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## President's Message

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# *Eastern Regional News*

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***Eastern Bird Banding Association***

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## **President's Message**

I was very disappointed that a representative of the BBL was not able to attend the annual meeting in Tennessee. There is every indication a continued form of sequester could prevent BBL sending a representative to update us next year. Unlike earlier meetings I am no longer in a position to do it myself and would encourage members that can to help donate to a travel fund to cover the expenses so BBL can present at the meeting in 2014. I am concerned about setting a precedent here but, at the same time, am concerned with what may happen to the bird banding program if we do not pay attention to it. For now, you can simply send me an e-mail indicating what you could contribute and we will cover details later.

I have been pleased by the increase in younger members in the rank of EBBA's officers and councilors. It is a pleasure to see new and younger faces around the council meeting table, along with many of the staunch supporters of our organization. It assures the continued existence of EBBA. Our efforts, along with IBBA and WBBA to monitor avian species, gathering information that helps to ensure their continued existence, requires our organizations to be constantly refreshed with new and young blood. If you have not found the time to serve on the council or one of the many committees of EBBA, please consider contributing some time to our valuable organization. If you think you might be willing to serve as an officer, you can start as a councilor and should contact Adrienne Leppold, e-mail her at: (aleppold@gmail.com), chair of the nominating committee. If you believe you could contribute to

one of EBBA's committees, contact Dave Okines (dokines2@aol.com) so he can consider you for an appointment next year. Just in case you feel you do not know enough to commit, you can also e-mail me and I will send you a copy of the CIC (Council Information Center), a CD that contains the principal organization documents and information on council and committee responsibilities and activities.

I look forward to seeing everyone that is able to attend the meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, on 29 March 2014. As far as I know, this will be our first meeting in Canada and it promises to be an interesting one. If you have data to present, please let Dave Okines know.

May your nets be full this fall,

***Ken Heselton***

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## **A Cordial Invitation**

Every member of EBBA should find a copy of the new EBBA brochure tucked inside this issue of *NABB*. It is not a candidate for the recycle bin nor, we hope, the trash can. It is for you to give to another bander, subpermittee, or helper you know that just might be interested in joining EBBA. It is also a cordial invitation, offering the brochure as an act of consideration, so offer an acquaintance an opportunity to join you as a member.

If you require more copies of the brochure go to the EBBA web site at [www.easternbirdbanding.org](http://www.easternbirdbanding.org). We have included a pdf version of the brochure that you can