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Eastern Bird Banding Association

Founded 1923

EBBA President's Editorial

NABB back on schedule, EBBA represented and new co-editors. We have come a long way since our crisis. There are many people to thank, you know some of them, but you do not know a group that has done a difficult job excellently. They are the staff at The Eagle Foundation, NABB's coordinators:

Anita Aurand: correspondence and record keeping
Arleeta Bretl: billing, address changes, postage and records.
Sherry Groom: computer work.
Jenean McFadden: layout.

In charge is Terrence Ingram. All of these people assist in the bulk mailing of some 1700 NABBs. They deserve a big thank you from all of us. They certainly get one from me.

The use of a coordinator is new for NABB and I believe that it is a significant advance. It relieves the three Editors of time consuming tasks such as cutting and pasting without any loss of authority. The Editors of EBBA, IBBA and WBBA still make the decisions with the help of the officers and council when needed. The coordinator is not a Chief Editor. I hope that we never have one. Our three organizations cover a vast territory and need their autonomy while still working together for common purposes. It would be difficult if not impossible to have one annual meeting. All of us are volunteers working on our own projects while living great distances apart. Often we never meet face to face. Keeping it all together while moving forward can be quite difficult under ideal conditions. We need your constructive criticism and help.

Now our goal will be to make NABB a better journal, responsive to the needs of all banders. During the remainder of my term I intend to work hard with the NABB Editorial Council to make our journal meet your needs.

Walter P. Protzman

International Banding/Ringing Workshop

During the 19th International Ornithological Congress to be held in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada in 1986, a special event has been arranged for banders/ringers on 26 June. The Ottawa Banding Group and the banding office of the Canadian Wildlife Service have organized a banding field trip for the morning, and Long Point Bird Observatory and the Ontario Bird Banding Association are hosting a workshop in the afternoon. The theme of the workshop will be Maximizing Effectiveness of Banding Studies. Potential topics include cooperative studies among stations, cooperative pooling of data collected, use of banding in inventory studies, band design, pros and cons of more/less general "backyard" banding, preparation of worksheets, use of banding in environmental assessments, computerization of banding data, and similar topics. Banders/ringers who wish to contribute to the workshop are asked to contact Martin K. McNicholl, Long Point Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan, Ontario N0E 1M0 Canada no later than 1 December 1985. Please specify the topic you wish to address and whether you are willing to do so as a presentation and/or as part of a panel discussion. Length of time devoted to each topic and format will be determined in part by the response. If content and interest warrant, a published proceedings may result.