

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

and Rufous hummingbirds, to Snowy and Northern Saw-whet owls, to Atlantic Puffins and Razorbills, to American Kestrels and even passerines; and

Whereas: He has, by modelling exceptional merit and integrity – and occasionally by earnest wheedling and coaxing – inspired others to take up leadership positions in the banding community; and

Whereas: He has, having served as the Eastern Bird Banding Association’s representative to the North American Banding Council since 2010, elevated the principles, standards, and practice of banding in the Americas; and

Now therefore, be it resolved that on this day, the 11th of March, 2022, the Eastern Bird Banding Association formally commend **Anthony Hill** for his distinguished service to the banding community, and bestow upon him the title of Honorary Member of the Eastern Bird Banding Association, with all the rights and privileges therein.

Danny Bystrak



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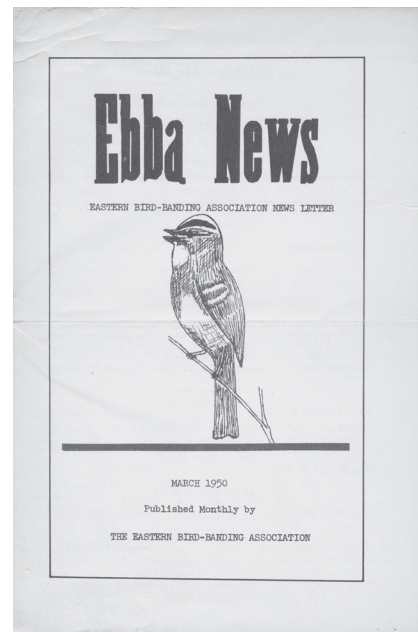
Whereas: He has – with a wry sense of humor and many nicknames including “Grinch” and “Dude” – faithfully served the banding community from 1968 until his first retirement in 1994, and again from 2006 until his alleged second retirement in 2022; and

Whereas: The date of his second retirement – April 1st – strongly suggests that he will never actually retire; and

Whereas: He has improved the accuracy of the North American banding database by gleefully finding and gently questioning all of our typos, mis-identifications, and otherwise suspect records; and

Whereas: His delight in diversity of any kind, his evident joy in the quirks and interests of others, and his kindness to banders both young and old made him a friend and mentor to many; and

Now therefore, be it resolved that on this day, the 11th of March, 2022, the Eastern Bird Banding Association formally commend **Danny Bystrak** for his distinguished service to the banding community, and bestow upon him the title of Honorary Member of the Eastern Bird Banding Association, with all the rights and privileges therein.



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