

Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS)
Annual Membership Meeting (*DRAFT*)
September 28, 2024
University of Kansas, Lawrence Kansas

The Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held September 28, 2024. The meeting was held in the Jayhawk Welcome Center at University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. KOS President Kurtis Meier called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.

The 2023 Annual Meeting minutes had been previously printed in the Horned Lark newsletter. Malcolm Gold moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as they were printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer Max Thompson reported that the Society was very solvent and reported on totals that were currently in the endowment and the checking account. (*Those totals are available upon request to any current member.*) Kurtis accepted the report

The slate of officers and board members for the 2024-2025 year was reviewed:

President – Kurtis Meier
Vice President – Alice Boyle
Corresponding Secretary – Chuck Otte
Membership Secretary – Jeff Calhoun
Treasurer – Max Thompson
Business Manager – Malcolm Gold
Editor, KOS *Bulletin* – Eugene Young
Editor, Horned Lark –
Director – Lucas DeCicco
Director – Kevin Groeneweg

Kansas Bird Records Committee Chair and Secretary, Max Thompson and Chuck Otte respectively, gave a brief report. With a recent round of voting just concluded it was announced that Eurasian Tree-Sparrow had been added to the Kansas Check-list. Chuck also noted that based on the most recent American Ornithological Society Check-list Supplement, there would be some name changes for the common names of a few Kansas species. Those would be reflected with updated check-lists that would be posted on line later in the year.

Business Manager, Malcolm Gold, reported on KOS branded items that had recently been produced for the 75th KOS Anniversary. He also announced that the 2025 KOS calendar was printed and available at his table in the gathering area outside the meeting room.

Chuck requested that Christmas Bird Count compilers start planning their count dates and submit him those dates so that he can once again have a web page listing the dates and compilers/contact person for the roughly 50 Christmas Bird Counts that are conducted each year in the state.

KOS *Bulletin* editor, Eugene Young, reminded everyone that there is always a need for articles for *The Bulletin*. He reminded paper presenters that many of their papers would make excellent articles and would be happy to work with them.

KOS Research Committee Chair, John Schukman, reported that the eight student presenters at the day's meeting would be given a one-year membership to KOS. He also reported that one research award had been made in the past year. The KOS Board had increased the amount of money that could be awarded which he felt would be helpful to researchers. Logan Anderson had received a \$1,000 award for work on Grasshopper Sparrows.

President Meier reviewed the slate of officers and board members and called for nominations from the floor. **Terry Mannell moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate. The motion was seconded and passed by acclimation.**

With no further business to be conducted, the annual business meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

The Banquet was held on Saturday evening, September 28th at the Twisted Vine Winery, near Lawrence. Following the meal a few of the long time KOS members shared experiences and memories of their time in the society. The Avian Conservationist of the year award was presented to Mark Robbins. Outstanding Student Paper awards were presented to Logan Anderson, Kansas State University and Sarah Biesemier, Emporia State University. Gene Young then presented the ten best birds for the year.

Following these presentations, an excellent program was given by Bob Gress titled, "Chasing Warblers" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Chuck Otte
Corresponding Secretary