

PROPOSED AMMENDMENT TO SCO CONSTITUTION

An ammendment to the SCO constitution has been proposed to extend the length of office terms from two years to four years. A vote among members will be conducted during the next election for officers. The present constitution section states: Article III (officers & board); A. Executive Committee; Section 4. The president and vice-president shall hold office for one term (two years) and shall be eligible for re-election for a further two year term. The secretary, treasurer, and editor are eligible for re-election indefinitely.

Proposed change: Article III (officers & board); A. Executive Committee; Section 4. The president and vice-president shall hold office for one term (four years), and shall be eligible for re-election for a further four year term. The secretary, treasurer, and editor are eligible for re-election indefinitely.



Colorado artist Mary Helsaple presenting her watercolor, "Wild Treasures of the Caribbean," to Marshall Jones, Assistant Director for International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

WILD TREASURES OF THE CARIBBEAN

Mary Helsaple, the Colorado artist who produced the beautiful painting "Wild Treasures of the Caribbean," recently donated the original artwork to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in memory of the late Mollie Beattie, former Director. Helsaple said she hoped the painting would encourage its viewers to consider the interconnectedness of people and wildlife and that all life is a precious gift that we cannot afford to waste. SCO members can obtain a poster copy of the art, proceeds from which benefit your Society [see information in next column).

NEOORN — ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD FOR DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON NEOTROPICAL BIRDS

Van Remsen has established this "listserv" for international exchange of information on Neotropical ornithology. Topics on *NEOORN* include news items, questions concerning ongoing and future research, information requests, discussion of conceptual issues, and conservation items requiring immediate attention. Messages can be in any language. A primary goal of *NEOORN* is to provide those working in regions with minimal library access with a means of requesting help from those with good access.

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CARIBBEAN POSTERS AVAILABLE

The CITES Conservation Treaty Support Fund (CTSF) has just published a beautiful poster entitled "Wild Treasures of the Caribbean," depicting sea turtles, birds, coral, and other endangered species of the Caribbean. The poster ties in with a brochure published by World Wildlife Fund/TRAFFIC USA as part of the "Buyer Beware" campaign that urges tourists and others not to buy endangered species or their products. The poster is beautiful and depicts Caribbean wildlife in a natural setting. Its design was done by the renowned wildlife artist, Mary Helsaple.

The Society of Caribbean Ornithology helped fund the production of this poster as part of the Society's public education effort. The idea for the poster and brochure was conceived at the 1992 CITES Training Workshop for English-speaking Caribbean nations.

Posters will be made available for free to the CITES Management Authorities on each Caribbean island. SCO Island Representatives can contact the CITES Management Authority on their island to help with distribution of the posters. A limited number of posters is available to the public to help raise funds for CITES and our Society. The Society of Caribbean Ornithology will receive a 10% profit from sales of the poster. SCO members can obtain the poster by sending a check or postal money order for \$25 (U.S.) to the Conservation Treaty Support Fund (CTSF), 3705 Cardiff Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 U.S.A. Please indicate that you are a SCO member on your order. Discounts are available for wholesale purchases (20 posters or more). For further information, contact George Furness, Jr. at (301) 654-3150 or by fax at (301) 652-6390. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE SCO IN THIS FUND-RAISING PROJECT!!!!