

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board met at SDSU in Brookings, South Dakota on February 23. George Jonkel was added to the Board, and terms were set as follows to provide for future regular elections for three year terms: Springer, 1 year, Hunter, 2 years, Jonkel 3 years, Harrell 4 years. The Board felt a need for a more formally organized structure and established four offices and held elections. The officers elected are listed on page 14.

The members discussed and voted for changes in the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation to agree with tax exemption requirements. These were passed and copies have been sent to the appropriate tax office.

It was decided that new projects that are involved with birds obtained by permits through the Foundation for the breeding project should be evaluated; a form for the prospective cooperator to fill out was discussed and has since been prepared. The Board will evaluate any such proposal and when desirable, refer it to one or more Advisory Board members. The original associates in the breeding project had earlier developed a policy that birds obtained through the Foundation not be used for falconry, a policy since confirmed by the Board of Directors. This of course does not mean that birds otherwise obtained and used for falconry be excluded from the project. It is hoped that planning can be adequate so that requests for permits can be reasonable and that obtained birds can be well kept and be fully used by the program.

Other matters discussed included the newsletter and committees. It is hoped that committees can be appointed in the near future to move forward certain special areas of raptor research (summary by B. E. Harrell).

BREEDING PROGRAM INFORMATION EXCHANGE

In the initial organization of the Raptor Research Foundation those involved with the breeding program exchanged information by means of a round-robin method of sending carbon copies of their letters to the other participants. There are now more participants and a number of others who would like to keep up on this information. The Raptor Research News does not take the place of these exchanges for the News is not issued often enough, there is sometimes a delay from the time of preparation until it is in the mail, and the News is probably not the best place for the occasional thoughts that may be stimulating to another cooperator but would ordinarily end up under the editors' red pencils as too long or too hypothetical for many of the readers.

With these thoughts in mind we have set up a system of handling this information. Cooperators in the breeding project will be asked to type up their thoughts and observations on duplicator masters and to mail them to a central source by the first of the