

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