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REPORT OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 75th annual meeting at Humboldt State University, Arcata, California, 14–19 June 2005. T. Luke George chaired the Local Committee and Matthew D. Johnson chaired the Scientific Program Committee. There were 242 registrants, including 76 students. The program included 15 posters and 100 papers, 11 of which were in the symposium “Beyond Mayfield: measurements of nest survival data” organized by Stephanie Jones and Geoff Geupel, and 14 in the symposium “Choices and consequences of habitat selection” organized by William Kristan, Matthew Johnson, and John Rotenberry. Three plenary lectures were included in the program: Ian Newton spoke on “Population limitation in birds: a review of the experimental evidence,” Rocky Gutiérrez lectured on “Spotted Owls: a quarter century of contributions to ornithology, ecology, and wildlife management,” and John Goss-Custard gave a plenary lecture on “Individual-based models and the management of wading bird and wildfowl populations.” The inaugural Katma Lecture, given by David B. Lank, was entitled “Too many Peregrines cause problems: neglected influence of danger management on life history of their prey.” The Katma Lecture was preceded by a presentation about the new Katma Award, which will be given to the author(s) of an outstanding paper published in *The Condor* or *Studies in Avian Biology* that offers unconventional ideas or innovative approaches, backed by a well-reasoned argument. The Katma Award has not yet been given.

The Society’s award for lifetime achievement in ornithological research, the Loye and Alden Miller Award, was presented to John A. Wiens. See the full citation in the Award Announcements. John Rotenberry, the President of the Cooper Ornithological Society, read the full citation, and Dr. Wiens graciously accepted the award at the meeting.

The Painton Award, given for the best paper in *The Condor* during the past 4 years, was presented to Sher L. Hendrickson for her 2003 paper “Low genetic variability in the geographically widespread Andean Condor,” *Condor* 105:1–12. Hendrickson’s coauthors were Robert Bleiweiss, Juan Carlos Matheus, Lilly Silva de Matheus, Norberto Luis Jácome, and Eduardo Pavez.

Barbara E. Kus and Martin G. Raphael were recognized with Honorary Membership to the Cooper Ornithological Society for their service to the society. Dr. Kus served (and is currently serving) on the Board of Directors. She has been Book Review Editor for *The Condor*, served on and chaired the Student Paper Award Committee many times, cochaired the Local Committee for the 1996 meeting, was a committee member for the centennial meeting, and has served on various other committees. Dr. Raphael served on the Local Committee for the 1984 meeting, was chair of

the Membership Committee for six years, was Assistant Secretary for eight years, and chaired the Scientific Program Committee for the 1987 meeting. Dr. Raphael served two terms on the Board of Directors, and has chaired the Painton Award Committee and the Nominating for Directors Committee.

Mewaldt-King Student Research Awards were presented to Lori Hargrove, University of California-Riverside, for “Avian demographics at a chaparral-desert scrub ecotone undergoing rapid climate change”; Nathan Gregory, Princeton University, for “The role of anthropogenic fire and livestock grazing in sustaining avian diversity in east African savannas”; and Jherime L. Kellermann, Humboldt State University, for “Resident and migratory Neotropical bird abundance, distribution, and predation of an economic insect pest on Jamaican coffee farms.”

Grinnell Student Research Awards were presented to Daniel A. Levitis, University of California-Berkeley, for “Chemical defense in birds: linking diet, toxicity, and defense”; and Frank Rheindt, University of Melbourne, for “Systematics and character evolution in the *Elaenia albiceps* complex.”

The Cooper Ornithological Society presents four awards for outstanding student papers: the A. Brazier Howell Award, the Frances F. Roberts Award, and two Board of Directors awards. Kristina Ecton, Northern Arizona University, was awarded the A. Brazier Howell award for her paper (with coauthors Charles Van Riper III and Tad C. Theimer) “Spatial and temporal migration patterns of Wilson’s Warbler in the southwest revealed by stable isotopes.” Jennifer D. White, University of Missouri-Columbia, was awarded the Frances F. Roberts award for her paper (with coauthors Thomas Gardali, Frank R. Thompson III, and John Faaborg) “Factors affecting nest and postfledging survival in a Swainson’s thrush population.” Board of Directors Student Paper Awards were presented to John Withey, University of Washington (and coauthor John Marzluff) “Modeling dispersal behavior and urban population growth of American Crows in the Seattle area,” and Stacey Small, University of Missouri-Columbia (with coauthors Frank R. Thompson III, David Falat, Geoffrey R. Geupel, and John R. Faaborg) “Nest predation risk factors for the Spotted Towhee in a riparian restoration context.”

Through the annual balloting by all members of the Society, Fritz Knopf, Barbara Kus, and Mercedes Foster were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors.

In the Board of Directors’ meetings, the following were elected to, or to continue in, office: John T. Rotenberry, President; Tom E. Martin, President-elect; Eileen M. Kirsch, Secretary; Carol Beardmore, Assistant Secretary; Kimberly A. Sullivan, Treasurer; Thomas Edwards, Assistant Treasurer; David S. Dobkin, Editor of *The Condor*; and Carl D. Marti, Editor of *Studies*

in *Avian Biology*. Bonnie Bowen became Past-president.

The next annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will be held in conjunction with the 4th North American Ornithological Conference, 3–7 October 2006, in Veracruz City, Mexico. Charles M. Francis and Jose Luis Alcantara cochair the Steering Committee. John Faaborg and J. Francisco Ornelas cochair the Scientific Program Committee, and Ernesto Ruelas Inzunza and Juan E. Martinez Gomez cochair the Local Committee.

In the general business meeting, we discussed financial and membership issues facing the society and other North American ornithological societies. Good ideas were brought up by the membership. The Officers and Directors seek further input as we plan for the future of the Cooper Ornithological Society. Contact President John T. Rotenberry if you have ideas or would like to be involved in strategic planning for improving and expanding the Society.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

2005 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Pat Heglund (chair), Margaret Petersen, and assistance from Eileen Kirsch.

The following five people (in alphabetical order) have agreed to be nominated for the Cooper Ornithological Society (COS) Board of Directors, to serve from 2006–2009.

Alexander Badyaev is an Assistant Professor and Faculty Curator of Birds in the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. He received his Bachelor's and first Master's from the Moscow State University, his second Master's from the University of Arkansas, and his Ph.D. from the University of Montana (1999). Dr. Badyaev's research is at the interface of evolution, behavior, and development, with specific focus on sexually-selected traits and behaviors in natural populations of birds. His recent projects draw on avian natural history and utilize an array of behavioral, developmental, and genetic approaches to study evolution of modularity and integration, maternal effects, and context-dependent mate choice and behavioral strategies. Dr. Badyaev has published more than 70 scientific articles, in *American Naturalist*, *Evolution*, *Ecology*, *Science*, *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*, *Annual Review of Ecology and Systematics*, and *The Auk*, amongst others. He has also written 11 book chapters, and is an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*. Dr. Badyaev has been a member of the Cooper Society since 1993, and an Elective Member of the American Ornithologists' Union since 2002. He is the recipient of the John Maynard Smith Prize (2001) awarded by the European Society for Evolutionary Biology and the Dobzhansky Prize (2001) awarded by the International Society for the Study of Evolution. He regularly attends national and international ornithological meetings, gives numerous public talks, and is a contributing author for several bird field guides and popular books, such as *Encyclopedia of Birds*, *The Sibley Guide to Bird Life & Behavior*, and *Birds of North America* (three ac-

counts). Dr. Badyaev serves on the AOU Student Research Award Committee and currently supervises the work of two postdoctoral fellows and several graduate students.

Katie M. Dugger has held research positions at the Archbold Research Station in Lake Placid, Florida; Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois; and most recently at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, where she is currently an Assistant Research Professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. She received her Bachelor's in Fisheries and Wildlife from the University of California-Davis, and her Master's and Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Missouri-Columbia (1997). Dr. Dugger is a population ecologist whose research interests include the conservation and management of bird populations. She is particularly interested in the estimation and modeling of survival rates and reproductive success as important elements in the conservation and management of species and their ecosystems. Dr. Dugger also investigates the specific biotic and abiotic factors related to survival, reproduction, and foraging ecology, with emphasis on the effects of climate and habitat characteristics. She has worked on a variety of species including Least Terns, Hooded Mergansers, and Adélie Penguins in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and the Antarctic. Dr. Dugger's research publications include articles in *The Condor* (one of which is in this issue), *Studies in Avian Biology*, *Bird Populations*, and *The Wilson Bulletin*. She has served on numerous graduate student committees, both at Southern Illinois University and at Oregon State University. Dr. Dugger has been a member of the Cooper Society since 1992, and served from 1998–2002 on the Mewaldt-King Student Research Award committee.

Larkin A. Powell is an Associate Professor of Conservation Biology and Animal Ecology in the School of Natural Resources at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He holds a B.S. from Graceland University, M.Sc. from Iowa State University, and Ph.D. from the University of Georgia (1998). Dr. Powell is a population ecologist whose research interests include the conservation and management of grassland and wetland bird populations. Through his research he attempts to explain how management of landscapes affects bird populations and how we might improve population trends through management. His interests include estimating demographic parameters to monitor population viability, using Geographical Information Systems to look at the effects of landscape on dispersal in wildlife populations, and using stable isotopes to answer source-sink questions for songbirds. He is also interested in animal behavior, specifically how behaviors such as dispersal and mate choice have evolved. Dr. Powell has published numerous articles in journals including *The Condor*, *Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Behavioral Ecology*, and *The Auk*. Dr. Powell teaches courses in fisheries and wildlife management and ecology at the University of Nebraska, and is the recipient of the Hollings teaching award for 2004 from the University of Nebraska. He also received the Stoddard-Burleigh-Sutton award for excellence in ornithology

from the University of Georgia-Athens. He is co-chair of the Science Advisory Workgroup, Nebraska Partnership for All-Bird Conservation.

Marilyn Ramenofsky has held positions as a research associate at the Rockefeller Field Research Station and as visiting assistant professor at Vassar College in New York, but has spent most of her career as a research scientist and lecturer in the Departments of Biology and Zoology at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA, where she is currently a Lecturer in the Department of Biology. She holds a B.A. in Botany-Biology from Pomona College, M.Sc. in Zoology from the University of Texas, and Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Washington (1982). Dr. Ramenofsky's longstanding passion has been at the intersection of the environment, physiology, and behavior. Her early forays into avian studies focused on endocrinology of aggression in the reproductive context, culminating in the "Challenge Hypothesis" in association with John Wingfield and colleagues. This expanded into social dominance and overwinter survival of passerines that led to her interest and training in metabolism in relation to migration. This is an area to which Dr. Ramenofsky and her students have remained faithful, and identifies endocrine and metabolic components of preparation for and repercussions of migration (flight) in captive and free living birds. She has numerous publications including articles in *Animal Behavior*, *Behaviour*, *General and Comparative Endocrinology*, *Ornis Scandinavica*, *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology*, *The Auk*, *American Journal of Physiology*, *Limosa*, *The Condor*, and *Journal of Avian Biology*, amongst others. She has participated in three International Ornithological Congresses (1990, 1994, 1998), three in-

ternational symposia on bird migration (1998, 2001, 2005), served on an AOU Travel Awards Committee (IOC 1998), and was elected to the International Committee Ornithologist Union in 1998. Dr. Ramenofsky has developed courses in comparative vertebrate reproduction and animal (bird) migration, served on five Ph.D. and four M.Sc. committees, and directed 30 undergraduates in ornithological research.

Frank F. Rivera-Milan received his Bachelor's from Sacred Heart University at Puerto Rico, his Master's from Southern Illinois University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland (1990). From 1986 to 1993, Dr. Rivera was a biologist at Puerto Rico's Department of Natural and Environmental Resources. Currently, he is a biologist at the Division of International Conservation, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington, Virginia. In his current position, he is involved in research, management, monitoring, undergraduate and graduate level education, academic and professional capacity building, and coordination of wildlife projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. Dr. Rivera's interests include ecology, modeling, and the application of methods in ecology and statistics to the conservation and management of bird populations. He has been studying birds since 1986 and has over 20 peer-refereed publications. During 20 years of professional activities, he has participated in many national and international ornithological meetings and has collaborated with numerous colleagues and students to promote the study and conservation of birds. Dr. Rivera has been a member of the Cooper Society since 1990, and would be honored to serve as a member of the Board of Directors and help advance the objectives of the Society.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

Changes to the bylaws are needed to allow electronic balloting, add the Grinnell and Katma awards, clarify the process for electing officers, redefine a quorum, and to clarify or align wording with actual practice. Revisions are shown in the right-hand column, alongside the current version (in the left-hand column) for comparison. Deleted sections are underlined in the left-hand column and new wording is **in bold** in the right-hand column. Some subsections are renumbered to be internally consistent. In January 2006, you will receive a ballot from secretary Eileen Kirsch, which will enable you to vote your approval or disapproval of these changes as a package. Members of the Bylaws Committee for 2004–2005 were CJ Ralph, Margaret Peterson, and Kathryn Purcell, chair. COS Past President Bonnie Bowen, President John Rotenberry, and the Board of Directors also provided input.—JOHN ROTENBERRY, President.

BYLAWS OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESENT WORDING:

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(2) *Nominations.* At the regular Board meeting, a Nominating Committee for Directors, selected by the President, shall be approved by the Board. Candidates may also be nominated by a petition, signed by no fewer than 20 members in good standing and received by the Secretary not later than 150 days prior to the Annual Meeting, and will also be listed on the ballot.

REVISED WORDING:

This section is to be deleted as it is redundant with IV (5) Standing Committees (k) Nominating for Directors.

PRESENT WORDING:

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(3) *Election.* Directors, other than those elected by the Board to fill interim vacancies, shall be elected by a mail ballot sent to all eligible Society members. The Secretary shall mail ballots to the members at least 120 days prior to the start of the Regular Business Meeting at which the Directors are to be elected. Members may vote for no more candidates than the number of vacancies to be filled, and any ballot showing votes for more candidates shall not be counted. To be valid, a ballot must be returned to the Secretary, signed and dated by the member casting it, and received by the Secretary not later than 90 days prior to the start of the Regular Business Meeting. The number of persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be deemed elected. The successful candidates are to be immediately notified by the Secretary and invited to the next regular Board meeting, where they will be eligible to vote in the election of new officers.

PRESENT WORDING:

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(5) *Powers.* The Board shall have the power and authority to:

PRESENT WORDING:

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(6) *Meetings.*

PRESENT WORDING:

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(7) *Quorum.* A majority of the authorized number of Directors constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at any Board meeting.

PRESENT WORDING:

III. OFFICERS

(3) *Election.* (a) Officers shall be elected by the Board during the regular Board meeting. The person receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be elected.

(b) If the President's term does not expire at said meeting, the President shall announce the dissolution of the old Board and the seating of the new Board, including the newly elected Directors. The President will conduct elections of the chief Editors (if necessary), and the remaining Officers, except a President-elect. If the President's term expires at said meeting, the President shall announce the dissolution of the old Board and the seating of the new Board, including the newly elected Directors, and call for confirmation of the President-elect as President. If the President-elect is not confirmed, or is unwilling to serve as President, the Board will nominate a slate of candidates and elect a President, as specified in Section III(3) (a). The President will conduct elections of the chief Editors (if necessary) and the remaining officers, including a President-elect.

REVISED WORDING:

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(3) *Election.* Directors, other than those elected by the Board to fill interim vacancies, shall be elected by a mail ballot sent to all eligible Society members **or electronic means as determined by the Board.** The Secretary shall mail **hard copy** ballots **or instructions for electronic voting** to the members at least 120 days prior to the start of the Regular Business Meeting at which the Directors are to be elected. Members may vote for no more candidates than the number of vacancies to be filled, and any ballot showing votes for more candidates shall not be counted. **Membership shall be verified.** To be valid, a ballot must be received by the Secretary not later than 90 days prior to the start of the Regular Business Meeting. The number of persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be deemed elected. The successful candidates are to be immediately notified and invited to the next regular Board meeting, where they will be eligible to vote in the election of new officers.

REVISED WORDING:

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(5) *Powers.* The Board shall have the power and authority **under the direction of the membership** to:

REVISED WORDING:

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(6) *Meetings of the Board.*

REVISED WORDING:

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(7) *Quorum.* A majority of the **currently serving** Directors constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at any Board meeting.

REVISED WORDING:

III. OFFICERS

(3) *Election.* (a) Officers shall be elected by the Board during the regular Board meeting. **The president may appoint ad hoc committees to find willing candidates for any or all of these positions.** The person receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be elected.

(b) If the President's term does not expire at said meeting, the President shall announce the dissolution of the old Board and the seating of the new Board, including the newly elected Directors. The President will conduct elections of the chief Editors (if necessary), and the remaining Officers, except a President-elect. If the President's term expires at said meeting, the President shall announce the dissolution of the old Board and the seating of the new Board, including the newly elected Directors, and call for confirmation of the President-elect as President. If the President-elect is not confirmed, or is unwilling to serve as President, the Board will nominate a slate of candidates and elect a President, as specified in Section III(3) (a). The **newly-elected** President will conduct elections of the chief Editors (if necessary) and the remaining officers.

PRESENT WORDING:

III. OFFICERS

(5) *Powers and duties.* (a) *President.* The President shall be the chief executive of the Society and the President of the Board. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, except as noted above, and of the Society, direct and administer all affairs of the Society, subject to the direction of the Board, and perform such other duties as specified by the Board or these Bylaws. The most recent Past-President, if not at that time a Director, shall remain as a non-voting, ex officio member of the Board throughout the term of the succeeding President. The President shall be responsible for soliciting invitations for future Annual Meetings.

PRESENT WORDING:

III. OFFICERS

(5) *Powers and duties.* (e) *Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall safely keep all moneys belonging to the Society and disburse the same by checks countersigned by such other Officers as shall be designated by the Board. If the Treasurer is unable to serve, such checks shall be signed by the Officer designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall receive, or cause to receive, donations, all dues from members, subscriptions to Society publications, and payments for properties of the Society as may be authorized for sale by the Board, issue receipts for same when requested, and discharge such other duties as normally pertain to this office or as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws.

PRESENT WORDING:

IV. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

(4) *Appointment and term of office.* The chairpersons of all committees shall be appointed by the President or other officer so designated by the President. Any member of a committee may be removed by the Board whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Society would be served. Except as otherwise restricted in these Bylaws, the following obtain: the chairperson of each committee may be chosen from the membership at-large and shall appoint the other regular, as well as ex officio, members of that committee; each committee member shall serve from the time of appointment until the end of the ensuing regular Board meeting or until a successor is appointed, and may serve any number of consecutive terms.

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(5) *Powers and duties.* (a) *President.* The President shall be the chief executive of the Society and the President of the Board. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, except as noted above, and of the Society, direct and administer all affairs of the Society, subject to the direction of the Board, and perform such other duties as specified by the Board or these Bylaws. The most recent Past-President, if not at that time a Director, shall remain as a non-voting, ex officio member of the Board throughout the term of the succeeding President. The President shall be responsible for soliciting invitations for future Annual Meetings. **The President shall have the authority to appoint COS representatives subject to approval by a simple majority of the Board to organizations that share the goals of the COS to enhance the science and practice of ornithology and the conservation of birds. The Board shall approve the participation of the COS in such partner organizations.**

REVISED WORDING:

III. OFFICERS

(5) *Powers and duties.* (e) *Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall safely keep all moneys belonging to the Society, disburse the same by checks countersigned by such other Officers as shall be designated by the Board, **and draft the annual budget.** If the Treasurer is unable to serve, such checks shall be signed by the Officer designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall receive, or cause to receive, donations, all dues from members, subscriptions to Society publications, and payments for properties of the Society as may be authorized for sale by the Board, issue receipts for same when requested, and discharge such other duties as normally pertain to this office or as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws.

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PRESENT WORDING:

IV. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

(5) *Standing committees.* (b) *Conservation Resolutions.* This committee shall assist and inform the Board in matters of conservation, draft resolutions concerning the Annual Meeting and conservation, and disseminate of approved resolutions to the appropriate parties. Resolutions shall be approved by either the Board or the Society membership.

PRESENT WORDING:

IV. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

(5) *Standing committees.* (c) *Finance.* This committee shall handle investments, have drafted and supervise the annual operating budget, advise on and manage programs to procure funds, and supervise the other financial matters of the Society and the Treasurer's Office, all subject to approval by the Board. The Treasurer shall not be the chairperson of this committee or its subcommittees. The Finance committee shall have seven regular members, including the Treasurer, at least two concerned with investment, and at least two with fund-raising. Except for the Treasurer, the members will be divided into three classes, serving staggered three-year terms. Members, except the Treasurer, shall serve no more than six years consecutively but may be reappointed after a one-year absence. The Treasurer shall continue to serve on the Finance Committee as long as the office of Treasurer is held.

PRESENT WORDING:

IV. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

(5) *Standing committees.* (e) *Membership.* This committee shall solicit new Society members, maintain records of chapters, and advise the Board on classes of membership and on other pertinent matters.

PRESENT WORDING:

IV. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

(5) *Standing committees.* (k) *Nominating for Directors.* This committee shall nominate individuals to fill normal vacancies on the Board. The President shall select all members of this committee with the approval of the Board at the first session of the regular Board meeting. The chairperson shall be a Director. No person shall serve consecutive terms. The President may not be a regular or ex officio member. This committee shall have three regular members.

REVISED WORDING:

IV. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

(5) *Standing committees.* (b) *Conservation Committee.* This committee shall assist and inform the Board in matters of conservation **of birds and their habitats.** **Duties can include the drafting of resolutions concerning conservation, the dissemination of approved resolutions to the appropriate parties, and other duties as directed by the President.** Resolutions shall be approved by either the Board or **by a simple majority of members attending the annual business meeting.**

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PRESENT WORDING:

IV. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

(5) *Standing committees.* (g) *Harry R. Painton Award.* This committee shall recommend to the Board for its approval, the recipient of the Harry R. Painton Award. This award is a cash prize of at least \$500 and is given only in odd-numbered years to the author of an outstanding paper published in the four preceding years in *The Condor*. At the discretion of the committee, but with the approval of the Board, no award need be given. Funds for the award come from a legacy of Mr. Painton. By vote of the Board, Society funds may be used to increase the amount of this award. Committee members shall serve two-year terms beginning in odd-numbered years, and shall not serve consecutive terms. This committee shall have three regular members.

(l) *Paper awards.* This committee shall evaluate the eligible papers presented during the Annual Meeting and select the recipients of the following awards. By vote the Board, Society funds may be used to increase the amount of each award and establish the amount of the Board of Directors awards. For each award, a candidate must be an amateur, a student, or must have received his/her degree since the last Annual Meeting, and must be the sole author or the senior author of a co-authored paper.

The *A. Brazier Howell Award*, an annual cash prize of \$150 from funds donated by Mr. Howell, shall be given for the best paper presented at the Annual Meeting. The recipient must be a member of the Society.

The *Frances F. Roberts Award*, an annual cash prize of \$100 from funds donated by Mrs. Roberts, shall be given for an outstanding paper presented at the Annual Meeting by a person who does not win the *A. Brazier Howell Award*.

Two *Board of Directors Student Paper Awards*, each consisting of a cash prize determined by the Board, shall be given annually by the Board to those persons who present worthy papers or posters at the Annual Meeting and who do not win either the *A. Brazier Howell* or *Francis F. Roberts awards*.

(m) *Mewaldt-King Student Research Award.* This committee will award a cash prize to a student in support of research that relates to the conservation of birds; research may be in any area of ornithology.

(n) *Miller Award.* This committee shall recommend to the Board for its approval, the recipient of the Miller Award. This award, which honors Loye H. and Alden H. Miller, is a silver medallion and is given yearly at the annual meeting of the Society to an ornithologist who has an extensive record of original research in any field of ornithology and has made significant advancements in our understanding of the biology of birds. At the discretion of the committee, but with the approval of the Board, no award need be given. The President shall appoint five regular members, who shall serve two years. The President shall designate the chair of the committee.

REVISED WORDING:

IV. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

(5) *Standing committees.* (k) *Awards Committees.* **The Board shall determine the amount of each award. At the discretion of the committee, but with the approval of the Board, no award need be given.**

(aa) *Harry R. Painton Award.* This committee shall recommend to the Board for its approval, the recipient of the Harry R. Painton Award. This award is a cash prize and is given only in odd-numbered years to the author of an outstanding paper published in the four preceding years in *The Condor*. Funds for the award come from a legacy of Mr. Painton. Committee members shall not serve consecutive terms. This committee shall have three regular members.

(bb) *Paper awards.* This committee shall evaluate the eligible papers presented during the Annual Meeting and select the recipients of the following awards. For each award, a candidate must be an amateur, a student, or must have received his/her degree since the last Annual Meeting, and must be the sole author or the senior author of a co-authored paper. **This committee shall have at least three regular members.**

The *A. Brazier Howell Award*, an annual cash prize from funds donated by Mr. Howell, shall be given for the best paper presented at the Annual Meeting. The recipient must be a member of the Society.

The *Frances F. Roberts Award*, an annual cash prize from funds donated by Mrs. Roberts, shall be given for an outstanding paper presented at the Annual Meeting by a person who does not win the *A. Brazier Howell Award*.

Two *Board of Directors Student Paper Awards*, each consisting of a cash prize, shall be given annually by the Board to those persons who present worthy papers or posters at the Annual Meeting and who do not win either the *A. Brazier Howell* or *Francis F. Roberts awards*.

(cc) *Mewaldt-King Student Research Award.* This committee **shall recommend to the Board for its approval, the recipient of the Mewaldt-King Student Research Award.** This award is a cash prize given to a student in support of research that relates to the conservation of birds; research may be in any area of ornithology. **This committee shall have at least three regular members.**

(dd) *Miller Award.* This committee shall recommend to the Board for its approval, the recipient of the Miller Award. This award, which honors Loye H. and Alden H. Miller, is a silver medallion and is given yearly at the annual meeting of the Society to an ornithologist who has an extensive record of original research in any field of ornithology and has made significant advancements in our understanding of the biology of birds. The President shall appoint five regular members **and** shall designate the chair of the committee.

(ee) *Grinnell Award.* **This committee shall recommend to the Board for its approval the recipients of one or more Grinnell Awards. These awards are given in memory of Joseph Grinnell to a student to support basic research in avian biology. The President shall designate the chair of the committee. This committee shall have at least three regular members.**

(ff) *Katma Award*. This award, proposed and sponsored by Dr. Robert W. Storer, will be given to the author(s) of an outstanding paper published in *The Condor*, *Studies in Avian Biology*, or other publication of the Society that offers unconventional ideas or innovative approaches, backed by a well-reasoned argument. A three-person Selection Committee, appointed by the President of the Society, will annually review all papers published by the Society in the previous calendar year and will recommend to the Board for its approval the recipient(s) of this award. The Katma Award will be given only when merited, no more than once a year. The award will be a cash prize plus a certificate commemorating the award and will be given at the Annual Meeting.

PRESENT WORDING:

V. PUBLICATIONS AND EDITORS

(1) *Publications*. The official organ of the Society shall be the journal called "The Condor." Proceedings of each meeting of the Society members, including the Annual Meeting, shall be reported in *The Condor*. The Society shall also publish a series known as "Studies in Avian Biology" to contain papers issued at irregular intervals as manuscripts and finances permit. Names of all officers, board members, and chairs and members of standing and ad hoc committees shall be published annually in *The Condor*.

PRESENT WORDING:

VI. SOCIETY MEETINGS

(5) *Quorum*. Twenty percent of the voting power, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at any Regular or Special Business Meeting. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of the majority of the voting power represented at the meeting, entitled to vote, and voting on any matter shall be the act of the members, unless the vote of a greater number is required by law, by the Articles, or by these Bylaws, except as provided in the following sentence. The members present at a duly called or held Business Meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, if any action taken (other than adjournment) is approved by at least a majority of the members required to constitute a quorum.

(6) *Adjourned Business Meetings and notice thereof*. Any Business Meeting, whether or not a quorum is present, may be adjourned from time to time by the vote of a majority of the votes represented either in person or by proxy, but in the absence of a quorum (except as provided in VI (5) of these Bylaws) no other business may be transacted at such meeting. It shall not be necessary to give any notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting other than by announcement at the meeting at which adjournment occurs, provided, however, that when any Business Meeting is adjourned for more than 20 days, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of a meeting as originally called.

REVISED WORDING:

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REVISED WORDING:

This section is to be deleted.

PRESENT WORDING:

VII. AMENDMENTS

Bylaws may be adopted, repealed, amended, or revised by vote of the majority of those voting by mail ballot who are entitled to vote or by the vote of a quorum at a Business Meeting of Society members duly called for the purpose. Proposed changes in the bylaws should be approved by the Board, and the membership should be notified of proposed changes before voting.

REVISED WORDING:

VII. AMENDMENTS

Bylaws may be adopted, repealed, amended, or revised by vote of the majority of those voting by mail ballot **or by electronic means** who are entitled to vote or by the vote of a quorum at a Business Meeting of Society members duly called for the purpose **where twenty percent of the voting power, represented in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum**. Proposed changes in the bylaws **shall** be **reviewed** by the Board, and the membership **shall** be notified of proposed changes before voting.