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VACANCY: EDITOR POSITION FOR *WATERBIRDS*

Waterbirds, the International Journal of the Waterbird Society, is seeking a new Editor to begin in 2019 when the term of the current Editor has ended. The term of the initial appointment is for 3 years and includes an annual honorarium. The new Editor will be selected at the International Ornithological Congress in August 2018, and will begin receiving manuscripts in October 2018 during a 3-month transition period when both Editors will work together. Funds are available to employ a part-time Editorial Assistant and pay expenses involved with processing papers.

Waterbirds publishes four issues per year containing approximately 55 papers from some 115 submissions plus special publications, such as proceedings of symposia.

The Editor of *Waterbirds* is responsible for professional services in editing and publication of the Society's journal, as well as the special publications in cooperation with guest editors. Duties of the Editor include:

- Determining the scope and direction of the scientific content of the journal;
- Overseeing manuscripts from submission through publication;
- Making final determinations of acceptance or rejection of each manuscript submitted;
- Selecting of and supervision of an Editorial Assistant;
- Directing interactions with the publisher (E. O. Painter Printing Company, Inc., Florida, USA); and
- Continuing to increase the quality and reputation of the journal, as measured by submission numbers, geographic diversity, impact factor, and paper quality.

The Editor serves as a member of the Waterbird Society Council and is responsible for presenting annual reports to the Society's Officers and Council at the Society's annual meeting. All Associate Editors are appointed by the Editor, who also determines their duties.

The successful applicant will be an accomplished professional scientist with not only extensive experience with waterbirds and scientific publication, but also a broad interest and appreciation of biology. Excellent communication skills and a willingness to learn new fields are essential.

The new Editor will be selected by an Editorial Search Committee (Brian Palestis, Chair, Jim Fraser, Peter Frederick, Juliet Lamb, Erica Nol, Chris Somers) and approved by the Waterbird Society Council. The Search Committee will accept both direct applications and nominations for the position. Inquiries and formal applications, consisting of a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and a sample of scientific publications, should be sent (preferably via E-mail) to:

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The closing date for receipt of applications is March 31, 2018.