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Western Bird Banding Association

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President's Message

Those of you who were not at Estes Park, Colorado for our 1985 meeting, missed an interesting, informative session in a lovely setting. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the meeting, especially Ron and Audrey Ryder who planned and arranged the event. Look for a more detailed report in the next issue of NABB.

Steve Russell, Ruth Ogden and Dave DeSante are planning our next meeting to be held in southern California in the fall of 1986. Please contact them if you have suggestions or would like to help.

Martha Balph, Shirley Spitler and Mike Rigney retired from the WBBA Board this year. Martha most recently was secretary and head of the Awards Committee and earlier was President of WBBA (1979 to 1981). She continues to contribute by taking over administration of our annual research grant and by editing Significant Recoveries for NABB. Shirley has been Treasurer for a total of 9 years and we really appreciate her careful handling of this time-consuming job for so long.

Most positions on the Board now have new occupants. Bill Quay has taken on the 1st Vice Presidency in addition to his job of Editor and Steve Russell has moved to 2nd Vice President. Ruth Ogden, an active Tucson bander, is our new Secretary and Howard Cogswell is adding the Treasurer's job to his duties as Membership Secretary. Be sure to send address changes to Howard as soon as possible since the Post Office does not forward copies of NABB. Finally we welcome Dave DeSante, Landbird Biologist at Point Reyes Bird Observatory, as a Director.

WBBA always needs volunteers to help and right now one particular need is a new Advertising Manager for NABB. Jolan Truan who has held the job is now fully occupied handling back-issue and publication sales. If you would be willing to bill current advertisers and contact potential new ones, please contact Jolan.

Finally I would like to thank Joan Tweit, my wife, for compiling the 1984 Annual Report and producing the Index to Volumes 1-5 of NABB. Our computer has been busy this year.

Dr. Robert C. Tweit

New Life Member Ronald A. Ryder

Ronald A. Ryder, Professor of Wildlife Biology at Colorado State University, is WBBA's newest Life Member. However, he is not new to bird banding. His first banding was in 1949 and he has had his own permit since 1950.

Following the obtaining of B.S. and M.S. degrees at Colorado A & M College, Ronald served in the U.S. Navy as a Line Officer in active duty, and then went on to complete a Ph.D. at Utah State University. He has been outstandingly productive in teaching and research in wildlife biology. His numerous publications show a concentration of effort concerning waterbirds, but also a striking breadth of interest in diverse avian species and their environments.

Ronald is a member of many professional organizations in ornithology and wildlife biology. He is a Past President of WBBA (1968-70), Fort Collins Bird Club, Fort Collins Chapter of the National Audubon Society, Colorado Field Ornithologists, the Colorado Audubon Council, and is currently President of the Colorado-Wyoming Academy of Sciences. Ronald is an Elective Member of the American Ornithologists' Union and a Life Member of the National Wildlife Federation and the Wilson Ornithological Society.

He is the organizer of WBBA's 1985 Annual Meeting, to be in Estes Park, Colorado, in June. We anticipate with pleasure a most enjoyable and productive meeting, - and getting to know Ron, his colleagues and students, in surroundings of superlative beauty.