



Inland Regional News

Inland Bird Banding Association

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From the President's Desk

Just returned from the IBBA annual meeting in northwest Ohio sponsored by the Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO). As usual, it was an outstanding meeting. Talks were excellent and the time with other banders was well worth the effort to make the meeting. There was a good cross-section of banders with new banders and banders who have had their permits for 50+ years. The staff at BSBO did an excellent job of putting the meeting together. My favorite time was the Saturday morning banding session where banders shared techniques, ideas, answered questions, and asked questions. I am sure everyone left with their brain spinning with new ideas. And that's what the meeting is supposed to do. As near as I can tell, there were, at least, 60 individuals at the meeting and banders from 13 states. Next year's meeting site has yet to be determined but is scheduled to be in the south.

In addition to the annual meeting, IBBA and BSBO sponsored an NABC field evaluation session for banders prior to this meeting. Four individuals signed up for the evaluation and all four easily passed. I have been impressed at the last few evaluations I have been involved in, at how well prepared and trained the candidates have been. This year's new certified NABC Banders are Molly McDermott (Ohio), Emily Thomas (Pennsylvania), James Marshall (Illinois), and Ken Keffer (Ohio). Congratulations!!

At the members meeting, I was elected for a second term as President. Dave Cimprich (Texas) was elected to a second term as 1st Vice-president, Jan - Mar 2011

Cathie Hutcheson (Illinois) was elected to a third term as 2nd Vice-president, Linda Tossing (Missouri) was elected to her fifth term as Secretary, and Brent Ortego (Texas) was elected to his second term as Treasurer/Membership Secretary. Dan Webb (Michigan) was elected to his second term as a Director and Vernon Kleen (Illinois) was elected to his first term as a Director. Please feel free to contact any or all of your Board members if you have questions or concerns about IBBA or any banding related items. If they do not know the answers they know who will and get them for you.

If you think you might be interested in serving on the Board, please contact me or any board member. Next year we will have the position of Secretary and one Director's position open for sure. This is due to Bylaw constraints on how long individuals can serve in a position and on the Board. Board officers may serve up to five years but are elected each of those years. Directors are elected for three year terms and may serve two terms. All that is asked of those who serve is that they contribute to dealing with IBBA activities, make an effort to attend the annual meeting, all Board meetings, and to actively promote the Inland Bird Banding Association. The Board must meet twice a year and usually both meetings are scheduled during the annual meeting of the association.

Now it's time to check saw-whet nets ...

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