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Eastern Bird Banding Association

Founded 1923

President's Message

At the EBBA Annual Meeting on 28 April my last happy act as your President was to turn over the leadership to your newly elected President Walter Protzman. I trust that all of you will be as helpful and resourceful to him as you, our Officers, Councillors, Committee Chairpersons and others of my Cast of Thousands have been to me. To everyone, many thanks! I plan on using my new gift of time for serious writing of those papers that have been waiting.

These past two years of the Presidency have been unusually full with two unpredicted and time consuming problems to deal with: 1) the unprecedented moratorium of all banding on a national wildlife refuge including the cutting off of a long term banding study from lands newly acquired by the refuge; and 2) the NABB printing problem. The wildlife refuge is now reopened to the long term project and open to researchers from a nearby university. Anyone wishing to apply to band on a federal refuge and needing help formulating the application and formal research proposal can get help from our Conservation Chairperson Al Duffy, The Rockefeller University Field Research Center, Tyrrell Road, Millbrook, NY 12545.

The Presidents and boards of the three Bird Banding Associations have had an intense six months working together on problems and policies in pursuit of our common goals regarding NABB. Volume 9 of NABB is seeing a new printer, a more compact format, and a time schedule. An inter-association committee consisting of Editors, Presidents (ex-officio) and a member each continues the discussion on editorial policy of NABB. This policy includes publishing standards and what the members want to see in NABB, the kind of balance to strike between the more formal papers up front and the newsy articles in the Regional sections. Comments from readers are invited; send them to your President.

Here again may I express our thanks to the Radkes, Eleanor the coordinator and Don of Eldon Press the printer for their past eight years of work in producing and upgrading NABB to an attractive and outstanding journal by and for bird banders. May we banders all keep up our part of summarizing and writing up our data for NABB!

In my first president's message I expressed my goal to help the bird bander make his contribution to ornithology. Toward this goal I am delighted to announce my brainchild compiled with the help of Bob Sagar, Education Chairperson, and edited by Kathryn Schneider, Publications Chairperson: *An Introduction to Statistics for Bird Banders*. This manual, written by the leaders of workshops held at the Annual Meetings over the past four years, came out at this Annual Meeting. The manual explains how to re-phrase our observations and questions into a form that can be tested and explains with step-by-step directions how to summarize specific kinds of bird banding data and how to present the data for publication. Included are measurement data, weights, counts, scores, skulling data, population size data, survival data and migration data.

All publication sales are handled by Elaine Mease, RD 2, Box 436 A, Hellertown, PA 18055. "Statistics" is \$4.00 postpaid, "An Introduction to Bird Banding Techniques" is \$3.50 ppd, and "BIRD" is being reprinted and will be available soon for \$3.50 ppd. Please remember to remit in US dollars.

Our Historians past and present are making progress toward collecting historical papers, Annual Meeting and Council Minutes and Committee reports for binding and deposit in the Archives of the bird department at the National Museum (Smithsonian). These volumes are to be available for the use during business hours. We also have a file cabinet at Manomet Bird Observatory, Mano-

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