



Inland Regional News

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President's Message

As my tenure as president of IBBA comes to an end many thoughts work their way through my loosely connected gray matter. I would like to take this opportunity to share some of these with you.

My greatest feelings are of gratitude to those of you who have helped make and carry out some very difficult decisions and actions concerning IBBA and NABB. When I was elected president, NABB was 6-7 months behind schedule and IBBA was close to being bankrupt within the year.

The decisions and actions taken were not popular with everyone but then very few ever are. The actions which we took were in the best interests of the associations as well as the future of NABB. I appreciate the presidents of both Eastern and Western, Walter Protzman and Robert Tweit, making the tremendous effort to meet with me several times during the past two years to try to work out the problems which NABB faced.

They both made decisions which were not entirely popular with their respective associations, just as I did with Inland. However, their joint decisions were made with the well being of NABB's future at stake. I appreciate these men being strong enough to stand up to their own convictions and yet willing to compromise when necessary. I just hope that the members of their associations somehow express their appreciation to them for the tremendous effort which they have expended during the past two years to promote bird banding efforts across the continent.

I also need to express my appreciation to the editors of both Inland and Western, Dr. Norman Sloan and Dr. William Quay for their tremendous work which they put forward to bring NABB back on schedule. I want to publicly give all of these people my heart felt thanks for getting NABB on schedule and reducing its cost.

As we approach Inland's annual meeting October 25-27 we have to look beyond and to the persons who will be running the organization. I have appointed Dorothy Flentge to be chairman of the nominating committee, along with committee members Emma Pitcher and Vincent Bauldry. If you have a person in mind whom you feel would make a good officer or board member of Inland please contact them.

Another announcement concerns the IBBA annual meeting in Ypsilanti, Michigan. I will be calling for a board meeting at 3:00 P.M. Friday October 25. I urge anyone interested in the operation of the organization to attend. As far as I am concerned no board meeting should ever be closed to our members. Come and let your voice be heard.

I have just received word from Chandler Robbins. He will be our banquet speaker at the banquet at Ypsilanti.

One last item. The 1986 annual meeting for Inland will be held in Davenport, Iowa on October 3-5. Mark your calendars.

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