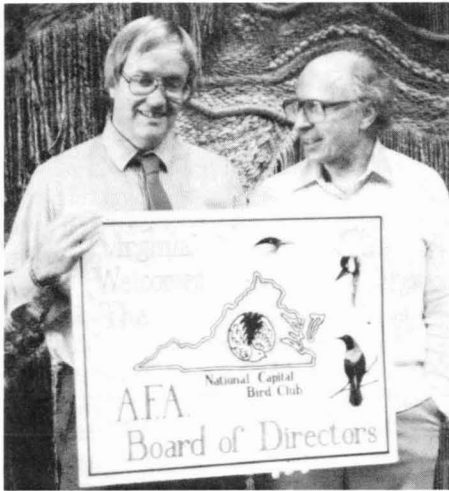


## Spring AFA Board Meeting

Photo by Ruth Hanesjian



Tom Marshall and Dr. Richard Baer display the welcoming sign at the Board meeting in Virginia.

Last May on Saturday the sixteenth the A.F.A. quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The minutes of that meeting have already been sent out. These couple of paragraphs are just to bring to your attention the really good job so many of our members do in their A.F.A. duties.

The meeting was sponsored by the Na-

tional Capitol Bird Club and Tom Marshall was the chief organizer. The meeting covered the normal A.F.A. business (which can be found in the minutes) and there were three excellent guest speakers. Dave Orlean from the Wildlife Section, U.S. Department of Justice explained how his agency was responsible for enforcing the federal laws regulating birds and other animals. Most of the convicted crooks listed in the last Watchbird were nailed by the Justice Department.

Dave Goodman from the U.S.D.A. / APHIS service gave an update on Newcastle and answered questions regarding bird imports and quarantine. Dr. Mallinson, now with the University of Maryland Agriculture Extension Service, explained a program whereby private aviculturists can work with state governments on a volunteer basis to monitor and control pet bird health problems. His idea has merit. If we keep our act clean, the government won't have to clean it up for us.

When the meeting adjourned many members and delegates went on to dinner on the town while some of the out-of-towners were taken on a tour of the nation's capitol city. Much credit should be given to Tom Marshall, Cliff Witt and the National Capitol Bird Club for hosting such an excellent meeting.

## American Pheasant and Waterfowl Society and International Wild Waterfowl Association Combine for Convention '81, Minnesota



The Minnesota Pheasant & Waterfowl Society is hosting the joint convention of the International Wild Waterfowl Association and American Pheasant & Waterfowl Society September 23-26, 1981. There will also be a pre-convention tour on September 22 of the International Crane Foundation. This tour will be held jointly with the American Game Bird Breeders Cooperative Federation. We have planned an interesting, fun-filled convention as you can see from the attached schedule. We want to extend to all of you our personal invitation to attend the convention. Even if you are not a member of the IWWA or AP&WS, we are sure you will enjoy meeting other aviculturists, touring collections, listening to interesting speakers, socializing with new friends and participating in the annual auction of game birds. This will be an opportunity to bid at the auction to get new bloodlines for your stock.

Costs are the lowest you will ever find for a national game bird convention. The registration fee of approximately \$70.00 for a four day joint convention is lower than the usual three day convention. Registration includes Thursday breakfast, bus tours of local collections, river boat cruise and dinner, Friday lunch and dinner and tour of the new zoo, and the Annual Banquet and Dance on Saturday. Hotel rooms in the newly remodeled Ramada Inn are only \$35 single and \$39 double. Transportation costs to Minnesota by air or car are less than traveling to the Coasts. Plan ahead and get super-saver fares for air travel. Contact your local travel agency or you may contact White Bear Travel Service, attention Patty, 1310 Highway 96, White Bear Lake, Mn. 55110, phone (612) 426-3238.

For more information about the convention, and to get pre-registration materials, write:

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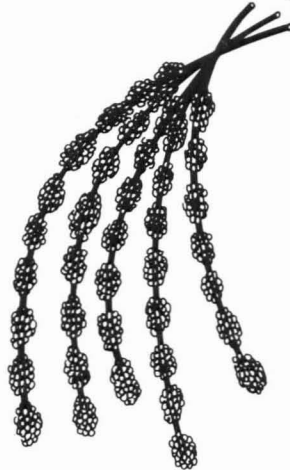
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