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## **NEBBA BECOMES AFO**

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January 1987 brings formal recognition that the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association has changed its name to the Association of Field Ornithologists. This change was approved (with no negatives and only one abstention) at the association's annual business meeting in May 1986 at Broadmoor Sanctuary.

I wish to thank each of you who responded to my editorial (J. Field Ornithol. 56:273). I received over 40 responses, ranging from brief post-cards to fairly lengthy letters. These indicated overwhelming support for the proposed name change, and members of the NEBBA council voted unanimously to recommend the change to the membership.

It is with a strong sense of satisfaction and optimism that I look to the future of AFO. Our journal is taking on a new look as well as a more global perspective reflected in the fact that we have chosen to publish Spanish abstracts of all articles. We are actively seeking to affiliate with the Ornithological Societies of North America (OSNA) and expect that such affiliation will occur in the near future. Our annual meeting, to be hosted by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, will focus on the monitoring of bird populations, a topic of common interest to amateurs and professionals.

I feel particularly privileged to preside over an organization that is experiencing such exciting changes. I hope you will join me in giving your continued support to the Association of Field Ornithologists.—John C. Kricher, President.