



# Eastern Regional News

**Eastern Bird Banding Association**

**Founded 1923**

## EBBA Annual Meeting March 2022

EBBA held its annual meeting virtually on March 15. President Andy Thiede gave a review of the past years' accomplishments and initiatives along with other updates for the membership. Here are some highlights of the membership meeting:

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Lisa Kiziuk, reported that EBBA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting will be held on March 24-26, 2023 at the Rushton Conservation Center in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Treasurer Don Mease outlined EBBA's various assets and stated the organization to be financially sound. Jerry Lahr performs an annual audit. His last audit in July 2021 found the accounting records to be in good order, with no areas of concern.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP Ariane Guidicelli presented a draft 2022-2023 budget, predicting a surplus of \$3,300 at year-end. The budget was voted in and accepted. Editor Bob Pantle noted that the North American Bird Bander journal was only published twice in the previous year due to lack of content. NABB is a joint effort with the Inland and Western Bird Banding Associations. Challenges include the cost of publishing and mailing the journal as well as ensuring that the organizations regularly receive manuscripts and other relevant content.

Membership Chair Elaine Mease reported that as of February 2022, EBBA has 275 members, and 22 new members joined this year.

Memorial Grants Chair Andrea Patterson announced two recipients with \$1,000 each: Jackson Hutchison for Post-fledgling Habitat Use,

Movements and Survival of Juvenal Black-Throated Blue Warblers in High-and-Low Risk Habitats, and Garrett Rhyne for Determining Migratory Connectivity in Swainson's Warblers.

Communications and Outreach Committee Chair, Maren Gimpel, noted that our social media presence continues to serve us well. Our mailing list is currently at 473 names, we have over 1,000 followers on Instagram and over 1,700 followers on Facebook.

Our Policy Committee is putting the final touches on an Operations Manual, which will include our bylaws, our operating procedures, position descriptions for the various chairpersons, and other pertinent documents.

The Atlantic Flyway Review committee, chaired by Aaron Given, continues to reach out to banding stations to reconnect, and encourage stations to submit a summary of their migration banding reports. These reports will be published in NABB and will include number of birds banded, number of species, noteworthy high and low counts, new species and foreign recaptures. If your banding station would like to contribute, please email us at [easternbirdbanding@gmail.com](mailto:easternbirdbanding@gmail.com).

EBBA bestowed an honorary membership to two esteemed individuals for their contributions to bird banding – Anthony Hill and Danny Bystrak. See our related article in this issue.

The 2022-2023 slate of nominees was presented to the membership, a vote was taken and the new officers and Councilors were approved. With the

conclusion of the membership vote, the presidential reins turned to Ken Heselton.

After the vote, our presentation on saltmarsh nesting birds began. This was EBBA's first educational webinar (fondly coined an EBBAnar) with 100 attendees tuning in. Our speaker was Dr. Chris Elphick, a professor from the University of Connecticut. Chris's talk was titled *Life on the Edge: The Ecology of Saltmarsh Nesting Birds*. There was no fee for this event, although donations were encouraged, and we're thrilled to report that a total of \$632.47 was collected. We are grateful for the generosity of our many contributors. EBBA has donated part of the money collected to an organization of the speaker's choosing - the Bird Conservation Fund (<https://www.birdfund.org/>). The balance was earmarked for next year's EBBA educational grants. We look forward to hosting additional webinars soon.

Andy Theide  
Immediate Past President

### EBBA Awards Two Memorial Grants

The Eastern Bird Banding Association is pleased to announce this year's recipients of our Memorial Grants, Jackson Hutchison and Garrett Rhyne.

Jackson is an undergraduate at Cornell University, pursuing a B.S. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. His Honors Thesis, under the guidance of Dr. Sara Kaiser, is titled "Post-fledging habitat use, movements and survival of juvenile Black-throated Blue Warblers in high- and low-risk habitats."

Garrett is a Master's student at Louisiana State University, where he is advised by Dr. Philip Stouffer. His thesis, "Determining migratory connectivity in Swainson's Warblers" uses light-level geolocators to better understand the full annual cycle of this poorly understood species.

We wish our grantees success with their upcoming field seasons and projects!

The Eastern Bird Banding Association's Memorial Grants program supports avian research focused on species that spend at least a part of their life

cycle in territory covered by EBBA, and in which banding or other marking techniques are integral to the project. Application information can be found on our website; the deadline for the grant cycle is typically in January or February.

Our grants program has awarded 35 grants since 2010, contributing to seven doctoral dissertations, three master's theses, and 22 published papers.

Andrea Patterson

**The Eastern Bird Banding Association, according to its bylaws, can award the status of Honorary Member to "persons who in the opinion of Council have accomplished outstanding achievements." At our most recent meeting, two EBBA members were awarded Honorary Membership.**

**Anthony Hill**



Whereas: The Eastern Bird Banding Association recognizes as honorary members, individuals who have made outstanding contributions to ornithology or to the Association, and

Whereas: He has, not through his professional occupation but rather through an avocational interest made excellence in bird banding a central purpose of his life; and

Whereas: He has, after having first seen a banding demonstration by Sara Morris in 1995, managed to get his hands on everything from Ruby-throated