EDITORIAL

The Southern African Seabird Group has now been in existence for just over two years. Yet the group has no formal committee or constitution. To date, it has been much of a "one-man band" with myself playing on all instruments. Membership, beach patrols, seawatching and The Cormorant itself are all growing in size and scope and it is becoming difficult for one person to do everything. It has been suggested to me, and I agree, that the time has come to form a committee and share out the tasks.

Beach patrols are now being organized by Graham Avery of the South African Museum and forms can be obtained from him. But there remains a need for a Chairman, a Treasurer, a Secretary and regional representatives.

If any members of the group would like to stand on an *ad hoc* committee, one of whose tasks would be to deliberate on a constitution, could they please contact me and offer their services? Thank you.

It is hoped that a committee and a constitution can be formally voted in during the Symposium on Birds of the Sea and Shore at the University of Cape Town, 19 - 23 November 1979.

See you all there!

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