



**MOS Records Committee**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**31 March 1990**

The MOS Records Committee's annual meeting was held 31 March 1990 in Bethesda, MD (hosted by member Harvey Mudd). The following were present: committee members Bob Augustine, Roger Clapp, Dave Czaplak, Harvey Mudd, Paul O'Brien, Chan Robbins, Hal Wierenga, Claudia Wilds, and secretary Erika Wilson.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

1. Rick Blom (acting-secretary) sent a letter with his apologies for not attending, due to a family illness. He also withdrew his name from the nominee list due to other commitments. [I thank Rick for his work over the past eight months, especially holding the files, receiving committee votes, and receiving records for future circulation.]

2. Three packages were started since the last annual meeting, containing ten new records. One package circulating last March and one package of final circulation records have been tallied. To date MOSRC has taken up 157 records, on which 132 decisions have been made (49% accepted), with 25 records pending. Decisions have been reached on all records in Packages 1-14, Package 16, and Package 21.

3. The secretary has requested an increase in the MOSRC annual budget to \$140 in light of projected increased costs and activities (see below).

**PROCEDURES:**

1. The committee agreed unanimously to create a separate Chairmanship. A Chairman will be elected annually by the committee; Chair functions will be to assist the Secretary in administrative duties, to act as liaison between the committee and MOS, and to ensure a smoothly functioning committee. The Chairmanship itself does not carry voting rights on the committee, although the Chairman may be a current voting member. The committee elected Claudia Wilds as Chair for 1990-91.

2. A discussion of MOSRC's publication of decisions included how other state record committees report their decisions, the implications of listing rejected species in *Maryland Birdlife*, and the current letters to observers. It was agreed that records listed as "not accepted" in *The Maryland Yellowthroat* should briefly state the grounds for rejection, with these reasons explained more fully in the letter to the observer.

3. The continuing need to encourage better documentation was discussed. Wider distribution of the MOSRC documentation guide would be desirable, as would a short introductory talk at MOS chapter meetings. The Secretary volunteered to do such talks beginning in the Fall, 1990.

4. In an effort to reduce the time it takes packages to circulate completely, it was agreed to try some simultaneous mailings of records which lack photos or slides.

5. The pros and cons of expanding the committee's size were discussed. The committee voted 7-1 to increase its membership to nine voting members, serving three-

year terms, beginning with the 1991 annual meeting. The mechanics of the transition were left to the Chairman and Secretary.

6. A Study Skin Workshop, held 24 February 1990 at the USMNH and hosted by Roger Clapp, was deemed a success. Dave Czaplak took notes; copies were given to all committee members and a copy is on file with the Secretary for future reference. A similar workshop will be held in 1991.

7. At the suggestion of Dave Czaplak, the committee agreed to add the District of Columbia to its purview. Separate lists for each jurisdiction will be kept. The committee's name, to reflect this change, will be the Maryland/DC Records Committee, with MOS remaining the sponsoring organization.

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** Two people were nominated for the two positions available on committee--Hank Kaestner and Bob Ringler. Both were elected by unanimous voice vote. [A coin toss by an outside party determined that Bob Ringler would hold a four-year term and Hank Kaestner a three-year term as part of the transition to a nine-member committee with three-year terms.]

The next MOSRC meeting will be at the USMNH to study skins on Saturday, 23 February 1991; the next annual meeting will be Saturday, 30 March 1991.

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MOSRC Secretary