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President's Message

Each spring, about the time waterfowl are amassing in the backwaters, lakes, and marshes in Illinois, the male Greater Prairie-Chickens are strutting out from the hedgerows and brush cover to declare their territories and make an appeal for a mate. This community gathering each March is a wonderful experience for bird watchers lucky enough to witness it.

IOS members will be gathering in late spring, too, for the annual meeting which we are planning right now. We hope to see you there to reminisce about the past year's bird watching experience as well as celebrate the beginning of our third year. Stay tuned for more information.

Eric Walters

About Our Cover

Walter Marcisz drew the cover illustration of a female Greater Prairie-Chicken with two young. Marcisz is a staff illustrator for *Meadowlark*. His illustrations have appeared in *Birding*, *Compass*, and *The Chicago Birder*.

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