

NOTES AND NEWS

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES AND MARGARET MORSE NICE AWARDS

Fuertes Awards are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contribution to ornithological knowledge. Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the editor of the *Bulletin* for consideration.

Most of the statements applicable to the Fuertes Awards are also applicable to the Nice Award. However, the Nice Award is limited to amateurs, i.e., those whose research is not associated with their livelihood and is not being done in pursuit of an academic degree.

In some years two Fuertes Awards have been made, in some years one. Amounts have been between \$200 and \$100. One Nice Award is made annually, in the amount of \$100.

Completed applications must be received by 15 April 1973. Final decisions will be made by the Council at the annual meeting of the Society, 17-20 May 1973. Interested persons may write to: VAL NOLAN, JR., *Department of Zoology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.*

MIST NETS

The 14 types of NEBBA mist nets described in the July 1972 issue (43: 237-240) are in stock for immediate delivery. The prices shown are still in effect, though it seems likely that a further increase will unfortunately be necessary during 1973 from a further adjustment of the value of the Japanese yen relative to the U. S. dollar. Note that the subscribers' discount on ten 12-meter nets (of any type) equals the annual subscription cost. Clearly any institution ordering ten or more such nets in a year should subscribe, and even those ordering fewer than ten nets will find that the discount reduces the real cost of the subscription to a very modest figure. Supplies continue to be subject to interruption from causes such as strikes, so that placing orders with NEBBA well in advance of actual need continues to be prudent. In practice we ship *almost* all orders immediately. Inquiries or orders should be directed to Mr. E. A. Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford, Connecticut 06117.

MEETINGS

The **Annual Meeting** of NEBBA was held 3-5 November 1972 at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N. H. At the Council Meeting (13 Councillors present) on 3 November, reports from the Treasurer, Secretary, and Editor of *Bird-Banding* were read and approved, along with a report on the mist net account by E. Alexander Bergstrom. Among the matters discussed and approved were the following: a change in published time of publication of *Bird-Banding* from January to Winter, April to Spring, July to Summer, October to Autumn; the appointment of Dr. Bertram G. Murray, Jr. as Review Editor; a gift of \$200 to Manomet Bird Observatory.

Forty members and guests were present at the Business Meeting on 4 November, with President Dr. John H. Kennard presiding. Dr. Charles Huntington read the report of the Nominating Committee on a slate of officers for 1973. The nominations were: President, Dr. John H. Kennard; Vice-president, E. Alexander Bergstrom; Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Downs; Secretary, Ms. Deborah V. Howard; Council, Dr. Ian C. T. Nisbet, Mrs. Cynthia Youngstrom, Brian A. Harrington. The Secretary was instructed to cast one vote for the slate as read, thus ensuring the election of these officers for 1973.

The **Spring Meeting** will be held at Massachusetts Audubon Society's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield on 8-10 June 1973.