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About the Linnaean Society of New York

Founded in 1878, the Linnaean Society of New York is the second oldest ornithological society in the United States. Regular meetings of the Society, open to the public and without charge, are held at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City usually on the second Tuesday of the month. Presentations by noted scientists and other specialists cover all areas of natural history, with an emphasis on birds and conservation.

Persons interested in natural history are eligible for election to membership. The Society also conducts field trips in New York City and the surrounding area. For information on meetings, membership, and field trips, consult the LSNY website at www.linneannewyork.org.

The Society issues a News-Letter as well as two publication series: the Proceedings, which records the business of the Society plus articles and notes of ornithological interest, and the Transactions, which contains papers and monographs that are more scientific. More information about publications can be found on the LSNY website.

Officers of the Linnaean Society of New York
(elected March 14, 2017)

President    Andrew Rubenfeld
Vice President   Barbara Saunders
Secretary    Lydia Thomas
Treasurer    Stephen Chang
Recording Secretary  Rochelle Thomas
Editor    Jon Hyman

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President’s Note

The purpose of the Proceedings of the Linnaean Society of New York is to record the business of the Society and to offer articles of ornithological interest. In this issue (No. 76), among other matters, you will find annual reports covering 2008 to 2018, an up-to-date list of the recipients of the Society’s prestigious awards, and the LSNY Constitution and By-Laws as amended in 2015.

And it gives me great pleasure also to offer to you in this issue the complete run of newsletters that Sarah Elliott published on her own from 1995 to 2008. Sarah was a naturalist, an artist, a writer, and a teacher. Her newsletters carefully, eloquently, passionately, and humorously record the natural and human history of Central Park and, in doing so, many of the activities of the Linnaean Society of New York and its members.

What better tribute to our friend and mentor than to make The Elliott Newsletter officially a publication of our Society.

Andrew Rubenfeld
LSNY President, 2016–2018
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Constitution

Officers of the Society


At the 130th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 11, 2008, the following officers were elected:

President          Gil Schrank
Vice President    John Cairns
Secretary          Laurie Cairns
Recording Secretary Susan Scioli
Treasurer          Julia Weinberger
Editor             Alice Deutsch

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Elise Boeger, Wolfgang Demisch and Brad Soucy to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2011.

Meeting Report

March 11, 2008        Annual Meeting: Birds and Wildlife of Alaska and the Arctic Tundra
Kevin Karlson

March 25, 2008        Working with Aquasis on the North Coast of Brazil
Helen Hays
Recapture Analysis of Roseate Tern Data from Bahia
Joe DiCostanzo
Nesting Patterns of Common Terns on Great Gull Island
Noah Burg
Sexing Terns Using DNA
Loretta Stillman

April 8, 2008         Bicknell’s Thrush: Conserving a Bird of Two Worlds
Christopher Rimmer

April 22, 2008        Pristine Myth: Columbus Discovered Wilderness or Landscape?
Charles Mann

May 13, 2008          DNA Barcoding for Identification of World Birds
Mark Stoeckle

September 9, 2008     Exotic Beauty: Butterflies, Landscapes and Peoples of Mexico
Jeffrey Glassberg

September 23, 2008    Generic Relationships within the Accipitridae, Hawks and Eagle Family
Carole Griffiths
October 14, 2008  Evolutionary Biology 150 Years after On the Origin of Species  Douglas Futuyma

October 28, 2008  Bhutan: Birding the Last Himalayan Buddhist Kingdom  Tom Stephenson

November 11, 2008  Hunting with Tools: Chimpanzees in Senegal  Jill Pruetz

November 25, 2008  Hind Limb Feathers of Archaeopteryx Lithographica  Nick Longrich

December 9, 2008  Vagrancy as Exploratory Behavior and Not Misorientation  Richard Veit

January 13, 2009  White Nose Syndrome: Dark Times for Bats  Alan Hicks

January 27, 2009  Pecking at the Origin of Avian and Vertebrate Diversity: Insights from Darwin’s Finches  Arkhat Abzhanov

February 10, 2009  Birds and Sea Life of North Sulawesi  Michael Stubblefield

February 24, 2009  Great Gull Island Project: Papers in The Auk  Joe DiCostanzo  
Stork, Ibis and Spoonbill Conservation in Asia  Malcolm Coulter

Field Trip Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 63 field trips.
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair
**Treasurer’s Report**

**Balance as of December 31, 2007** $113,091.44

**2008 Income**

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**Net Income** $(370.35)
Balance as of December 31, 2008 $112,721.09

Notes and Summary

INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE

In Memoriam

INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE
Annual Report for 2009–2010

At the 131st annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 10, 2009, the following officers were elected:

President: John Cairns  
Vice President: Alice Deutsch  
Secretary: Kathleen Howley  
Recording Secretary: Laurie Cairns  
Treasurer: Julia Weinberger  
Editor: Sally Weiner

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Keelin Miller, Starr Saphir and Susan Scioli to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2012.

Meeting Report

March 10, 2009  Annual Meeting: *Bird Conservation in the 21st Century*  
Kenneth Rosenberg

March 24, 2009  *Birds Through Time on Bermuda*  
Storrs Olson

April 14, 2009  *Evolution of Darwin's Finches*  
Rosemary Grant

April 28, 2009  *Songs, Brains and Species Identity in Social Finches*  
Sarah Woolley

May 12, 2009  *Black Caiman in Guyana*  
Peter Taylor

September 22, 2009  *Cloud Forest Virtuosos: Discovering the Wing-Instruments of Club-winged Manakins*  
Kimberly Bostwick

October 13, 2009  *Careless Cowbirds and Cheating Cuckoos*  
Mark Hauber

October 27, 2009  *Birds and the Balance of Nature*  
John Kricher

November 10, 2009  *Osprey Migration, Orientation and Mortality*  
Richard Bierregaard

November 24, 2009  *Case of the Killer Potato Chip: Oil Palm Agriculture, Deforestation and Species Endangerment in Borneo*  
David Wilcove
December 8, 2009  Early Bear Gets the Goose: Climate Change, Polar Bears and Lesser Snow Geese
Robert Rockwell

January 12, 2010  Bird Song, Plumage Color and the Evolution of Beauty in Nature
Richard Prum

January 26, 2010  Some Beautiful Birds and Beasts of Australia
Ardith Bondi

February 9, 2010  New Yorker’s Guide to Watching Seabirds and Cetaceans
Angus Wilson

February 23, 2010  Do Wind Turbines Kill Significant Numbers of Night Migrants?
Paul Kerlinger

Field Trip Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 58 field trips.
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair
Treasurer’s Report

Balance as of December 31, 2008 $112,721.09

2009 Income

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Net Income  $(2,626.93)
Balance as of December 31, 2009  $110,094.16

Notes and Summary

INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE

In Memoriam

Martin Sohmer
Eleanor Tauber
Annual Report for 2010–2011

At the 132nd annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 9, 2010, the following officers were elected:

President                John Cairns  
Vice President           Alice Deutsch 
Secretary                Kathleen Howley  
Recording Secretary      Laurie Cairns    
Treasurer                Stephen Chang  
Editor                   Sally Weiner     

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Irving Cantor, J. Arthur LeMoine and Lenore Swenson to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2013.

Meeting Report

March 9, 2010  Annual Meeting: Extraordinary Diversity of Himalayan Birds  
               Trevor Price

March 23, 2010  Recent Ornithological Literature  
                Joe DiCostanzo

               Recent Changes in Status and Distribution of New York State Birds: Detection vs. Population Expansion and Contraction  
               Shaibal Mitra

April 13, 2010  Bird Diversity in a Neotropical Country: Costa Rica  
                Rafael Guillermo

April 27, 2010  Members Photo Show  
                Sean Sime

May 11, 2010  Why Are There More Bird Species in Some Areas of the World Than Others?  
               David Pearson

September 28, 2010  Australasia: The End or the Beginning of Modern Birdlife?  
                    Richard Schodde

October 12, 2010  Preventing Avian Mortality at Windows  
                  Daniel Klem

October 26, 2010  The Evolution of Beauty  
                  Richard Prum
November 9, 2010  Nature’s Palette: Wonders of Bird Coloration
Geoffrey Hill

November 23, 2010  Wildlife Consequences of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill
Michael Fry

December 14, 2010  Causes and Consequences of Family-Living in Birds
Dustin Rubenstein

Peter Capainolo

January 25, 2011  Taste of Spring: Warblers of the Metropolitan Area
David Speiser

February 8, 2011  Avian Distributional Changes over a Century of Climate Change in California
Morgan Tingley

February 22, 2011  Evolution of Bird Behavior
David Lahti

Field Trip Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 58 field trips.
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair
### Treasurer’s Report

**Balance as of December 31, 2009** $110,094.16

#### 2010 Income

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**Net Income** $6,257.32
Balance as of December 31, 2010 $116,351.48

Notes and Summary

At the Annual Meeting on March 9, 2010, the secretary reported on the Society’s total membership of 397, which includes 224 Active members, 40 Associate members, 38 Supporting members, and 95 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

In Memoriam

Paul Baur
Patricia Mazza
Annual Report for 2011–2012

At the 133rd annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 8, 2011, the following officers were elected:

President          Alice Deutsch
Vice President     Geoffrey Nulle
Secretary          Art LeMoine
Recording Secretary Sandra Maury
Treasurer          Stephen Chang
Editor             Sally Weiner

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Charles McAlexander, Barbara Saunders and Angus Wilson to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2014.

Meeting Report

March 8, 2011    Annual Meeting: *Birds, Birders and Birding in Chile*
                 Alvaro Jaramillo

March 22, 2011   *Under the Mistletoe: Evolution of Families in Western Bluebirds*
                 Janis Dickinson

April 12, 2011   *Past, Present and Future*
                 Richard Crossley

April 26, 2011   *Birds of Brazil: Creating a Two-Language Field Guide and Outreach Programs*
                 John Gwynne

May 10, 2011     *Investigating the Private Lives of Birds*
                 Bridget Stutchbury

September 13, 2011  *Birds Britannia: Countryside Birds*
             BBC-TV film
             *Ten Birds That Changed Ornithology*
             Jeffrey Gordon

October 11, 2011  A Talk with Helen Hays
                 *Adventures in Molt*
                 Peter Pyle

November 8, 2011  *Optics*
                 Jerry Connolly
                 *Warblers in Real Life*
                 Tom Stephenson
December 13, 2011

Waterbirds to Woodpeckers
Mary LeCroy
Patterns of Speciation in Australian and North American Birds
Scott Edwards

January 10, 2012

A Talk with Irving Cantor
Bird Records in the Information Age: Opportunities and Challenges Posed by New Media
Shaibal Mitra

February 14, 2012

Recent Bird News
Joe DiCostanzo
How Butterflies Work and How They Survive
Rick Cech

Field Trip Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 53 field trips.
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair
Treasurer’s Report

Balance as of December 31, 2010 $116,351,48

2011 Income

Dues $11,695.00

Annual Dinner: Income $6,747.00

Expense $5,510.16

Net $1,236.84

Donations $3,206.00

Interest $1,703.90

Publications Income $388.50

Total Income $18,230.24

2011 Expenses

Meetings and Speakers $14,583.05

Printing and Mailing $1,307.92

Newsletter $1,884.43

Subscriptions $60.00

Committee, Council and Officer Expenses $678.06

Website $134.55

Expenses of Restricted Funds $2,957.72

Total Expenses $21,605.73

Net Income $(3,375.49)
Balance as of December 31, 2011 $112,975.99

Notes and Summary

At the Annual Meeting on March 8, 2011, the secretary reported on the Society’s total membership of 395, which includes 218 Active members, 42 Associate members, 37 Supporting members, and 98 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

In Memoriam

Frank Bader
Fred Bunker Davis
An Gaylord
Martha Grutchfield
Elizabeth Manning
Annual Report for 2012–2013

At the 134th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 13, 2012, the following officers were elected:

President         Alice Deutsch
Vice President    Geoffrey Nulle
Secretary         Sherry Felix
Recording Secretary Sandra Maury
Treasurer         Stephen Chang
Editor            Sally Weiner

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Louise Fraza, Lynne Hertzog and Andrew Rubenfeld to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2015.

Meeting Report

March 13, 2012  Annual Meeting: A Lifetime of Bird-Banding Studies
                Clive Minton

April 10, 2012   Flycatchers to Finches
                 Mary LeCroy
                 Birds of Paradise Project: Revealing a Biological Wonder of the World
                 Edwin Scholes III

May 8, 2012       Members Photo Show
                  Deborah Allen
                  Saving the Cahow and Other Seabirds of Bermuda
                  David Wingate

June 19, 2012  Geology of Central Park
                Sidney Horenstein

July 17, 2012   Bats in Central Park
                Paul Keim

August 21, 2012   Mothing in Central Park
                 Harry Zirlin

September 8, 2012 Side-by-Side Skins
                     Mary LeCroy
                     Seabirds of the Southern Ocean
                     Angus Wilson

October 9, 2012   The eBird Project
                  Chris Wood
Acoustic Perspective on Nocturnal Bird Migration  
Andrew Farnsworth  

November 6, 2012  

Birds Britannia: Waterbirds  
BBC-TV film  
Bird Sense  
Tim Birkhead  

December 11, 2012  

A Talk with Bob Paxton  
Why Ants Are More Like Humans Than You Might Expect  
Mark Moffett  

January 9, 2013  

The Central Park Effect (film)  
Jeffrey Kimball  
Hummingbirds of France  
Rick Wright  

February 12, 2013  

Linnaean Show-and-Tell  
Effects of Species Identity and Early Social Experience on Singing and Hearing Song  
Sarah Woolley  

Field Trip Report  

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 58 field trips.  
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair
Treasurer’s Report

Balance as of December 31, 2011 $112,975.99

2012 Income

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Net Income $(2,321.77)
Balance as of December 31, 2012  $110,654.22

Notes and Summary

At the Annual Meeting on March 13, 2012, the secretary reported on the Society’s total membership of 388, which includes 219 Active members, 35 Associate members, 36 Supporting members, and 98 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

In Memoriam

Robert Baines
Jurgen Hafer
Griffin Littell

At the 135th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 12, 2013, the following officers were elected:

President   Geoffrey Nulle
Vice President  Angus Wilson
Secretary   Lydia Thomas
Recording Secretary  Dale Dancis
Treasurer   Stephen Chang
Editor    Sally Weiner

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Sherry Felix, Anders Peltomaa and Lenore Swenson to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2016.

Meeting Report

March 12, 2013  Annual Meeting: *Stealth Parade: Capturing the Secret Spectacle of Bird Migration*
Kenn Kaufman

April 9, 2013  *Bridge and Skyscraper Crowd: Peregrine Falcons in New York*
Barbara Saunders
*Ups and Downs of Birds in Thoreau Country*
Peter Alden

May 14, 2013  *Members Photo Show*
Deborah Allen
*Birding Outside the Box*
Alvaro Jaramillo

June 18, 2013  *Tree Walk in Central Park*
Ken Chaya

July 16, 2013  *Night Crawl in Central Park*
Paul Keim

August 20, 2013  *Crickets and Katydid in Central Park*
Piotr Naskrecki

September 10, 2013  *Scientific Collecting in the Digital Age: Recording Expeditions for Cornell Lab’s Macaulay Library*
Benjamin Clock
*Century of Change in American Ornithology*
Chandler Robbins
October 8, 2013  A Talk with Peter Post
   *The Warbler Guide: Overlooked Points That Make Identifying Warblers Easy*
   Tom Stephenson

November 12, 2013  *Islands in the City* (concert)
   Elijah Shiffer
   *The Unfeathered Bird*
   Katrina van Grouw

December 10, 2013  *Fall Migration Round-Up*
   Angus Wilson
   *Evolution for Birders: Guide for the Perplexed*
   Douglas Futuyma

January 14, 2014  *Morning Flight*
   Benjamin Van Doren
   *Birds Are More Colorful Than They Look*
   Bob Montgomerie

February 11, 2014  *Wilderness Tracking*
   Bill Marple
   *GFP: Lighting Up Life*
   Martin Chalfie

**Field Trip Report**

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 54 field trips.
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair
Treasurer’s Report

Balance as of December 31, 2012 $110,654.22

2013 Income

Dues $11,145.50
Annual Dinner: Income $8,774.00
Expense $8,447.00
Net $327.00
Donations $1,746.00
Interest $1,209.32
Publications Income $167.50
Total Income $14,834.41

2013 Expenses

Meetings and Speakers $9,584.96
Printing and Mailing $2,627.47
Newsletter $1,830.08
Contributions $800.00
Subscriptions $60.00
Committee, Council and Officer Expenses $316.19
Website $274.10
Expenses of Restricted Funds $35.00
Total Expenses $15,527.80

Net Income $(693.39)
Balance as of December 31, 2013 $109,960.83

Notes and Summary

At the Annual Meeting on March 12, 2013, the secretary reported on the Society's total membership of 390, which includes 218 Active members, 34 Associate members, 38 Supporting members, and 100 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

In Memoriam

Joan Bonagura
Marguerite Nichols
Starr Saphir
Annual Report for 2014–2015

At the 136th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 11, 2014, the following officers were elected:

President   Angus Wilson  
Vice President  Andrew Rubenfeld  
Secretary   Lydia Thomas  
Recording Secretary  Dale Dancis  
Treasurer   Stephen Chang  
Editor   Jonathan Hyman

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Charles McAlexander, Karen Rubinstein and Barbara Saunders to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2017.

Meeting Report

March 11, 2014  
Annual Meeting: *Wildlife of the Eastern and Central Tropical Pacific*  
Sophie Webb

April 8, 2014  
*Kimball Redux: Outtakes from The Central Park Effect*  
Jeffrey Kimball  
*The Bluebird Effect: Uncommon Bonds with Common Birds*  
Julie Zickefoose

May 13, 2014  
*Bird Photo Quiz*  
Angus Wilson  
*History of Natural History: A Naturalist’s Perspective*  
Rick Cech

June 17, 2014  
*Horticultural Walk in the Ramble*  
Leslie Baglio

July 15, 2014  
*Mushrooms in Central Park*  
Gary Lincoff

August 19, 2014  
*Mothing in Central Park*  
Harry Zirlin

September 9, 2014  
*Bird Painter’s Journey*  
Mike DiGiorgio  
*The Bird World: Insights for Humans from the Lives of Birds*  
Noah Strycker
Field Trip Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 49 field trips.
Lenore Swenson, Field Trip Chair
### Treasurer’s Report

**Balance as of December 31, 2013**

$109,960.83

### 2014 Income

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**Total Income**

$20,390.29

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**Total Expenses**

$15,697.91
Net Income $4,692.38

Balance as of December 31, 2014 $114,653.21

Notes and Summary

At the Annual Meeting on March 11, 2014, the secretary reported on the Society's total membership of 418, which includes 236 Active members, 39 Associate members, 42 Supporting members, and 101 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

In Memoriam

Sheila Fitzpatrick
Laura Riley
Joseph Siphron
A. Richard Turner

Meeting Report

To Know the Crow

Role of Signal Detection Error in Mate Choice Plasticity

Climate Change Comes to Thoreau’s Concord

Strange Times for Jamaica Bay Terrapins

Discovering and Conserving Bryan’s Shearwater

Central Park Horticultural Walk

Orienteering in Central Park

Central Park at Night: Bugs and Bats

Ancestors in Our Genome

Snowy Owls

Imagining Animals: Natural History and the Creative Arts

Illustrating the Birds of Central America
Field Trip Report
Treasurer’s Report

Balance as of December 31, 2014

2015 Income

Total Income

2015 Expenses

Total Expenses
Net Income

Balance as of December 31, 2015

Notes and Summary

In Memoriam

Jean Bourque
Lee MacCormack Edwards
Stella Withers Hardee
Emanuel Levine
Diana Teta
Annual Report for 2016–2017

At the 138th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 8, 2016, the following officers were elected:

President   Andrew Rubenfeld
Vice President  Barbara Saunders
Secretary   Lydia Thomas
Recording Secretary  Rochelle Thomas
Treasurer   Stephen Chang
Editor    Jonathan Hyman

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Sherry Felix, James Muchmore and Anders Peltomaa to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2019.

Meeting Report

March 8, 2016  Annual Meeting: *On Being an Ornithologist*
Tim Birkhead

April 12, 2016  *Nocturnal Neighbors*
Kaitlyn Parkins
*365 Days, 18,000 Miles, 617 Species, Zero Petroleum*
Dorian Anderson

May 10, 2016  *Frequent Fliers*
Bridget Stutchbury
*Collective Intelligence in Bees*
Thomas Seeley

July 19, 2016  *Orienteering in Central Park*
Sherry Felix

August 17, 2016  *Central Park at Night: Bugs and Bats*
Paul Kiem

August 27, 2016  *Central Park Horticultural Walk*
Regina Alvarez

September 13, 2016  *Chile, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands*
Ardith Bondi
*Following Birds to the Heart of Brazil*
Carlos Sanchez

October 11, 2016  *Structure and Functions of Avian and Human Lungs*
Edward Eden
*Bermuda’s Birds*
Andrew Dobson

November 15, 2016  
*Wildlife Rehabilitation in New York City*
Rita McMahon
*Drifters: Stray Tropical Fishes of New York*
Todd Gardner

December 13, 2016  
*Birds of Wood*
Eric Kaiser
*Sea-Level Rise*
Mark Lowery

January 10, 2017  
*Thoreau’s Wildflowers*
Geoff Wisner
*Bird Photo Quiz*
Phil Jeffrey
*Remembering Sarah Elliott*
Neil Emond and Richard ZainEldeen

February 14, 2017  
*Making Music from the Sounds of Nature*
Ben Mirin
*Seeing Sounds: New Ways to Identify Birds by Ear*
Nathan Pieplow

**Field Trip Report**

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 53 field trips.
Richard ZainEldeen and Anne Lazarus, Field Trip Co-Chairs
Treasurer’s Report

Balance as of December 31, 2015  $113,958.92

2016 Income

Dues  $13,512.50

Annual Dinner:

Income  $8,835.00
Expense  $13,021.77

Net  $(4,186.77)

Donations  $2,305.00
Interest  $1,338.48
Publications Income  $23.50
Donations for Books  $1,018.00

Total Income  $14,010.71

2016 Expenses

Meetings and Speakers  $13,354.89
Printing and Mailing  $2,418.51
Newsletter  $587.82
Contributions  $500.00
Subscriptions  $170.00
Committee, Council and Officer Expenses  $179.35
Website  $308.40
Eisenmann Fund Expense  $926.00
Other Expenses  $65.00
Total Expenses $18,509.97

Net Income $(4,499.26)

Balance as of December 31, 2016 $109,459.66

Notes and Summary

At the Annual Meeting on March 8, 2016, the secretary reported on the Society’s total membership of 438, which includes 232 Active members, 40 Associate members, 66 Supporting members, and 100 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

In Memoriam

Mary Birchhard
Annual Report for 2017–2018

At the 139th annual meeting of the Linnaean Society of New York, held on March 14, 2017, the following officers were elected:

President       Andrew Rubenfeld
Vice President  Barbara Saunders
Secretary       Lydia Thomas
Recording Secretary  Rochelle Thomas
Treasurer       Stephen Chang
Editor          Jonathan Hyman

At the regular meeting in April, the Society elected Ken Chaya, Charles McAlexander and Gabriel Willow to serve on the Council for three years, until April 2020.

Meeting Report

March 14, 2017  Annual Meeting: Seven Years and Seven Continents
                Peter Harrison

April 11, 2017  The American Redstart
                Stephane Perreault
                Who, How, What and Where of Life as a Penguin
                Heather Lynch

May 9, 2017     Save the Chocó
                James Muchmore
                Polyglot Passerines: Mimicry Is Not Just for Mockingbirds
                Rich Hoyer

July 27, 2017   Orienteering in Central Park
                Sherry Felix

August 9, 2017  Central Park for Bats, Crickets and Katydids
                Paul Keim

August 26, 2017 Central Park Horticultural Walk
                    Regina Alvarez

September 12, 2017 Boldest and Most Beautiful: Traprock Ridgelands of the
                   Connecticut Valley
                    Peter LeTourneau
                    Birding without Borders: Epic World Big Year
                    Noah Strycker

October 10, 2017 The Artist, the Musician, and the Birds of America
                    Fred Baumgarten
Why Do Birds Sing? How Do They Learn Their Songs? And How Can Birders Learn Them Too?
Tom Stephenson

November 14, 2017
Birdmania: A Remarkable Passion for Birds
Bernd Brunner
Chimney Swifts and People
John Connors

December 12, 2017
America’s Snake: Rise and Fall of the Timber Rattlesnake
Ted Levin
My Life with Cranes
George Archibald

January 9, 2018
Understanding and Conserving Hawaii’s Avifauna
Jacob Drucker
A Birder’s Perspective on Global Warming
Alan Messer

February 13, 2018
Carolus Linnaeus and the Naming of Everything
Anita Sanchez
Tracking Whimbrels
Bryan Watts

Field Trip Report

In the past year the Linnaean Society sponsored 58 field trips.
Richard ZainEldeen and Anne Lazarus, Field Trip Co-Chairs
Treasurer’s Report

Balance as of December 31, 2016  $109,459.66

2017 Income

Dues  $15,002.50
Annual Dinner:  Income  $10,508.00
                  Expense  $15,205.45
                  Net  $(4,697.45)
Donations  $3,552.00
Interest  $1,212.17
Publications Income  $25.00
Total Income  $15,094.22

2017 Expenses

Meetings and Speakers  $7,542.41
Printing and Mailing  $2,309.45
Eisenmann Fund  $917.66
Contributions  $950.00
Subscriptions  $70.00
Committee, Council and Officer Expenses  $168.46
Website  $318.40
Other Expenses  $589.63
Total Expenses  $12,866.01
Net Income $2,228.21

Balance as of December 31, 2017 $111,687.87

Notes and Summary

At the Annual Meeting on March 14, 2017, the secretary reported on the Society’s total membership of 445, which includes 241 Active members, 34 Associate members, 73 Supporting members, and 97 Life members, Honorary members, and Fellows.

In Memoriam

Rhoda L. Bauch
Marian Nixon Burr
Sarah M. Elliott
Elizabeth G. Loeb
C. J. “Christina” Norton
Geoffrey J. Nulle
Vivienne Sokol
Margaret R. Stillman
Awards

The Linnaean Society of New York recognizes excellence in several ways.

Honorary Members

According to the Constitution, “Honorary members shall not exceed ten in number, and shall be persons eminent for their attainments in one or more of the natural sciences.” As of March 2018 there are nine honorary members:

Humberto Berlanga (Mexico)  
Timothy Birkhead (Great Britain)  
Orlando Garrido (Cuba)  
Dominique Homberger (United States)  
Arturo Kirkconnell (Cuba)  
Yossi Leshem (Israel)  
Guy McCaskie (United States)  
Kiyoaki Ozaki (Japan)

Fellows

Fellows are elected from the membership for their contributions to the Society above and beyond committee duties and responsibilities as officers. As of March 2018 there are twelve fellows:

Tom Burke  
John Cairns  
Stephen Chang  
Dale Dancis  
Joseph DiCostanzo  
Sherry Felix  
Jill Hamilton  
Helen Hays  
Kathleen Howley  
Richard Lieberman  
Chuck McAlexander  
Lenore Swenson
Shelda Taylor Award

This award is given in honor of New York City school teacher Shelda Taylor who emphasized natural history in her classes and instilled a love of nature, particularly birds, in her students.

- Peter Joost (2007)
- Thom Schuchaskie (2011)
- Theresa Furman (2017)

Natural History Service Award

This award is given to an individual who has triggered a lasting interest in natural history and has made a meaningful difference in preserving the natural habitat.

- Sarah Elliott (2006)
- Starr Saphir (2007)
- Mary Yrizarry (2008)
- Darlene Smith (2009)
- Don Riepe (2010)
- Jim Ash (2011)
- Mickey Maxwell Cohen (2012)
- Bette Midler (2014)
- Andrew Baksh (2017)

Lillian Stoner Award

Each year the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs offers the Lillian Stoner Award to high school and college students interested in birds. Bird organizations in New York nominate young birders. The award provides funding to enable the recipient to attend the annual meeting of the federation. The Linnaean Society of New York proposed Jacob Drucker in 2010, Alex Hale in 2011, and Marc Katz in 2014—all of whom won the award.
Eugene Eisenmann Medal

Established in 1983 in memory of Eugene Eisenmann, an amateur ornithologist and citizen-scientist, this award recognizes that individual who has made significant contributions to the field of ornithology in addition to assisting new and young birders in fostering and developing their interests and skills.

Ernst Mayr (1983)
Olin S. Pettingill (1985)
Roger Tory Peterson (1986)
Chandler Robbins (1987)
Frank Gill (1988)
Helen Hays (1989)
Stuart Houston (1990)
David Wingate (1991)
Stuart Keith (1993)
Guy Tudor (1995)
Dean Amadon (1998)
Robert Ridgley (2001)
William Clark (2002)
David Hussell and Erica Dunn (2004)
John Fitzpatrick (2005)
David Sibley (2006)
Malcolm Coulter (2008)
Kenneth V. Rosenberg (2009)
Alvaro Jaramillo (2011)
Clive Minton (2012)
Kenn Kaufman (2013)
Sophie Webb (2014)
Timothy Birkhead (2016)
Peter Harrison (2017)
Special Funds

**Eugene Eisenmann Fund** for the purchase and engraving of the Eisenmann medal. It can also be used, if monies allow, to support student research in Central and South America or to assist Central and South American students to work on ornithological projects or attend conferences in the United States.

**Great Gull Island Fund** for support, with the American Museum of Natural History, of the jointly administered research station and facilities on the island.

**Library Fund** for the purchase of books and publications for the Society.

**Life Membership Fund** interest may be applied to the General Fund.

**Publications Fund** for printing of the *Transactions*, the *Proceedings*, and the Linnaean Society field-cards.

**Tom Davis Memorial Fund** for support of an annual Tom Davis Walk at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.

**Charles A. Urner Memorial Fund** was originally established for the promotion and publication of field ornithology studies in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. The Council voted to dissolve the fund. Its very low assets were transferred to the General Fund.

*Donations (tax-deductible) to these specific funds and to the General Fund are welcome. Checks payable to the Linnaean Society of New York should be sent to: The Linnaean Society of New York (att: Secretary), P. O. Box 801, New York, N.Y. 10024.*
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE LINNAEAN SOCIETY OF NEW YORK


CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1. GENERAL ORGANIZATION

Article 1. This Society shall be composed primarily of persons living in the New York City area who are interested in the natural sciences.

Article 2. It shall consist of Life, Supporting, Active, Associate and Honorary Members, Benefactors and Fellows.

Article 3. Only Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows shall be entitled to vote, to hold office, to serve on the Council, and to transact business. Associate Members and Honorary Members, in addition to the foregoing classes of Members, may attend meetings, serve on committees and take part in the scientific discussions of the Society; but Associate and Honorary Members shall not be entitled to serve on committees dealing with the business or organizational affairs of the Society, nor shall they chair committees or be entitled to vote as members of committees. All Members not in arrears of dues shall be entitled to receive without charge the various publications of the Society issued during the period of membership unless the Council shall otherwise provide on the basis of cost or class of membership.

Article 4. The officers of the Society, who shall be elected annually, shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Editor. With the exception of the Treasurer and Editor, no officer shall hold the same office more than two consecutive full terms, but shall again be eligible for election one year after the expiration of a second consecutive term. The officers, together with nine Members at large, shall form a board called the Council which shall manage the Society. Councilors shall be elected for a term of three years, in such manner that the terms of three councilors shall expire every year.

The current officers and elected councilors shall be called current elective Council members. A quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be a majority of the current elective Council members. Any former President of the Society who is a Member of the Society in good standing shall be entitled to attend Council meetings and to vote as a member of the Council.

Any former President who is qualified to participate in Council meetings and who wishes notice of them shall annually so advise the Secretary in writing.

Article 5. By-Laws for the more particular regulation of the Society shall be made from time to time.

Article 6. This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at any regular meeting of the Society, provided written notice of the proposed change and of the meeting at which the proposed change is to be acted upon has been sent to each Active, Supporting and Life Member, Benefactor and Fellow at least 30 days previously.

Article 7. Dues for each class of membership and the time for their payment shall be established as set forth
in the By-Laws.

SECTION 2. OF MEMBERS

Article 1. Active, Supporting and Life Members shall be persons who have shown an interest in some branch of natural science.

Article 2. Associate Members shall be persons interested in some branch of natural science (a) residing 50 miles or more from the Society's regular place of meeting and unable to attend meetings of the Society regularly; or (b) regularly enrolled as full-time students for an entire academic year at an established institution of learning. Persons holding Associate Membership as students shall be obliged to advise the Treasurer on or before the first day of September of each year as to their current and prospective status as students; they may be dropped from membership by the Treasurer if satisfactory evidence of such status is not supplied. Nothing herein shall preclude a student or a person residing 50 miles or more from the Society's regular place of meeting from being elected to any other class of membership.

Article 3. Honorary Members shall not exceed ten in number, and shall be persons eminent for their attainments in one or more of the natural sciences.

Article 4. Benefactors shall be persons who have made a significant financial contribution to the Society as determined by the Council. The names of Benefactors shall be carried on the Society's rolls in perpetuity

Article 5. Any Member may be elected a Fellow in recognition of distinguished service to the Society.

Article 6. All classes of Members shall be chosen by majority vote of those Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at a regular meeting of the Society, after having been nominated by a Member and approved by the Council.

Article 7. Any Member may be expelled from the Society, upon recommendation of the Council, by a three-fourths vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at any regular meeting, provided written notice of the proposed action and of the meeting at which such action is proposed to be taken has been sent at least 30 days previously to each Active, Supporting and Life Member, Benefactor and Fellow and to the Member involved.

SECTION 3. OF OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Article 1. The President shall preside at meetings of the Society and of the Council, preserve order, regulate debate, and conduct all proceedings in accordance with accepted parliamentary usage.

Article 2. The Vice-President shall have charge of the archives of the Society; shall, with the advice and assistance of the President and Secretary, plan and prepare the programs for meetings of the Society; and shall form the duties of President in his or her absence.

Article 3. The Secretary shall give notice to persons of their election as Members, and to committees of their appointment; shall give notice of all regular meetings of the Society; shall call special meetings when directed by the President; shall give notice to all members of the Council of all Council meetings; shall inform officers of all matters requiring their attention; shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and prepare all letters to be written in its name, retaining copies of them; shall, as directed by the Council, make all arrangements for the Annual Meeting of the Society; and shall assist the President and Vice-President in planning the programs for meetings of the Society.

Article 4. The Recording Secretary shall take and preserve approved minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Council and shall preserve and compile in systematic order field notes presented by Members.

Article 5. The Editor, with the assistance of Associate Editors who may be appointed from time to time by
the Editor in consultation with the President, shall edit and supervise publications of the Society and shall arrange for their exchange and distribution.

Article 6. The Treasurer shall collect all money due; shall pay all bills against the Society as authorized by the Council; shall keep a correct account of all receipts and expenditures; and shall make a detailed report of the same at the Annual Meeting.

Article 7. Officers shall be nominated by majority vote of the Council and elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present. The slate of officers nominated by the Council shall be announced at the first meeting in February each year. Any other Member may be nominated if such nomination is subscribed in writing by 15 persons who are Active, Supporting or Life Members, Benefactors or Fellows and is received by the President or Secretary at any time prior to the fourth Tuesday in February. Any officer resigning prior to the end of his or her term should do so in writing to the Council. Any office, other than that of President, becoming vacant during the year shall be filled at the next meeting of the Society in the same manner, except that the Council need not announce its nomination prior to the meeting and other nominations may be made from the floor. If the office of President becomes vacant during the year, the Vice-President shall become President. Persons who succeed to the office of the President, Vice-President, Secretary or Recording Secretary as the result of a vacancy shall remain eligible for election to two consecutive full terms in accordance with Article 4 of Section 1.

SECTION 4. OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS DUTIES

Article 1. The Council shall review and take action on all nominations of candidates for membership. It shall make such recommendations as it sees fit on new business initiated by Members. Its recommendations shall be presented by the Secretary at the next regular meeting of the Society. A majority vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present at the meeting shall be sufficient to ratify recommendations made and actions taken by the Council.

Article 2. The Council may at any of its meetings initiate any new business promoting the general interests and welfare of the Society, and a majority vote of the members attending such meeting shall be sufficient for ratification. The prior authorization or approval by a majority of the councilors, given at a meeting of the Council, shall be necessary for any appropriation of funds of the Society in excess of $50.00.

Article 3. The Council shall nominate a slate of officers for the coming year at its January meeting.

Article 4. The Council shall hold regular meetings for the transaction of general business. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon request of any three councilors.

Article 5. A sufficient number of councilors shall be chosen at the first regular meeting after the Annual Meeting to fill existing vacancies. Councilors shall be nominated by a committee to be appointed by the President at the Annual Meeting, such committee to consist of three Active, Supporting or Life Members, or Benefactors or Fellows of the Society, who are not elective members of the Council. This shall not be construed as precluding additional nominations from the floor. If the nominations exceed the numbers of vacancies, the election shall be by written ballot. Those nominees receiving the largest number of votes of Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present shall be elected. If for any reason a councilor does not complete the term of office, his or her successor for the remainder of the term shall be chosen at the next regular meeting by nomination from the floor and election as prescribed above.

SECTION 5. OF MEETINGS

Article 1. A meeting shall be held annually for the election of officers and for other general purposes. At this meeting the Secretary shall present a report upon the publications, meetings, membership, and other
The general business of the Society, and the Treasurer shall report on the financial affairs of the Society. Prior to the Annual Meeting the President shall appoint a committee of two Active, Supporting or Life Members, or Benefactors or Fellows, neither of whom shall be a member of the Council, to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

SECTION 6. MISCELLANEOUS

Article 1. No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or the participation or intervention in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article 2. No officer, director, Member or employee of the Society may receive any pecuniary profit from its operation or upon its dissolution, except reasonable compensation for services rendered in effecting one or more of its purposes.

Article 3. In the event of voluntary dissolution of the Society or in the event of dissolution due to such other circumstances as are permitted or required by law, the funds and assets of the Society then belonging to it shall, after proper payment of liabilities, be distributed in accordance with the law then applicable to charitable organizations qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent law).

Article 4. The Society shall at no time carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent law) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170(c)(2), 2055(a) or 2522(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent law).

BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. OF MEMBERS

Article 1. The Council shall, by a majority vote of its current elective members, set the amount of dues for the following categories of membership: Active Member, Associate Member, Supporting Member and Life Member. Honorary Members, Benefactors and Fellows shall not pay dues.

Article 2. Dues of Active, Associate and Supporting Members are payable annually no later than the first regular meeting in September except that dues of newly elected Members shall be payable upon election to membership. Persons elected as Active, Associate and Supporting Members in the months of March, April and May shall pay dues at one-half the regular rates set by the Council until the following September. Dues of Life Members are payable in no more than four consecutive annual installments; upon full payment no further dues are payable.

Article 3. By a majority vote of the current elective Council members, a person who has been an Active or Supporting Member of the Society for at least twenty-five years and has reached the age of sixty-five, may be granted an Active membership at half the annual Active dues upon written application to the Treasurer.

Article 4. Upon written application to the Treasurer, subject to the approval of a majority of the current elective Council members and if the applicant is not in arrears of dues for a previous year, (a) a Member
who for a full year is absent on a scientific expedition or is engaged in military service may be excused from the payment of dues for that year; (b) an Active Member who is regularly enrolled as a full-time student for an entire academic year at an established institution of learning may have his or her status changed to that of Associate Member, provided the application is received on or before the first day of September of the year for which the change of status is sought and provided it is accompanied by the annual dues of an Associate Member for that year.

Article 5. Any Member who shall neglect to pay his or her regular dues shall be dropped from the roll of Members after having been sent notification to that effect in writing by the Treasurer.

SECTION 2. OF MEETINGS

Article 1. The Annual Meeting shall be held during the week in March that includes the second Tuesday.

Article 2. Regular meetings shall be held at least once a month from September to May inclusive, except as otherwise provided by a majority vote of the Council.

Article 3. Informal meetings shall be held once a month during June, July and August, except as otherwise provided by a majority vote of the Council.

Article 4. Thirty-five Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting.

Article 5. The following items of business shall be transacted at each regular meeting in any order prescribed by the presiding officer:

1. Reading of minutes of the previous meeting by the Recording Secretary.
2. Reading of correspondence received by the Secretary.
4. Election of members.
5. Committee reports.
6. Business (a) Unfinished; (b) New.
7. Presentation of program.
8. Presentation of field notes.
9. General discussion.
10. Adjournment.

SECTION 3. OF CHANGES OF BY-LAWS

Article 1. The By-Laws of the Society may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the Active, Supporting and Life Members, Benefactors and Fellows present (a) at any one regular meeting, provided written notice of the proposed change and of the meeting at which the proposed change is to be acted upon has been sent to each Active, Supporting, and Life Member, Benefactor and Fellow at least 30 days prior thereto, or (b) at any two regular meetings held on the second Tuesday of two successive months, provided such change has been recommended by a vote of eleven of the current elective Council members.

SECTION 4. OF COMMITTEES

Article 1. A Conservation Committee Chairperson shall be appointed annually by the President to head a Committee to advise, inform and represent the Society on conservation and environmental matters. Said Committee shall be chosen by its Chairperson in consultation with the President.

Article 2. An Editorial Committee shall be appointed annually by the Editor, in consultation with the President, to read and prepare papers for the Society's publications. Said Committee shall, from time to
time, publish with the consent of the Council an issue of the Society's *Proceedings*, which shall contain
the annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, reports of pertinent Committees, general notes, and
scientific papers. The Editorial Committee shall also recommend to the Council, for inclusion in the
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times a year. The editor of the newsletter shall be a member of the Editorial Committee.

Article 3. A Field Work Committee Chairperson may be appointed annually by the President to head a
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Article 6. The President may, with the consent of the Council, appoint such additional committees as may be
necessary or advisable from time to time to conduct the affairs of the Society or further its interests.

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Article 2. The Treasurer is authorized to accept from Members and other interested persons contributions to
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Here are 16 spring warblers, about half the number we can enjoy in Central Park. See if you can identify each male by pattern without color and put the number beside the name in this list. Which of these males wear no yellow in their feathers? Which of their females do?

a. __ American redstart
b. __ black-and-white
c. __ Blackburnian
d. __ blackpoll
e. __ black-throated blue
f. __ black-throated green
g. __ Canada
h. __ chestnut-sided
i. __ common yellowthroat
j. __ hooded
k. __ magnolia
l. __ Northern waterthrush
m. __ ovenbird
n. __ prairie
o. __ Wilson's
p. __ yellow-rumped/ myrtle