



## You are Cordially Invited to the First Annual Member Meeting of the Ocean State Bird Club

The Ocean State Bird Club will celebrate its first year connecting birders across Rhode Island and Southeastern New England at its 2015 Annual Meeting from 6:00 to 8:30 pm on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Warwick Public Library.

Members are invited to arrive at 6 pm for light refreshments and an opportunity to socialize prior to the business meeting. There will be a business meeting from 6:30 – 7:00 pm during which club members will elect the Officers and Board Members for the 2015–2016 Board of Directors and vote on a proposed amendment to the OSBC By-Laws. Alexander Dunn, Environmental Educator, will be the Keynote Speaker. His illustrated talk “Lessons from the Field: Exploring the Natural World through Bird Watching” is scheduled for 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Winners of door prizes will be announced following the talk.

**Members are requested to register to ensure adequate seating is available.**

To register, please go to <http://www.oceanstatebirdclub.org/2015-annual-meeting.html> ,  
or email us at [oceanstatebirdclub@gmail.com](mailto:oceanstatebirdclub@gmail.com) .

**When:** April 16, 2015, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

**Where:** Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI 401-739-5440

**Agenda:**

6:00 – 6:30 ~ Refreshments, socialize with other members

6:30 – 7:00 ~ Welcome, business meeting, election of Board & Officers, vote on proposed amendment (see below for slate of nominees & proposed amendment).

7:00 – 8:00 ~ Keynote Speaker: Alexander Dunn, “Lessons from the Field: Exploring the Natural World through Bird Watching”

8:00 ~ Door prizes announced

8:15 ~ Adjournment

**Voting on slate of Officers and Board of Director Members and proposed amendment to OSBC By-Laws.** All OSBC members are eligible to vote at the annual meeting.

*Note: Rosanne Sherry is resigning from her seat on the Board. We thank her for her enthusiastic involvement in organizing the OSBC and during its first year, and for her continuing support.*

**Officers and Board of Directors Member Nominees:** Members may serve on the Board of Directors for 4 successive years. Biographical sketches and pictures of nominees who currently serve on the Board can be found at <http://www.oceanstatebirdclub.org/osbc-leadership-team.html>

**Jana Hesser – President** -- continuing for second year

**Dan Berard – Vice President** -- continuing for second year

**Michael Gow – Treasurer** -- continuing for second year

**Sue Dunn – Secretary** – continuing for second year on Board, first year as Secretary

**Marge Bradley** -- continuing for second year on Board (served as Secretary for first year, will continue to be Coordinator of Member Communications)

**Suzanne French** -- continuing for second year

**Candy Powell** -- continuing for second year

**Jack Sullivan** -- continuing for second year

**Matthew Schenck** -- new, first year *Matt is an avid naturalist and professional environmental educator. He has spent 4 years connecting people to the outdoors in Colorado, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Georgia before moving to Rhode Island in 2014. Matt is the Summer Camp Director at Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown. Along with birding he enjoys wildflowers, butterflies, dragonflies, and just being outside and exploring. He has been involved with starting and coordinating the OSBC Youth Birding Initiative.*



### **Proposed Amendment to OSBC By-Laws.**

#### **ARTICLE IV -- SECTION 2**

The Board of Directors shall be composed of no less than 5 and no more than **9** members elected from the membership and shall include the OSBC Officers. All Directors shall be members.

#### **Will be amended as follows:**

The Board of Directors shall be composed of no less than 5 and no more than **11** members elected from the membership and shall include the OSBC Officers. All Directors shall be members.

*We are proposing to increase the size of the Board to incorporate additional skills and talents and to assure good Board representation at monthly Board meetings.*