



*The
President's
Message*

It is a pleasure to acknowledge your support at the annual meeting in electing me president. I hope that as president, with your help, we can further the aims of EBBA. Many opportunities face us (some people call some of these "problems"). They require the support and efforts of more than just a handful

of our membership. At present I am naming committees and committee chairmen. So far the response to these requests has been very heartening. In the next issue, I hope to publish these and from time to time inform you what the objectives of these committees are. For now, I issue an invitation to all members of EBBA to consider what each member feels this association should be doing, or how it should be doing it. I shall welcome suggestions and every committee chairman is open to them too.

One committee which is actively seeking your needs is the net committee. Bob Merritt and Dick Waechter have learned that the manufacturer of our mist nets is agreeable to making nets to our specification. Thus, if EBBA nets have not been to your liking and you can suggest a constructive modification that would make you an EBBA net customer, drop these fellows a line. They would appreciate knowing your feelings.

Those of you who missed the 45th annual meeting at Wheeling, missed a real good one. The accommodations were excellent; the program and local committee did a wonderful job to make the weekend an informative and memorable one. To Al Schnitzer and his committee who worked on selecting the location, Frank McCamey who headed the program committee consisting of Betty Vossler, Ralph Bell and new EBBA-member Chuck Conrad, and the other hard working Brooks Bird Club members, go our thanks for all their work on our behalf. An especial thanks go to Ralph for his fine handling of the program, and to Chuck for his enjoyable wit and most generous gift of EBBA ashtrays to banquet participants.

The papers were of considerable interest and sparked many people's imaginations, I am sure. If some of you are looking for something to do to make your banding more worthwhile, write Chan Robbins and ask for a copy of his "Project Guide". It is 23 pages packed with enough suggestions to keep this entire association busy for quite some time to come.

I take this opportunity to welcome the new officers and councillors. In addition, I want to thank the past officers and councillors for their contribution to EBBA.

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