

NEWS AND NOTES

HAWK MOUNTAIN RESEARCH AWARD

The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association is accepting applications for its twelfth annual award for raptor research. To apply for the \$750 award, a student applicant should submit a brief description of his or her research program (five pages maximum), a *curriculum vitae*, and two letters of recommendation to Dr. Jim Bednarz, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, Rte. 2, Kempton, PA 19529. The deadline for applications is October 15, 1988. The Association's board of directors will make a final decision early in 1989. Only students in degree-granting institutions are eligible to apply; both undergraduate and graduate students may apply. The award will be granted on the basis of a project's potential to improve understanding of raptor biology and its ultimate relevance to the conservation of North American raptor populations.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES BULLETIN—REVIEWS SOLICITED

The Southern California Academy of Sciences Bulletin is a peer reviewed journal specializing in the publication of papers with a regional focus. Research papers in all areas of science are considered. Normally there are no page charges and the current time from submission to publication is 9 months.

Beginning with Volume 88, the Bulletin will include solicited review articles (10–20 manuscript pages) dealing with regional problems of current scientific interest. Selection of reviews will attempt to reflect the range of interests represented by the membership.

Persons interested in writing a review should send an outline of the topic, and names of referees who can comment on the appropriateness of the topic, to the technical editor. Also welcomed are suggestions for topics in need of review. Send topic suggestions and names of potential authors to the technical editor: Dr. Jon E. Keeley, Editor, Department of Biology, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA 90041.

58TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 58th Annual Meeting on 17–22 March 1988 at the Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, California. Walter D. Koenig was chair of the Local Committee on Arrangements, and Michael L. Morrison was chair of the Scientific Program Committee.

The following people are continuing or re-elected officers: Russell P. Balda, President; Jared Verner, President-elect; Michael L. Morrison, Secretary; Martin G. Raphael, Assistant Secretary; James R. Northern, Assistant Treasurer. Martin L. Morton continues as editor of *The Condor*; Joseph R. Jehl, Jr. continues as editor of *Studies in Avian Biology*. Charles T. Collins retired as Treasurer after many years of fine service to

the Society. Robert C. Szaro was elected as Treasurer to replace Collins. Three new members of the board were elected for 3-year terms (1988–1991) by the membership in balloting conducted prior to the meeting: Richard L. Hutto, L. Richard Mewaldt, and Frank A. Pitelka; they replace retiring members Daniel W. Anderson, Robert D. Ohmart, and Charles van Riper III.

There were about 250 meeting attendees. The Scientific Program consisted of two parts: a symposium on "Food Exploitation by Terrestrial Birds," in which 55 papers and posters were presented; and the General Scientific Session, in which 65 papers and posters were given. The following student paper awards were presented: A. Brazier Howell Award to Erick Greene (Univ. of California, Davis); Francis S. Roberts Award to Thomas B. Smith (Univ. of California, Berkeley); and the Board of Directors Awards to Arch McCallum (Univ. of New Mexico) and Pamela L. Williams (Univ. of California, Berkeley).

The Board of Directors conferred Honorary Membership status to Lois Chambers Stone and George A. Bartholomew for outstanding service to ornithology and the COS.

The Annual Business Meeting of the membership was held on 21 March. President Balda outlined the continued growth and healthy status of the Society and its publications. *The Condor* continues to increase its growth in quality and quantity of manuscripts received, while at the same time reducing the turn-around time from receipt of a manuscript to actual publication (now averaging only 12 months). *Studies in Avian Biology* published two issues during 1987. Balda also outlined continuing efforts to increase student participation in the COS. Action taken included elimination of the 4-year limit for Student Member status in the Society. In closing, Balda asked that all members (and non-members) interested in greater involvement in the COS to please contact him.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were approved by the Board of Directors.

CONSERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Whereas biological diversity is indispensable to the natural functioning of ecosystems, provides raw materials, products, and ideas for human civilization, and provides aesthetic pleasure, emotional well-being, and spiritual enlightenment, and

Whereas the Earth's biological diversity is now being reduced at a rate without precedent in human history and this rate is certain to greatly increase over the next several decades, and

Whereas the deterioration of the biological diversity of the planet is a significant concern of scientists and a serious problem for humanity, and

Whereas scientific understanding of the components of biological diversity is inadequate for its conservation and sustainable utilization,

Therefore be it resolved that the Cooper Ornithological Society asks the Congress of the United States to approve legislation that will make the conservation of biological diversity a national goal and a national priority, require biological diversity to be a paramount consideration in Federal land-use planning, and support efforts to understand biological diversity by creation of a National Center for Biological Diversity, a National Scientific Advisory Committee on Biological Diversity, a program in conservation biology at the National Science Foundation, and increased financial support for basic scientific research in organismal biology and ecology.

SUPPORT FOR LATIN AMERICAN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Whereas the Cooper Ornithological Society recognizes the urgent need to encourage all scientific and political developments that lead to effective and responsible policies for conservation of avian habitat in the Neotropics,

Therefore be it resolved that the Cooper Ornithological Society expresses its support to World Wildlife-U.S., the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Organization of American States, the National University of Costa Rica, and the Tropical Agricultural Research and Training Center for their contributions to creation of the first master's degree program for wildlife management in Latin America and the Caribbean.

SUPPORT FOR NEW WORLD BANK POLICY

Whereas responsible development projects must acknowledge and heed environmental concerns,

Therefore be it resolved that the Cooper Ornithological Society strongly supports the World Bank's new wildland policy that incorporates the value of biotic diversity and the importance of wildlands to society.

PROTECTION OF OLD-GROWTH FORESTS

Whereas old-growth forests are unique environments that provide critical habitat for several sensitive bird species including the spotted owl and marbled murrelet as well as many other plant and animal species, and

Whereas old-growth forests in the United States have been drastically reduced and the remaining old-growth is being rapidly removed, primarily by timber harvest,

Therefore be it resolved that the Cooper Ornithological Society urges all public resource agencies to implement old-growth management plans that recognize long-term cumulative effects, that include clearly-stated wildlife and biological diversity objectives, and that use an ecosystem approach.

LOCAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Whereas the Cooper Ornithological Society held its 58th Annual Meeting 17–22 March 1988 at Asilomar, California, at the invitation of the Department of Forestry and Resource Management, the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, the Hastings Reservation of the University of California at Berkeley, and the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, and

Whereas the Local Committee on Arrangements chaired by Dr. Walter D. Koenig provided a stimulating program of events and activities, good food and drink, and arranged for beautiful weather in a gorgeous setting, and

Whereas the Scientific Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Michael L. Morrison, organized an excellent program of technical papers,

Therefore be it resolved that the Cooper Ornithological Society expresses its sincere gratitude to all who gave their time and energy to making this a successful and stimulating meeting.

NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 1989, the members of the Cooper Ornithological Society shall elect to the Board of Directors three people to replace retiring members Lloyd F. Kiff, J. David Ligon, and Glen E. Woolfenden.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Carl E. Bock, Sandra L. Gaunt, and Jared Verner, therefore nominates Carl D. Marti, Mary E. Murphy, and Martin G. Raphael for three-year terms to the Board.

Carl D. Marti is Professor of Zoology at Weber State College, Ogden, Utah. He received his Ph.D. from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, in 1970. He has been a member of the Society since 1968. He has served on the Publications, and Conservation and Resolution committees of the Society. His research interests center on avian ecology, with a particular emphasis on raptor biology.

Mary E. Murphy is Assistant Professor of General Biology and Zoology, Washington State University, Pullman. She received her Ph.D. in 1984 from Washington State University. She has been a member of the Society since 1980. She has presented papers at annual meetings of the Society, as well as reviewing manuscripts for, and publishing in, *The Condor*. Her research interests center on avian ecophysiology, with a particular emphasis on nutrition and molt.

Martin G. Raphael is Project Leader, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, Laramie, Wyoming. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1980. He has been a member of the Society since 1976. He was on the program and local committees for the 1984 annual meeting of the Society, and presently is Chair of its Membership Committee. His major research interests include development and application of community ecology theory and wildlife habitat models, particularly for birds in coniferous forests.