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# Mississippi Ornithological Society



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## NEWSLETTER

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### 2017 MOS FALL MEETING- BILOXI/GULFPORT OCTOBER 13-15, 2017

The fall meeting will be held on the Gulf Coast in the Biloxi and Gulfport areas. Field trips on Saturday will be announced at the Friday Meet & Greet but will likely include Ship Island as well as mainland points of interest. The Saturday evening banquet will be held at Patio 44 in Biloxi with talk by special guest Noah Strycker on “Birding Without Borders: An Epic World Big Year”.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** - A limited block of rooms under the group name “MOS” have been reserved at the following hotel, but will be held only until September 20 (advance reservations are recommended because of limited availability and better rates). Please be sure to mention that you are with the MOS group both to secure your rate and potentially get MOS some discounts if we reserve enough rooms:

Hampton Inn & Suites at I-10 in Gulfport, 15580 Daniel Blvd Gulfport MS 39503, phone: 228.539.0601. Rate - \$99/night

**BOOK SIGNING & SOCIAL** – Pascagoula River Audubon Center (PRAC), 107 Arthur Street, Moss Point, MS. We will help celebrate the second anniversary of PRAC with a book signing by Noah Strycker (with books available) and a social at PRAC on Friday evening. This event will be open to the public courtesy of PRAC’s cosponsorship of the meeting. Light refreshments will be available.

**BANQUET VENUE** – Patio 44 Restaurant, 124 Main St, Biloxi, MS 39530, phone: (228) 207-2628 website: <http://patiofortyfour.com/patio-44-biloxi.html> Meal will be served buffet style and include: Salad, choice of pork loin or blackened catfish, steamed vegetables, roasted garlic & Caramelized onion mashed potatoes, sourdough roll, and white chocolate bread pudding.

#### **FRIDAY EVENING – Oct 13 –**

##### **Pascagoula River Audubon Center**

3:30-5:00 p.m. MOS Board/Officers’ Meeting (PRAC)

5:00-7:00 p.m. Book signing and Social with Noah Strycker followed by discussion of Saturday field trips (PRAC)

#### **SATURDAY – Oct 14 – Field Trips (leaving from Hampton Inn)**

6:30-7:30 a.m. For those staying at the Hampton Inn, breakfast is provided in the breakfast room

7:30 a.m. Field trips - All field trips will meet in the parking lot of the hotel

Lunch --On your own

6:30 p.m. Banquet – Patio 44, Biloxi

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting and Species Tally Guest Speaker: Noah Strycker, “Birding Without Borders: An Epic World Big Year”

#### **SUNDAY – Oct 15 – Field Trips (leaving from Hampton Inn)**

6:30-7:30 a.m. Breakfast

7:30 a.m. Field trips - meet in the parking lot of the hotel



Noah Strycker, 31, is Associate Editor of *Birding* magazine, the author of two well-regarded books about birds, and a regular contributor of photography and articles to all major bird magazines as well as other media; he blogs regularly for the American Birding Association. Strycker set a world Big Year record in 2015, and his book about the experience, *Birding Without Borders*, will be released in Oct 2017. Strycker has studied birds on six continents with field seasons in Panama, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Australia, Antarctica, the Galapagos Islands, and the Farallon Islands. He also works as a naturalist guide on expedition cruises to Antarctica and Norway’s Svalbard archipelago. His first book, *Among Penguins*, chronicles a field season working with Adélie Penguins in Antarctica (Oregon State University Press, 2011) and his second, *The Thing with Feathers*, celebrates the fascinating behaviors of birds and human parallels (Riverhead Books, 2014). Strycker is also a competitive tennis player, has run five marathons, and hiked the 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada. Visit his website at: [www.noahstrycker.com](http://www.noahstrycker.com)

**MOS OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT:** JR Rigby  
**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Hal Mitchell  
**SECRETARY:** Holly Cox  
**TREASURER:** Wayne Patterson  
**PAST PRESIDENT:** Ken Hackman  
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**MOS NEWSLETTER EDITORS:** Gene and Shannon Knight

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**ATTENTION ALL MOS MEMBERS**  
**ELECTRONIC MOS NEWSLETTER**

**In order to cut down on our printing and mailing costs of the Newsletter, we are asking any of you who would be willing to receive your Newsletter by email to please contact us at: [gsknight@hughes.net](mailto:gsknight@hughes.net)  
Thanks for your help**

The President's Corner  
By JR Rigby  
MOS President

I was very fortunate this summer to accompany a group of college students to southeastern Arizona and do some birding in the Chiricahua Mountains. In many ways it was like birding for the first time all over again: new sounds, new landscapes, and so many hummingbirds! The feeling of exploring a totally new landscape is unique and wonderful and utterly disorienting. I established a couple of "patches" nearby that I checked many times during my stay, and soon the foreign landscape became more familiar.

Honestly, though, I was surprised how quickly familiarity began to set in. It was, of course, a superficial familiarity based entirely on a level of comfort with the identification of common species in the area by sight and sound. It was not the more intimate familiarity with the habits, variability, seasonal rhythms and particularities I have established with some of the species I watch most in Mississippi. Without much self-awareness, I went on walks and tallied Acorn Woodpeckers and other common (for that place) birds mostly without a second thought.

Near the end of our stay, the students in our group were required to come up with questions about organisms in the area that they could reasonably address with a single day of observation and investigation. They were given a day to make their observations and then asked to prepare a presentation to the group sharing their findings. To give only one example of many, a student followed Acorn Woodpeckers around the research station where we lodged to find out how many acorn caches they used and which were favored. In her day of observation she found out many things about Acorn Woodpeckers besides this.

Though I probably tallied a hundred more encounters with these birds than this student had in our stay, one afternoon of observation with a specific question in mind had given this student far more understanding of Acorn Woodpeckers than I had. This was true of most of the presentations. The results of the students' work were humbling.

While I have become knowledgeable about some birds in my regular patches around Oxford through sheer volume of birding and curiosity, I have clearly only scratched the surface. It's a new birding resolution of mine to do more question-driven birding, and I think it will add a new dimension to long-familiar landscapes. I invite you to do the same. Spend some time writing down some questions. And stick to small questions that can be addressed in a day or a weekend of intentional observation. I think the results might surprise you.

<b>MOS MEMBERSHIP FORM</b>	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City, State, Zip:	_____
RENEWAL	_____ NEW MEMBER _____
<b>DUES:</b>	
___ Junior (14 and under)	\$5 yr.
___ Student (15 and older)	\$10 yr.
___ Individual	\$25 yr.
___ Family	\$35 yr.
___ Subscribing (Libraries)	\$15 yr.
___ Sustaining	\$50 yr.
___ Life	\$350 yr.
<b><u>DUES ARE DUE</u></b>	
<b>And payable in January of each year. Send check to: Wayne Patterson, 283A CR 501 Shannon, MS 38868</b>	

### Submitting Articles For the MOS Newsletter

The MOS Newsletter is published biannually to inform members of upcoming meetings and birding events. The editors invite you to participate by submitting articles for possible publication in the newsletter. Some suggestions for articles might be:

\*Birding trips—in-state, out-of-state, or out-of-country

\* Life bird experiences

\*Bird locales

\* Special birding events

\*Any interesting story about birds or bird behavior

Please submit neatly handwritten or typed articles, not to exceed two single-spaced typed pages. You may contribute as many articles as you would like. Articles may be sent in any time of the year, but if you would like it to appear in a specific issue then it must be sent in on the following deadline dates.

Summer Issue - June 30                      Spring Issue - December 31

Please mail or e-mail your articles to: Gene and Shannon Knight, 79 Hwy 9W, Oxford, MS 38655

662-236-2413 or [gsknight@hughes.net](mailto:gsknight@hughes.net)

### Minutes of the MOS Spring Board Meeting and Business Meeting April 21 & 22, 2017

#### BOARD MEETING –

The Board of Directors of the Mississippi Ornithology Society met at 3:32 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017 at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science in Jackson. Present were J.R. Rigby, President; Hal Mitchell, Vice President; Wayne Patterson, Treasurer; Ken Hackman, Past President; Nick Winstead, Editor of the *Mississippi Kite*; Gene Knight, MBRC Editor of the MOS Newsletter; and Holly Cox, Secretary.

J.R. moved that the minutes of the Fall 2016 meeting as printed in the newsletter be approved and it was unanimously approved. Wayne passed out the Treasurer's report showing a balance through April 2017 of \$29,246.79, which includes the bank and Paypal combined total of \$7,558.88, Savings Account of \$3,079.45 and the Coffey Endowment CDs of \$18,608.46. J.R. explained that MOS's previous Employer ID was lost by the State and he is working with attorneys to get a new EIN and complete registration for MOS to have 501(c)(3) status by Fall 2017. J.R. asked Wayne whether the MOS Bank accounts had co-signors on the CDs like the checking account does. Wayne stated that Ken Hackman, previous President, is still listed co-signer on the CDs. J.R. and Wayne agreed to get together and sign the necessary Bank papers to transition the account for Wayne and J.R., as current President, to be co-signers. Wayne stated the CDs are located at a Coast bank as set up by a previous Treasurer. Wayne will move the account from the Coast by Fall 2017, if not sooner.

Nick brought out old MOS Treasurer's documents which had been kept at MMNS for Wayne to look through. The documents included old checking account papers and processed checks from the 60's and 70's. Wayne went through them keeping only the original MOS EIN paper and anything else he felt important. Ken moved to get rid of the old bank statements and checks and Wayne seconded the motion. Nick asked Wayne whether he wanted to keep the current MOS Treasurer's papers at MMNS. Wayne stated that since he only had records for the past 2 years, he would keep them for now and that he might move them to MMNS in the future. It was mentioned that the previous treasurer Jan Dubuisson's records and reports had never been given to MOS. Nick thought he recalled since she lived on the Coast she had lost them in Hurricane Katrina. A brief discussion was held about ways to assist members with annual dues notification. It was noted that members were using Paypal on the website to pay dues.

Nick announced that all MOS publications were up-to-date. He made suggestions for future article ideas (field notes, weird sightings, rare sightings, 1<sup>st</sup> State records, etc.) and to solicit ideas from Mississippi birders within MOS and through MISSBird Listserv. Gene stated that the July BATS publication was good and he was working on a possible re-design for December 2017. Discussions were made to add more content, a new format, and to add photos to BATS. J.R. tabled making revisions and a new re-design for now while Nick takes time to consider the changes.

JR went over the final Spring 2017 business meeting details. Field trips were discussed and it was decided they would be the Yazoo Catfish ponds, Fannie Cook nature area, Pipeline Road, and LeFleur's Bluff. J.R. announced that the MOS Fall 2017 meeting would be held on the Coast, October 13-15, 2017 and that Noah Strycker will be the guest speaker. Suggestions were made for the Spring 2018 guest booking with possibly Brian K.

Wheeler somewhere in the North Delta area near or in Tunica County. (Email forwarded from J.R. to Board members after this meeting sent from Wheeler stating his book publication was delayed and that Fall 2018 might work better for everyone).

J.R. gave an update on the status of the MOS website re-design and showed a sample webpage he has been working on. He is hoping to have the new site up and running by year's end.

J.R. stated that he had been in contact with Ebird representatives regarding a contest to encourage birders to Ebird sightings in unbirded counties in Mississippi. Ebird was very receptive and said they would donate Zeiss binoculars for the winner. It was unanimously agreed to pursue this project next year.

J.R. mentioned he contacted Sardis WMA regarding additional access to areas not open to the public for birding. Sardis WMA has agreed to open the closed areas every day in the Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb) for the normally inaccessible 3,000 acres. He is hoping that other Mississippi WMAs will do the same.

J.R. said he would like to have MOS T-shirts, caps, etc. available to sell by the Fall 2017 meeting. He will circulate new ideas via email in the months to come.

J.R. announced that the J.W. Tucker Award was being presented to Ned Boyajian at the banquet business meeting this year.

Hal brought up the continued need of MOS working towards young birder recruits. Ideas discussed included advertising, sponsorships at Millsaps birding camp, day camps, Boy Scouts, ABA sponsored camps, etc. Holly will pursue more options with the possibility of MOS sponsoring young birders or hosting our own birding day camps in the future. J.R. brought up the idea of purchasing NFC (Nocturnal Flight Call) devices similar to what Strawberry Plains is doing.

Gene made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ken. The meeting ended at 4:52 p.m.

#### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING –**

MOS members met at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science in Jackson, Mississippi for the Spring banquet at 6:45 p.m. J.R., President, called the meeting to order and thanked Nick Winstead and everyone at MMNS for hosting the meeting. Ken Hackman moved that the minutes of the Fall 2016 meeting be approved as printed in the newsletter, Nancy Madden seconded, and the motion was approved. J.R. discussed the history of the J.W. Tucker Award and acknowledged previous recipient members present which included Gene Knight and Mary Stribling, and also acknowledged Bob and Martha Sargent, not present. He introduced Jason Hoeksema who presented the 2017 J.W. Tucker Award to Ned Boyajian. Jason gave a bio of Ned's extensive birding background and a list of his great contributions to the State of Mississippi as well as throughout the United States. Ned graciously thanked everyone.

Gene Knight conducted the species tally. J.R. then gave an update on MOS activities stating that Nick and Gene had gotten the Kite publications completely updated. He mentioned that they were seeking additional articles for BATS and gave several ideas of what they were looking for. He then mentioned a contest idea attempting to bird more unbirded counties in Mississippi and that representatives at Ebird were onboard to contribute Zeiss binoculars to the winner. The contest will likely be held in 2018. He then gave an update on revising the MOS website which will hopefully be completed by the end of this year to include real-time BATS on line. He also announced that Sardis WMA agreed to open non-public areas of Mississippi WMA for birding during the winter and that he is contacting other Mississippi WMA's to try and obtain similar access. J.R. then introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Stephen J. Dinsmore, a Professor of wildlife ecology and Associate Chair in the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management at Iowa State University. He gave a presentation on "Plovers, Prairie Dogs and Plague" with an emphasis on the life history of the Mountain Plover. Following the presentation, J.R. asked members to "save the date" for the MOS Fall 2017 meeting which would be held on the Coast, October 13-15, 2017. Noah Strycker, author and previous birding world record holder in 2015, will be the guest speaker. He then announced that tomorrow's field trip would be decided at the hotel breakfast area and in his absence Jason Hoeksema would lead. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by Holly Cox, MOS Secretary

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS—Kermit Jr., Creston, and Camden Baumgartner, David Haraway, Libby and Paul Hartfield, Jeff Hill, Art Minton, Billy Mitchell, Jeff Narvil, Michael Sandoz, and Judy Reeves**

### **2017 Tucker Award recipient: Ned Boyajian**

MOS periodically presents the J.W. Tucker Award to a person who has made significant lifetime contributions to ornithology in Mississippi. At the spring, 2017 MOS meeting in Jackson, the Tucker Award was presented to Ned Boyajian. Ned started birding at age 6 in New Jersey, where his first life bird was a Blue Jay in September of 1938. His first pair of binoculars came nine years later, when he remembers finding significant birding inspiration from his first sighting of a Bufflehead. Soon, Ned was among the most active birders in the New York City area. During the 1950's and 60's, he was an active member and leader of the Linnaean Society of New York, serving as President, Vice-president, and Recording Secretary (essentially records committee chair), and also served as a regional editor for Audubon Field Notes. In 1965, he co-authored the book "Familiar Garden Birds of America," with Henry Collins Jr., and was the American consultant to the "Pictorial Encyclopedia of Birds" by J. Hanzák (1967). Ned has lived and birded all over the USA, including California, Louisiana, and Arizona, but has lived part-time or full-time in Mississippi for many years now. Among his contributions to birding and ornithology in Mississippi are:

- Maintaining and updating an Annotated Checklist of the Six Coastal Counties
- Compiling the Southern Hancock Christmas Bird Count
- Member of the Mississippi Bird Records Committee
- eBird reviewer for Mississippi
- Prepared the original user ID guide for the Audubon Coastal Bird Survey, and continues to conduct two ACBS surveys and to help with others
- Wrote, or revised, all the site descriptions for the original Mississippi Coastal Birding Trail
- Reviewed, evaluated, and prepared for entry into eBird of some 20+ years of weekly Seaman Road surveys
- Wrote "the Birding Year" contribution to the book "Guide to Birding Coastal Mississippi"
- Participates in weekly bird surveys at the Seaman Road Sewage Lagoons

We are lucky to have Ned Boyajian as a member of the MOS community. Please join us in thanking him for his contributions! Jason Hoeksema



Species List  
2017 MOS SPRING MEETING 21-23 April  
Jackson Area and MS Delta

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Greater Yellowlegs	Acadian Flycatcher	Swainson's Warbler
Canada Goose	Lesser Yellowlegs	E. Phoebe	Tennessee Warbler
Wood Duck	Ring-billed Gull	Great Crested Flycatcher	Kentucky Warbler
Mallard	Forster's Tern	Eastern Kingbird	Common Yellowthroat
Blue-winged Teal	Neotropic Cormorant	Loggerhead Shrike	Hooded Warbler
Northern Shoveler	Double-crested Cormorant	White-eyed Vireo	American Redstart
Greater Scaup	Anhinga	Yellow-throated Vireo	Northern Parula
Ruddy Duck	A. White Pelican	Red-eyed Vireo	Pine Warbler
Northern Bobwhite	Least Bittern	Blue Jay	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Wild Turkey	Great Blue Heron	American Crow	Yellow-throated Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Great Egret	Fish Crow	Prairie Warbler
Rock Pigeon	Snowy Egret	Purple Martin	Yellow-breasted Chat
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Little Blue Heron	Tree Swallow	Eastern Towhee
Mourning Dove	Cattle Egret	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Field Sparrow
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Green Heron	Cliff Swallow	Savannah Sparrow
Chimney Swift	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Barn Swallow	Swamp Sparrow
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Black Vulture	Carolina Chickadee	White-throated Sparrow
King Rail	Turkey Vulture	Tufted Titmouse	Summer Tanager
Virginia Rail	Osprey	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Scarlet Tanager
Sora	Mississippi Kite	Marsh Wren	Northern Cardinal
Purple Gallinule	Bald Eagle	Carolina Wren	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Common Gallinule	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Blue Grosbeak
American Coot	Cooper's Hawk	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Indigo Bunting
Black-necked Stilt	Red-shouldered Hawk	Eastern Bluebird	Painted Bunting
American Avocet	Broad-winged Hawk	Veery	Dickcissel
Semipalmated Plover	Red-tailed Hawk	Wood Thrush	Red-winged Blackbird
Killdeer	Eastern Screech-Owl	American Robin	E. Meadowlark
Stilt Sandpiper	Barred Owl	Gray Catbird	Common Grackle
Dunlin	Belted Kingfisher	Brown Thrasher	Brown-headed Cowbird
Least Sandpiper	Red-headed Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird	Orchard Oriole
Pectoral Sandpiper	Woodpecker	European Starling	Baltimore Oriole
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Cedar Waxwing	
Western Sandpiper	Woodpecker	House Sparrow	<b>Total Species--146</b>
Long-billed Dowitcher	Downy Woodpecker	House Finch	
Wilson's Snipe	Hairy Woodpecker	A. Goldfinch	
Spotted Sandpiper	Pileated Woodpecker	Blue-winged Warbler	
Solitary Sandpiper	Peregrine Falcon	Black-and-white Warbler	
	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Prothonotary Warbler	

Some Sightings From The Field (Spring/Summer 2017)  
Gene Knight, MBRC Chair

**White-winged Dove** has nested in the state for years but the first photographic evidence was acquired in March 2017 from Pascagoula, Jackson County. (2 chicks were photographed with an adult). On 14 March an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** was present in Logtown, Hancock County. The **Pacific Loon** present this winter at Bay Springs Lake, Tishomingo County, was seen again in the company of a **Red-throated Loon** on 19 March. The **Neotropic Cormorant** continues to be seen away from the MS Delta. One at Hussey Sod Farm in Lee County on 25 March and one on Ross Barnett Reservoir, Madison County on 30 April were good finds. And two possible nests were seen on 22 April at the north end of Panther Swamp NWR in Yazoo County. A rare **Gray Kingbird** was photographed on 14 April off Belle Fontaine Drive, Jackson County. **Black-whiskered Vireo** is rarely seen in the state but one was reported from Singing River Island, Jackson County on 24 April. For the third straight spring a male **Bronzed Cowbird** was present at an inland feeder in Brookhaven, Lincoln County on 26 April and remained for a least a week. Also present at this feeder was a single **Inca Dove** on 2 May. Possibly the same female **Brown Booby** that has been seen at several lakes in north MS was found on 26 April in Marion County at Lake Bill Walker. It was later picked up on 29 April and taken to a rehab center and later died. A **Cave Swallow** was photographed on 30 April in Jackson County at Seaman Road Lagoons. The elusive **Black-billed Cuckoo** was reported from Marshall County on 2 May near Waterford and then on 10 May one heard east

of Oxford, Lafayette County. On 3 May a male **Cape May Warbler** posed for photographs near Oxford, Lafayette County. The first photographic documentation of **Horned Lark** on the MS Gulf Coast was present on 6 May at Seaman Road Lagoons. Only two previous records exist from coastal counties. **Grasshopper Sparrows** were present on Buck Island Road, Tunica County on 6 May and Hale Quarters Road in Monroe County on 20 May. On 7 May a pair of **Western Kingbirds** were present near Greenville along the MS River Levee at the Warfield Point Park sign. There are very few inland MS records of **Whimbrel** so one present at Oktibbeha County Lake on 12 May was a great find. Spring **Red-necked Phalaropes** are similarly rare in the state but a breeding plumage male was photographed on West Ship Island, Harrison County on 13 May. Also on 13 May a male **Mourning Warbler** was seen for several hours at Rowan Oak, Oxford, Lafayette County. A male **Shiny Cowbird** was present on 13-22 May at Ansley, Hancock County. Spring **Mississippi Kites** are not noted to be seen in large numbers but 150+ were reported just northwest of Oxford, Lafayette County on 25 May. **Scissor-tailed Flycatchers** have nested in the Sessums Community, Oktibbeha County in the past and this year wasn't any different as a pair was seen on 2 May and fledglings on 31 July. A single **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** was spotted on 18 June along Hwy 305 in Tate County and a pair was present on 2 July at Black Swamp Mitigation Bank near Aberdeen, Monroe County. A 1<sup>st</sup> year **Brown Booby** was photographed flying south of Sand Island, Jackson County on 27 May. A remarkable sighting of a **Tropical Kingbird** in Pascagoula, Jackson County on 9 and 23 June was reported with photographs. On 16 June a single **Western Kingbird** was seen at the MS Extension Center south of Verona, Lee County. Tropical Storm Cindy produced several rare terns in June. An adult and immature **Sooty Tern** was present on 21 June at Moses Pier, Harrison County. The next day on 22 June an immature **Sooty Tern** was in Wiggins, Stone County. Also on 22 June a **Bridled Tern** was photographed at the old Broadwater Marina, Harrison County. On 25 June a dead **Bridled Tern** was found at the Pass Christian Harbor, Harrison County. Post breeding **Swallow-tailed Kites** were as far north as Camp McCain, Grenada County on 5 July (1 spotted) and 2 were seen on 18 July at Lefleur's Bluff SP, Hinds County. An unprecedented 2-3000 **Neotropic Cormorants** were present at St. Catherine Creek NWR, Adams County on 30 July and 11 August.

MOS FINANCIAL REPORTS  
 SEPTEMBER 2016-AUGUST 2017  
 SUBMITTED BY WAYNE PATTERSON, MOS TREASURER

**INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT**

**INCOME**

Dues	\$ 2,440.00	
Donations	\$ 75.00	
Registration Fees	\$ 1,300.00	
Publications	\$ 10.00	
Pieplow Book Sales	<u>\$840.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 4,665.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

Fall 2016 Meeting Expenses	\$976.85	
Spring 2017 Meeting Expenses	\$1,114.45	
Mississippi Kite –8 Issues	\$859.06	
Pieplow Books	\$611.10	
Website Expenses	\$319.40	
Spring 2017 Newsletter	\$ 86.84	
Mississippi Wildlife Fed. 2017 Dues	\$100.00	
Paypal Fees	<u>\$ 91.47</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 4,159.17</b>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>		<b><u>\$505.83</u></b>

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

Checking Account & Paypal	\$7,164.69	
Savings Account	\$3,083.44	
Certificates of Deposit including Coffey Endowment (\$15K )	<u>\$18,608.46</u>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$28,856.59</b>
<b>NET WORTH</b>		<b><u>\$28,856.77</u></b>

**MOS Fall 2017 MEETING - REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Person (s):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration

\_\_\_ Person (s) (member) X \$ 55.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Person (s) (non-member) X \$ 65.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Person (s) (student) X \$ 30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet entrees include salad, 1 meat option (pork loin or blackened catfish) with steamed vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes, sourdough bread, and dessert. Please indicate your meat preference below (additional dietary restrictions, please contact J.R. Rigby, jr.rigby@gmail.com).

\_\_\_ Pork \_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_ Vegetarian (substitute additional side)

**Please make check payable to M.O.S. Mail check and registration form to:**

Wayne Patterson, MOS Treasurer, 283A CR 501, Shannon, MS 38868

**Mail the registration form to reach Wayne no later than September 30.**

**Mississippi Ornithological Society**

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