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Annual Meetings - 2005 and 2006

Dear WBBA members,

This past September, on the recommendation of WBBA's board, but also with great regret, I cancelled the WBBA annual meeting planned for 30 Sep-2 Oct in Camarillo, CA. The decision was based upon a couple of factors. By mid-September, income from registration fees did not yet cover the fixed costs (e.g. meeting space rental) of holding the meeting. The board plans for each meeting to be self-supporting – as much as possible – and although there might have been last minute registrations, we were unwilling to risk the potential financial loss. Also, the caterer had financial concerns and would not prepare meals for what seemed likely to be a small group of people. I apologize for any inconvenience this decision may have caused. Jan, Walt, and their volunteers worked hard to plan the meeting. Their efforts are very much appreciated.

Please plan to join us at the 2006 annual meeting. Meetings are an important way for all of us to stay connected with other banders, share new information and techniques, as well as share data and results through presentations.

The 2006 annual meeting will be 14–17 Sep at the Rio Grande Nature Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. These dates correspond to fall migration in the Rio Grande Valley, so we should have some excellent banding opportunities. As more detailed information becomes available, it will be posted on the WBBA web-page.

Hope to see you at the 2006 meeting!

Gary Blevins
President, WBBA