

NYSARC NEWS

On 31 Dec 2003, voting member Kevin McGowan reached the end of his term and rotated off the committee. We wish to thank Kevin for his many contributions over the past five years and look forward to continuing interactions.

His successor will be Steve Kelling who has been an active birder for over 30 years, has served as Region 3 Editor for *The Kingbird*, and is currently a regional editor for *North American Birds* (Hudson-Delaware region, Fall Season.) Professionally, Steve is the Director of Information Technologies at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, where he is involved in developing web-based applications that allow birders across the continent contribute observations to a growing database monitoring the birds of North America.

Steve's recruitment continues NYSARC's strong representation within the Cayuga Basin birding community and maintains our long-standing ties with the Lab of Ornithology and Cornell University.

Senior voting member Tom Burke has agreed to continue for another term. He brings to the table unparalleled knowledge of the birds and birders of New York State and we value his meticulous attention to detail.

Angus Wilson, Chairman of NYSARC