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President's Message

The new year has not yet begun and we are already planning for the 1995 annual meeting. The first one, held in late April, was quite successful and capably run by our new board member, Dick Blewett. At the meeting, Dr. David Willard talked about taxonomy and genetics, using some of the Field Museum of Natural History's rare skins which attendees were able to see up close. Joe Milosevich spoke about how he gets those unique photos of nesting birds you see in *Meadowlark*, and Dave Johnson presented a slide show about Chicago's rare birds.

The vision for our annual meeting is still evolving. I urge you to add your input and energy into helping shape this important IOS function. Should we schedule it for a single day or an entire weekend? Should we focus mainly on field trips or lectures? Dick Blewett is happy to hear suggestions. He welcomes your ideas on speakers as well as how we can make the meeting more successful such as perhaps co-sponsoring the event with local birding clubs. Your involvement can greatly affect this vital IOS event.

Eric Walters

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