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## SERVING WBBA EFFECTIVE 18 SEP 2006

At our annual meeting in September, the membership approved the following people to lead WBBA for the coming year.

President: John Alexander  
1st Vice Pres: Diana Humple  
2nd Vice Pres: Mike Boyles  
Secretary: Christina Fabula  
Treasurer: Roy Churchwell  
Membership: Ken Burton  
Past President: Gary Blevins  
NABC Rep: John Alexander  
NABC Alt: Jim Tietz  
Editor: Kay Loughman / Walter Sakai  
At Large: Tricia Campbell, C. J. Ralph,  
and Kay Loughman

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

**Grants** – Humple reported that grants were awarded to

1. **Lena Usyk**, Central Michigan University; Project: The ecology of LeConte's Sparrows and other grassland birds at Munuscong Bay [Michigan].
2. **Lia Jacobsen Prellvitz and Raissa Iris de Carvalho**, Federal University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil; Project: Breeding ecology of the Southern Black-backed Gull (*Larus dominicanus*) in Deserta Island, Arvoredo Marine Reserve, Santa Catarina, Brazil.

**Membership** – Burton reported that numbers continue to decline. He will survey former members to learn why they did not renew. We need to find ways to increase the value of membership for

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existing members, so that they continue to remain a part of the organization. Blevins will solicit ideas on how we can better serve current members. Board members were urged to recruit new members.

**NABC** – Alexander reported that the Evaluation and Certification Committee has finished compiling the certification materials. Burton reported that the Education Committee is developing photographic keys for age and sex determination. The Board agreed to fund attendance of the Alternate at NABC meetings.

**Website** – It often takes a long time to get information posted to our website. Since timeliness is a priority, we may need to become more involved in keeping the website current. Online store has not been productive, and will be deleted from the website. Photo Gallery content needs closer monitoring to insure that pictures show proper bird handling techniques. Comment section has been abused, and hence must be disabled.

**Storage of WBBA Documents** – To qualify as a non-profit organization, we may be required to have printed records of our minutes. We need to find an effective way to store meeting minutes and other WBBA Documents. Alexander and Humple will explore possibilities for keeping records electronically.

**2007 Meeting** – Humple will host the 2007 annual meeting at PRBO Conservation Science in Petaluma, CA. Interest was expressed in offering bander training workshops alternating with NABC certification sessions at future meetings, beginning in 2007.

**Editor** – Loughman will resign after completing NABB 31(4). She will continue to work on enhancing access to SORA.

Abstracts of papers will be published in the next issue of NABB.