funding for the Act could be far less expensive than costly endangered species restorations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The American Ornithologists' Union, The Cooper Ornithological Society, and The Wilson Ornithological Society endorse the implementation of a tax on nongame, bird-related activities and/or supplies to generate funding for this Act.

SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, the health of the environment must be regarded as seriously as human health, and

WHEREAS, a solid scientific basis is essential for effective programs to protect the environment, and

WHEREAS, there is a need in the United States for a coordinated national program to support fundamental and applied environmental research and training encompassing a wide variety of disciplines aimed at understanding, preventing, and solving environmental problems, and

WHEREAS, such research and training is presently uncoordinated and largely underfunded, and

WHEREAS, a consensus is emerging in the scientific community that a government agency that supports mission-oriented competitively-awarded research, may be the most appropriate vehicle to encourage, promote and support environmental research and training, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Ornithologists' Union, the Cooper Ornithological Society, and the Wilson Ornithological Society support the proposal for the National Institute for the Environment (NIE) and encourages Congress and the Administration to create the NIE.

COMMENDATION

WHEREAS the American Ornithologists' Union, the Cooper Ornithological Society, and the Wilson Ornithological Society held their first joint meeting in Missoula, Montana on the campus of the University of Montana, at the invitation of the Avian Studies Program, Division of Biological Sciences, University of Montana, and the Five Valleys Audubon Society, Missoula, and

RECOGNIZING that the Committee on Local Arrangements, under the outstanding direction of Richard L. Hutto and Donald A. Jenni, provided us with an exceptionally diverse assemblage of exhibits, special events, field trips, and evening social events, and

RECOGNIZING that the Committee on the Scientific Program under the equally capable

direction of Edward H. Burtt, Jr., arranged outstanding scientific lecture sessions, workshops, and poster sessions, and

RECOGNIZING that James A. Kushlan performed an outstanding service in coordinating the Scientific Program among the three societies, and

WHEREAS all those who have attended this meeting have been enriched by it,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Ornithologists' Union, the Cooper Ornithological Society, and the Wilson Ornithological Society commend the Committee on Local Arrangements and the Committee on the Scientific Program for their efforts toward this historic meeting.

SECOND BUSINESS MEETING

The second business meeting was called to order by Vice-president Bildstein at 13:03 on Friday, 24 June, in Liberal Arts 305. Ruth Beck in colonial dress offered a dramatic invitation to attend the Williamsburg, VA meeting 4 to 7 May 1995. In addition to our regular business and scientific sessions there will be opportunities for daily and specialty field trips to a variety of habitats, including offshore islands. There will also be a full schedule for families and spouses to historic areas and other attractions.

Secretary Zimmerman then presented the following summary of the Council meeting. Our present membership is 2451, representing an overall 8% increase over last. Of particular interest is a 21% increase in student members. We attribute the healthy state of our membership to the efforts of the membership committee, chaired by John Smallwood. The Undergraduate Outreach Committee, chaired by Ernie Willoughby, is continuing to analyze the 200 questionnaires on undergraduate offerings in ornithology that were returned in last year's survey. One expressed need by responders was for greater communication of information of interest to undergraduates, for example, summer job opportunities and internships in ornithology. The committee is actively pursuing the development of an electronic bulletin board to satisfy this need. Charles Blem was unanimously elected to serve another one year term as editor of *The Wilson Bulletin*. The Council decided to continue our support of the Ornithological Council by an annual contribution of \$500 for the next two fiscal years. The Council also reaffirmed our desire to award the Edwards Prize to the best paper published in the past volume of *The Wilson Bulletin*. Invitations for future meetings have been received and accepted for Cape May, NJ, 11–14 April 1995 and Manhattan, Kansas in April, 1997. Greensboro, NC is contemplated as the meeting locale in 1998.

Doris Watt presented the treasurer's report.

The fiscal year ending 31 December 1993 was a good year for the Wilson Ornithological Society. With total receipts of \$112,800.04 and total disbursements of \$97,343.27, the society was ahead by \$15,456.77 at year's end. Total cash on hand was \$102,469.16 and the endowment market value was at \$487,786 making total assets for the society \$590,255, up from last year's \$551,270.

As recommended by the council last year, the Nice, Wilson and Fuertes awards were set at \$200, \$200 and \$600, respectively. The two designated accounts (Stewart and Sutton) were evaluated and assigned a proportion of the endowment principal. This year these accounts provided sufficient income in spite of a low income interest rate. As recommended by the council, the Edwards Prize has been suspended as a cash award until the endowment plans are determined. Its endowment principal is now approximately \$1600.00.

As we change the society's fiscal year to July 1 through June 30, I will be filing a half-year report with the IRS (Jan–June 1994), as well as a regular yearly report. The 1994 budget was approved at last year's meeting, but this year we will be looking at a budget

for July 1994–June 1995. I have re-calculated estimates to bring them more in line with recent increases in both income and expenses.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
1 JANUARY 1993 TO 31 DECEMBER 1993

GENERAL FUNDS

Balance Forward \$121,012.39

Receipts

Regular and sustaining memberships	\$ 33,840.00	
Student memberships	4,476.00	
Family memberships	<u>176.00</u>	
Total dues		\$ 38,492.00
Subscriptions for 1992	\$ 25,560.86	
Back issues	468.00	
Contributions from authors for page charges	19,300.48	
Newsletter subscriptions	<u>80.30</u>	
Total income from the Bulletin		\$ 45,409.64
Contributions to The Van Tyne Library	\$ 268.00	
Contributions to the Sutton Fund	100.00	
Contributions to the Roger Tory Peterson Fund	1,000.00	
Contributions to the General Endowment	674.00	
Contributions to General Endowment (Life Patrons)	3,250.00	
Unrestricted contributions	<u>249.00</u>	
Total contributions		\$ 5,541.00
Royalties and List rental	2,841.45	
Interest from Endowments and Bank account	18,827.36	
Dividends from Dreyfus account	1,558.09	
Miscellaneous	<u>130.50</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$112,800.04

Disbursements

<i>Bulletin Publication</i>		
December 1992	\$ 21,419.02	
March 1993	18,896.89	
June 1993	16,162.19	
September 1993	14,870.80	
Editor's expenses	<u>5,348.89</u>	
Total publication costs		\$ 76,697.79
OSNA expenses	\$ 14,181.00	
Secretary's expenses	57.46	
Treasurer's expenses	360.00	
Treasurer's bond	105.00	
Joint meeting planning costs	479.34	
Editor's travel expenses	320.00	
Incorporation fee	5.00	
Membership committee printing	135.50	
Postage and telephone	412.00	
Advertisement (Allen Press)	425.00	

Back issue storage	78.60	
Van Tyne Library	82.58	
Miscellaneous	<u>4.00</u>	
Total operating expenses		\$ 16,645.48
Organizational Awards	\$ 3,500.00	
Ornithological Council	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Philanthropies		\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 97,343.27
Transfer to Endowment		\$ 34,000.00
Total Debits		\$131,343.27
Ending Balance		\$102,469.16

CASH ACCOUNTS

First Source Bank checking account 31 December 1993 ...	\$ 45,680.70	
Editor's Account Balance 31 December 1993	\$ 4,900.54	
Dreyfus liquid assets 31 December 1992	<u>51,887.92</u>	
Total cash on hand		\$102,469.16

TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS

1993 Market Value	\$487,786.00
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The editor's report was submitted by Charles Blem as follows:

EDITOR'S REPORT—1993

In 1993, 185 manuscripts (105 major papers, 80 short communications) were received by *The Wilson Bulletin* editorial office. This is 5 more than in 1992. Of these, 42% were accepted and 58% were rejected. The time between receipt of manuscript from the author(s) and our return of the manuscript with referee comments nearly always has been less than three months. No manuscript required more than four months for a decision. There is a small backlog of manuscripts, but accepted revisions almost always have been published in the next scheduled issue. Frontispiece articles take a bit longer. The average time between receipt of a manuscript and its appearance in *The Wilson Bulletin* in 1993 was almost always less than a year. A few papers required longer because authors were slow to return revisions.

I am grateful to the editorial board—Kathy G. Beal, R. N. Conner, J. A. Smallwood, C. R. Smith and C. H. Stinson—for their timely, skilled evaluations of many of the manuscripts submitted to the journal. I also thank George A. Hall for his editorship of the book reviews section. Assistant Editors Leann Blem, Albert E. Conway, and Karen Killeen are responsible for the consistency of style and format, and for making arcane prose more readable. I thank them for their efforts. Kathy G. Beal deserves special praise for continuing to assemble the index for *The Wilson Bulletin*. This is a tedious task and the entire society benefits from her careful work. For six years Leann Blem has provided much of the manual labor that keeps the editorial office running and she catches many of the small errors that can plague a publication. As always, I remain open to suggestions as to how to improve the service we provide the readers and authors, and invite you to make your opinions known to me.

C. R. Blem, *Editor*

Charles R. Smith presented the report of the Auditing Committee: On 24 June 1944, the Audit Committee, consisting of Paul J. DuBow and Charles R. Smith, reviewed the financial statements of the Wilson Ornithological Society for the period 1 January through 31 December 1993. We find the financial statements of the Society to be in good order and to be reported in a clear, concise, and detailed manner. We commend the Treasurer, Doris J. Watt, and our investment advisor, Phillips Street, for their responsible stewardship of the finances of the Society.

Judy McIntyre, chair of the research committee, announced the following awards:

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES AWARD

Diane Neudorf, "Female control of extra-pair fertilizations: fertility advertisement in Hooded Warblers."

MARGARET MORSE NICE AWARD

Paul A. Bedell, "Late-summer breeding of Sedge Wrens in the Great Plains."

PAUL A. STEWART AWARDS

Rita R. Colwell, "Female-biased sex ratios in spring migration of Rufous Hummingbirds at a banding site in central California."

Bonnie E. Stout, "Weather and fall migration of the Red-necked Grebe."

Camille Ward, "Economic decision-making in the American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*): How crows balance foraging considerations and predator avoidance in an urban environment."

Kristin Williamson, "Natal philopatry in Leach's Storm-petrels on Matinicus Rock, ME."

Aaron E. White, "Nest site microhabitat of the Spotted Owl in north-central California."

Vice-president Bildstein recalled the report of the nominating committee to the floor of the assembly. Chan Robbins moved and Herb Hendrickson seconded that the nominations be closed. The motion passed and Judy McIntyre then moved, with a second by Herb Hendrickson, that a unanimous ballot be cast for the nominated set of officers. The motion passed and a unanimous ballot was recorded.

Vice-president Bildstein offered the two changes in the Bylaws and the one amendment to the Constitution, as previously published for consideration. George Hall moved and Mary Clench seconded the motion to accept these changes, and the motion was passed. George Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Doris Watt, and it was accomplished at 13:30.

The reports of the standing committees are as follows.

REPORT OF THE JOSSELYN VAN TYNE MEMORIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE—1993

The calendar years roll by faster and faster—as we get older this becomes increasingly evident. At annual report time, I try not to think solely (or even primarily) of the statistics, and of comparing them with those of past years. Some figures, as seen in this instance, fluctuate considerably, some downward but some upward. The important thing to a facility like our Society's library is to see that operations are running smoothly, with the procedures constantly enhanced and refined. There is a very great deal involved: the acquisition and storage of materials, proper supervision of their use, all the receiving and shipping, appropriate sales (of duplicate materials) and purchases (of useful new items), and copying, along

with all the related correspondence, cataloging, filing, handling of funds, and general keeping of records.

Endless thanks are due to paragon Janet Hinshaw, of the UMMZ Bird Division and our key person in charge of library activities, to those others who provide her with constant clerical persistence (especially Pat Ahrens), and to those of our membership at large, and others, who have given support in diverse ways, both by contributing and by using. To enlist even more such support as the years pass should remain our top priority.

Donations came from 16 members and institutions: R. Bayer, A. J. Berger, C. Collins, R. N. Conner, Ducks Unlimited, G. Hall (review copies), K. Haller, J. Hinshaw, H. Kolb, R. B. Payne, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, W. Post, J. Spendelow, P. Stettenheim, D. E. Varland, F. H. Wadsworth. These included 58 reprints (29), 15 books and monographs (4), 227 journal issues (103), 9 reports (6), and 1 dissertation. The numbers in parentheses are items received from A. J. Berger, who continues to be one of our staunch supporters—Thanks again Andy!

Exchanges from 125 institutions provided us with 164 journals, books, and related items. From 26 institutions we received 365 journals as gifts, and 19 were received as subscriptions from 13 organizations.

In all, 55 loans were made to 37 members and libraries of 16 books, 13 journals, 12 reprints, and 185 photocopied journal articles. We would like to increase the number of loans substantially; after all, this is what the library is for, in large part.

This year, \$1702.50 was taken in for our library's new book fund from the sale of 67 books and 273 journal issues (all duplicates). Many of the sales were made at the annual meeting.

From our fund, 29 books, reports, etc. were purchased at a total cost of \$812.86.

A total of 205 journal issues were donated by us to the Yale Peabody Museum and to the Biological Institute in Poland.

So we continue to thrive, and to a modest extent, prosper.

William A. Lunk, *Chair*

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Conservation committee, composed of Jerome A. Jackson, chair, Craig Rudolph, Robert Hole, Stan Senner, and Grant Stevenson, has pursued the need to develop reports on predator control and the issuing of depredation permits by federal agencies, the bird markets of Indonesia and the importation of live birds from that country, and the current status of raptor management in North America.

Jerome A. Jackson, *Chair*

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The membership committee has a new member, David Cimprich, a doctoral candidate at the University of Southern Mississippi. The other three members are James Ingold at Louisiana State University, Mark Woodrey at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, and myself at the University of Florida.

The WOS membership poster was displayed at the WOS meeting in Guelph, Ontario, in April/May, and also at the RRF meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, in November. Membership brochures were made available by the poster, and approximately three dozen were picked up at each meeting. David Cimprich has agreed to undertake the responsibility for arranging to have the poster displayed at national and regional meetings of interest to po-

tential WOS members. We look forward to a more aggressive travelling schedule for the membership poster.

During the past year I received 16 inquiries from people interested in joining our society. To each I sent a written reply, including information on joining the WOS (where to send the application, student membership rates, etc.) and a membership brochure. Mark Woodrey is sending membership invitations to authors who publish in *The Wilson Bulletin*, and Jim Ingold is contacting nonmembers who present papers or posters at the annual meetings, excluding those who receive complementary memberships.

Our supply of brochures is down to about 250, so we need to print some more in the near future. This would be an appropriate time to make any revision that may be desirable. Suggestions from the WOS council would be appreciated.

John A. Smallwood, *Chair*

The list of papers and posters presented at the meeting as well as the list of members and guests in attendance will be published as a supplement to volume 112 (1995) of *The Auk*.