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President's Notes

You remember how excited I was about the IBBA Board having its first electronic Board meeting. Well, things are getting done but we are still in the meeting. It moves much slower than I thought it might. Hopefully we will adjourn by the time I write my next note or, at least, by next year's meeting in Saskatchewan.

One of the things we did get done was to approve three grant proposals. Two of these were for the Paul Stewart Research Grant and one for the IBBA Research Grant. Some years we do not get proposals and other years we get several. So, in years where we may get several proposals, the committee may grant more than one to make up for years where none were granted. The 2013 IBBA Grant Committee was chaired by Second Vice-President Linda Tossing from St. Louis, MO. Other committee members were First Vice-President Dr. David Cimprich and myself. Linda did an outstanding job making this a very professional process and Dave came up with an excellent worksheet for future committee members to use.

This year's Paul Stewart Research Grants go to Kevin J. Oxenrider (The Ohio State University) and Dr. Jacqueline K. Augustine (The Ohio State University – Lima) for their proposal: *Habitat use and nesting success of Lesser and Greater Prairie-Chickens in an area of range overlap*, and to Kristen Covino and Dr. Frank R. Moore (University of Southern Mississippi, Department of

Biological Sciences) for their proposal: *Is testosterone production modulated in song-birds throughout spring migration?*

This year's IBBA Research Grant was awarded to Erika Dittmar (University of Illinois, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences) and Graham Fairhurst (University of Saskatchewan, Department of Biology) for their proposal: *Do cortocosterone levels effect habitat selection by juvenile Black-capped Vireos during the postbreeding season?*

I look forward to seeing the results of each of these research projects. Hope everyone had a productive fall banding and Happy Holidays!

Tom Bartlett
IBBA President

Sixty Years Banding at Chippewa Falls, WI

I have been banding in Chippewa Falls, WI, since 1953. My main long-term focus has been on passerine species with few exceptions looking at what species are encountered, which species have been most commonly encountered, their numbers, their phenology, returns and the rare foreign recoveries.