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Dear Chapter Presidents and Delegates:

Thirteen out of an active nineteen Ohio Chapters were present at a meeting Saturday, April 6th in Columbus Ohio's Museum of Biological Diversity in which Ohio Audubon Council adopted new Bylaws by twelve to one dissenting vote.

These Bylaws now in effect will enable the organization to be much more efficient in accomplishing its mission.

That mission, as adopted previously, is as follows:

This mission of the Ohio Audubon Council (OAC) is to aid chapter development in strength, growth, and leadership through dialogue and networking between chapters, Audubon Ohio, and the National Audubon Society and to provide an independent collective voice of Ohio Chapters and affiliates in all Audubon affairs.

In addition to the approval of the Bylaws, a new name was adopted by a twelve to one dissenting vote:

Council of the Ohio Audubon Chapters
(COAC) for short

Under the terms of the new Bylaws, the chapter delegates, one per chapter, shall elect, through nomination procedures, six trustees to the Board to serve staggered terms of three years. The Board of Trustees, in turn, shall conduct all of the business of "COAC."

For further explanation and reference, you will find enclosed a copy of the New Bylaws.

In the interim period, six trustees were elected by unanimous ballot of the thirteen chapter delegates to serve until June 30, 2003. They are as follows:

Mike Coogan

Dayton Audubon Society

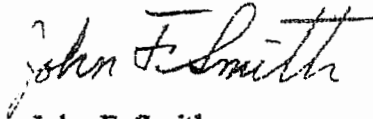
Al Dolan	Canton Audubon Society
Louise Fleming	Greater Mohican Audubon Society
Pete Precario	Columbus Audubon Society
Jack Smith	Black River Audubon Society
Liz Woedl	Oxford Audubon Society

At the annual meeting, the date in April 2003, (to be decided), initial elections will be held for six trustees with staggered terms to take office July, 2003. A nominating committee will be appointed by the next meeting in October 2002. They will present a slate of trustees at the 2003 annual meeting and nominations can be made from the floor. All delegates who would like to serve please make your wishes known.

After election of the interim board of trustees, the meeting was opened to brainstorming and several good suggestions were made which will be carefully studied and acted on at the first Board of Trustees meeting which will be held at the home of Louise Fleming on Sunday, May 19th at 1:00 P.M.

One of the important items on the agenda will be the planning for the fall meeting, with the objective of making this meeting a successful, interesting, informative affair for all Audubon members and leaders who attend.

Sincerely Yours,



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Acting Interim President

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