

**Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS)**  
**Annual Membership Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)**  
**September 27, 2025**  
**Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas**

The 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held September 27, 2025. The meeting was held in the Overman Student Center on the campus of Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas. KOS President Kurtis Meier called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

The 2024 Annual Meeting minutes had been previously printed in the Horned Lark newsletter. Eugene Young 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 fund 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 2025-2026 year was reviewed:

President – Mike Rader  
Vice President – Andrew George  
Corresponding Secretary – Chuck Otte  
Membership Secretary – Jeff Calhoun  
Treasurer – Max Thompson  
Business Manager – Malcolm Gold  
Editor, KOS *Bulletin* – Eugene Young  
Editor, Horned Lark – Trish Remley  
Director – Glenn Caspers  
Director – Jennifer Jones

Kurtis called for any further nominations from the floor. There were none. Chuck Otte moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the presented slate. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chuck asked that as Christmas Bird Count compilers determined dates for their counts to let him know so that he could update the annual web page online.

Business Manager Malcolm Gold announced that 2026 KOS calendars were available in the back of the room for \$10.

*Bulletin* Editor, Eugene Young requested articles and suggested to student presenters and professors that the papers being presented would make great articles for the *Bulletin*.

Horned Lark Editor, Trish Remley, thanked everyone for welcoming her as the Horned Lark editor and asked folks to send her ideas, short notes of interest or articles of interest to Kansas birders.

Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC) Chair and Secretary, Max Thompson and Chuck Otte respectively, gave a brief report. Three new species had been added to the state check-list in 2025: Slaty-backed Gull, Lawrence's Goldfinch, and Tropical Parula.

John Schukman, KOS Research Committee Chair, reported that there'd been no requests for research funds in the past year and encouraged individuals with potential projects to consider requesting support. All the information is on the website.

It was announced that the KOS 2026 Spring Meeting (Field Trips) would be in the Cross Timbers area of southeast Kansas with more details to be forthcoming after the first of the year. Max Thompson issued an invitation to host the 2026 Fall Meeting at Southwestern College in Winfield.

With no further business to be conducted, the annual business meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The Banquet was held on Saturday evening, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Wilkinson Alumni Center in Pittsburg. The Avian Conservationist of the year award was presented to Pete Janzen. The Ivan Boyd Award was presented to Mike Rader. Outstanding Student Paper awards were presented to Gabe McClain of Pittsburg State University and Ryan Andrews of the University of Kansas. Gene Young than presented the ten best birds for the year. A heartfelt thank-you was given to fall meeting organizer Dr. Andrew George.

Following these presentations, an intriguing and enjoyable program was given by Dr. Tim O'Connell, Oklahoma State University titled, "Teaching ornithology with the wisdom of Merlin at you side."

Chuck Otte  
Corresponding Secretary