

## **Recognition Awards Committee of the Waterbird Society (International, Distinguished Service)**

### 2014 Annual Report

**Membership:** The current Committee is chaired by Michael Erwin (USGS retired), and consists of John Anderson, Sarah Karpanty, and Gopi Sundar. John and Sarah agreed to serve a second term (2015-17) in 2014, while Gopi's first term ends in 2015.

**2014 Activities:** The Committee's primary work this year concerned working with the Council to review and revise the protocol that the Committee has been using since 2012. This was completed in September 2014. Also, the recipients of the RC Murphy Award (P. Becker) and the Distinguished Service Award (D. Shealer) were notified of their awards and Becker was asked to prepare an Awards lecture at the 2014 meeting.

**2015 Proposed Work:** The Chair will notify both the OSNA newsletter and the Waterbird Society web manager of the awards. Also, notices will be submitted to both outlets concerning the nomination procedures for any of the three Society awards. A deadline of April 1 will be established for all the awards. After the nominations are processed and the Committee makes its decision, names of nominees will be submitted to the President for Council approval. Lastly, the Chair will continue to seek a second international committee representative.