

Animal Care and Use Committee

Committee Members: J. Binkerhoff, J. A. Bryan II (co-chair), B. Danielson, L. Dolan, W. L. Gannon, B. R. Jesmer, S. C. Loeb, R. Lonsinger, D. K. Odell, L. E. Olson, R. S. Sikes (co-chair), R. D. Stevens, R. M. Timm

Mission:

The ACUC serves as a resource for issues concerning the use of animals in research. The committee maintains information on the American Society of Mammalogists (ASM) website regarding animal use and compliance, and regularly publishes revised guidelines. The committee responds to inquiries from Society members, IACUC staff, government, and other agencies regarding appropriate use of wild mammals in research. We provide comments on proposed changes to animal use regulations, and work to facilitate appropriate oversight of the use of wild mammals in research. Over the past 15 years the ACUC has become increasingly recognized for its proactive educational efforts aimed at improving understanding of oversight and regulatory personnel regarding the unique aspects of research with wild mammals.

Information Items – July 2024 to date:

(1) The various iterations of the ASM guidelines continue to serve as the standard for oversight of research involving wild mammals.

(2) A substantive, final draft revision of the ACUC Guidelines was completed; with publication now anticipated in 2025. Following final review and approval by committee members, it will be submitted to the Journal for peer review. After reviewers' comments have been addressed, the document will be submitted for review and approval by the ASM Board of Directors for formal adoption prior to publication.

Specific activities by committee members:

(3) ASM ACUC member John Bryan (Dr. Bryan) continues to serve as the ASM Delegate to AAALAC International. He also serves on both the AAALAC, Int. Mentor, and Town Hall Program Committees.

(4) ASM ACUC member Dr. Bryan continues to provide consultation for the Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research (PRIM&R) Annual IACUC Conference Content/Planning Committee.

(5) ASM ACUC member Dr. Bryan continues to serve as faculty with the Interagency Collaborative Animal Research Education (iCARE) Project; an effort that is part of the National Institutes of Health, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare.

(6) ASM ACUC member Dr. Bryan continues to serve as faculty with the IACUC 101; a non-profit organization that promotes educational programs concerning animal welfare.

(7) As President of the American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (AAWV), Dr. Bryan completed the AAWV Position Statement on the use of wildlife in research.

(8) ACUC committee members Robert Sikes (Dr. Sikes) continues to serve on AAALAC International's Council on Accreditation. Inclusion in this organization provides a critical additional voice within AAALAC International for field-oriented use of mammals in research and teaching.

(9) ACUC member Dr. Sikes continues to serve as a member of the Standing Committee on the Care and Use of Animals in Research of the National Academy of Sciences.

Action Items: None

Budget Request

AAALAC International

\$ 2,000.00. Travel and Lodging of ASM delegate to AAALAC Board of Trustees/Delegates Meeting

\$ 2,000.00

Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW)

\$ 1,000.00 SCAW (Institutional Membership)

\$ 1,800.00 Travel and Lodging, 3 nights

\$ 2,800.00

PRIM&R (Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research)

\$ 500.00 Registration, Annual Meeting

\$ 3,850.00 Travel and Lodging

\$ 4,350.00

TOTAL REQUEST

\$ 9,150.00

Respectfully submitted,

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