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I. Secretary-Treasurers Report

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In 2012 the Society experienced its fourth consecutive year of decreasing membership. Membership figures are summarized for the past 12 years along with data as of 24 May 2013 in Table 1.

In 2012 the Society had 225 Nominees and as of 24 May 2013, the Society has received 205 New Nominees (Table 2). Additionally, 103 individuals have reactivated their memberships and the names of these individuals are presented in Table 3.

In 2012 the Society saw the passing of five members and thus far in 2013 an additional five members have passed away. The names of these 10 individuals are presented in Table 4. It is important that everyone take a moment at some point during the meeting to look over these names and reflect on their contributions to the Society.

396 individuals that were members in 2012 have not renewed their membership by 24 May 2013. The names of these individuals are presented in Table 5.

This year there were no new Patron Members. The Society welcomes 1 new Life Member. Thank you for your support and life-long commitment to the Society. Today there are 638 Life Members and 53 Patron Members who make up 31.4% of our Society and are instrumental in our success.

Over the course of the year, the Society's general operating account took in revenues of **\$258,141.98** and had expenditures of **\$364,787.42**. The timing of the revenues and expenditures of the Society made it necessary for the Trustees to transfer **\$106,645.44** from the Reserve Fund.

The **FUTURE MAMMALOGISTS FUND** received contributions of **\$13,142.50**, the **LATIN AMERICAN STUDENT FIELD RESEARCH FUND** received contributions of **\$7,098.50**, the **AFRICAN STUDENT FUND** received **\$4,005**; the **OLIVER PEARSON FUND** received **\$691**, the **ASM GENERAL CONTRIBUTION FUND** received **\$3,601.50**, and the **ASM CENTURY CLUB** received **\$300**. These funds remain very beneficial to the Society and all contributions are welcomed. This money is greatly appreciated by the Society and we as a Society thank everyone for his or her generosity over the past year.

Finally, I would like to thank the membership and leadership for the support and trust they have given me as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Society of Mammalogists.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Van Den Bussche
Secretary-Treasurer

Membership Figures - Table 1

Membership	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
Nominees	243	207	239	297	335	343	304	291	235	240	238	225	205
Reinstated	10	4	14	1	12	8	12	19	60	71	43	73	103
Deaths Reported	-9	-16	-15	-9	-9	-5	-13	-7	-9	-15	-3	-5	-5
Resignations	-7	-28	-16	-18	-6	-1	0	0	-3	0	0	0	0
Dropped Delinquents	-210	-176	-134	-209	-242	-308	-268	-260	-467	-420	-469	-476	-396
Net Change	27	-9	88	62	90	37	35	43	-184	-124	-191	-183	-93

(Table 2)
(Table 3)
(Table 4)
(Table 5)

Status of Members	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
Honorary	13	14	14	11	13	16	16	17	17	16	16	16	16
Patron	62	64	64	64	65	65	64	63	60	59	56	53	53
Life	615	635	643	650	658	655	654	655	617	629	634	631	638
Emeritus	158	160	160	158	158	158	154	147	114	114	111	106	106
Annual	2743	2722	2807	2904	2653	2986	3049	3429	1853	1723	1575	1499	1387
Total	3591	3595	3688	3787	3547	3880	3937	4311	2661	2546	2392	2305	2200

Subscriptions	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
Active	1116	1122	1055	970	931	846	781	709	629	532	476	432	388

Mailing Lists	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
Total Membership	3591	3595	3683	3788	3547	3880	3937	4311	2661	2546	2392	2305	2200
Members Not Receiving the Journal	-622	-716	-672	-834	-571	-877	-1087	-1834	-548	-584	-653	-623	-732
Members Receiving the Journal	2969	2886	3011	2954	2975	3003	2850	2477	2113	1962	1739	1682	1468
Active Subscriptions	1140	1146	1055	970	931	846	781	709	629	532	476	432	388
Total	4109	4032	4066	3924	3906	3849	3631	3186	2742	2494	2215	2114	1856

* as of 24 May 2013

(Table 2) New Nominees in 2013

Dara Adams	Caroline Leuchtenberger	Steven Lewis
Jaclyn Aliperti	Nicholas Fletcher	Meredith Lieurance
Travis Allen	Sarah Fortune	Rocio Loizaga De Castro
Deborah Anderson	Elizabeth Freeman	Blake Lowrey
Crystal Arkenberg	Eric Freeman	Mauro Lucherini
Eric Arnold	Jorge Galindo-González	Danita Lynch
William Ary	Melquisedec Gamba-Rios	Julie Lynn
Dulce Maria Avila Najera	Mike Glester	Jonas Malmsten
Christopher Baldwin	Sergio Gomez	Michael Manning
Daniel Becker	Airy Gonzalez	Heather Markel
Kendell Bennett	Cherl Graves	Deanna Massey
Kevin Benzing	Matthew Grilliot	Anna McConville
Sonny Bleicher	Hakan Gür	Randi McCormick
Rita Blythe	Michael Guy	Allan McDevitt
Lorraine Boast	Nate Gwinn	Jane McKenzie
Daniel Bogan	Jared Haas	Julieta Merlo
Robert Boria	Chris Habeck	Gillian Merritt
Katherine Brakora	Jessica Haines	Jeffrey Miller
Cara Brook	Lucas Hall	Kayla Miller
Josef Bryja	Talisin Hammond	Ted Miller
Christopher Burdett	Joshua Hassler	Scott Mills
Elaina Burns	Robin Hayes	Shahroukh Mistry
Katherine Caldwell	Mark Hebblewhite	Lydia Moore
Anthony Caragiulo	Laura Heiker	Shannen Moore
Carlos Caramori	Brandi Herauf	Matthew Mumma
Ed Carrillo	Elizabeth Higgins	Susan Munster
Michelle Cason	Abbi Hirschy	Eric Murray
Jose Castello	Matthew Holding	Julia Nawrocki
Kevin Castle	Anne Honeywell	Mariana Nery
Chih-Wei Chen	John Hopkins	Andrea Nickoloff
Mark Chynoweth	Jeremy Hsu	Amber Nolder
Katherine Cleary	Amelia Hunt	Andrew Norton
Alexander Cohen	Luis Iniguez	Mirian Tiekou Nunes Tsuchiya
Kimberly Congdon	Kenta Ishii	Frank O'Keefe
María José Corriale	Donavan Jackson	Emily Olds
Kai Curry-Lindahl	Heiko Jansen	Nichole Olsker
Rachel Curtis	Dianna Johnson Ward	Dustin Owen
Matt Davis	Sandra Johnston	Jared Oyster
Stephanie Demay	Katrina Jones	Benjamin Pauli
Ned Dochtermann	Robert Jones	Silvia Pavan
Lauren Dorough	Esmarie Jooste	Autumn Phillips
José Mauricio Duarte	Erin Kane	Rachel Pigg
Suzanne Dunken	Elizabeth Karlake	Ricardo Pita
Christopher Dunn	Shin-Ichiro Kawada	Roy Platt
Nicole Duplaix	Claudia Keller	Samantha Pounds
Paul Durst	Kapil Khadka	Kathryn Preston
Sean Ehlman	Kelsey Khoury	Callyn Ratcliff

Christopher Emerling
Gideon Erkenwick
Stacey Evans
Kathryn Everson
Zachary Evilsizer
Fernanda Fernandes
Dakota Rowsey
Amy Russell
Hae Yeong Ryu
Romeo A. Saldaña-Vázquez
Ada Sanchez
Garrett Savory
Bryant Sawada
Corrie Schoeman
Hannah Schradick
Samuel Schratz
William Severud
Aubrey Sirman
Peter Smissen
Kevin Smith
Timothy Smyser
Rahel Sollmann

Allyssa Kilanowski
Andrew Krause
Frauke Krüger
Carolyn Kurle
Angela Larsen
Emily Latch
Kelly Speer
Jessica Sproviero
Theodore Stankowich
Hayley Stannard
Christine Steininger
John Stuhler
Mariella Superina
Caragh Threlfall
Rachael Toldness
Morihiro Tomozawa
Sandra Troxell-Smith
Elizabeth Troyer
Julie Turner
A.Cora Varas-Nelson
Ali Villanueva
Jessica Walz

Gregory Reed
Jason Riggio
Daniela Rivera
Marco Rodríguez
Ana Rojas
Francesco Rovero
Amanda Webb
Robert Weladji
Michael Whitby
Jennifer Wilkening
John Williams
Charlotte Wilson
Stefanie Wolf
Patrick Wolff
Emily Woodruff
Hannah Worrall
Maya Yamato
Hillary Young
Marissa Zaino
Fridolin Zimmermann

(Table 3) Reinstated in 2013

Aaron L. Alford	Susan Hoffman	Terry Reas
Jessica Amanzo	Kris Hundertmark	Lilly K. Rendt
Brian S. Arbogast	Matthew Ihnken	Kurt Rinehart
Michael S. Barbour	Michael D. Johnson	Trina Roberts
Sean Beckmann	Carl Kaster	V. Roth
Leah Berkman	Fanuel Kebede	Manuel Ruedi
Julie Beston	Laura Kent	Sharlene Santana
Beatriz Bolivar Cime	Alyssa Kiesow	Robert Schorr
Gerald Braden	Brandon Kilbourne	Katelyn Schumacher
Elizabeth Braun De Torrez	Sara Krause	Kim T. Scribner
Derek Broman	Amy Kuczynski	Ashley Seifert
Joseph Busch	Kirstin Lawrence-apfel	Gono Semiadi
Richard Cadenillas	Eric Lindemann	Juliana Senawi
Timothy Campbell	Anna Loy	Debra Shier
Marc Carrasco	Jessica Lucas	Joshua Smith
Mary Clark	Jason Malaney	Kimberly Smith
Elizabeth Congdon	Helene Marsh	Nancy Solomon
Megan Corley	Cindy Mathiasen	Kathryn Stuart
Alyson Courtemanch	Robert McCleery	Angela Szesciorka
Suzanne Cox Griffin	T.J. McGreevy	Erik Terdal
David Crawford	Shawn Meagher	Courtney Thomason
Matthew A. Cronin	L David Mech	Simon Townsend
Mario Di Bitetti	Patricia Moehlman	Timothy Van Deelen
Kimberly Durham	Jason Munshi-South	Jorista Van Der Merwe
Shannon Fredebaugh	Robyn Nadolny	Jeffrey Van Zant
Sarah Fritts	Holly Ober	Heather Vetter
Anthony Futcher	Allan O'Connell	Eric Waltari
Danielle Garneau	Juan Opazo	Matthew Walter
Philip D Gingerich	Karla Pelz-Serrano	C Suzane Ware
Robert Gitzen	William Porter	Jericho Whiting
Aaron Gooley	Lisa Powers	Tammy Wilbert
Ira Greenbaum	Amanda Price	Janna Willoughby
Mark Harbin	Angela Price	Eric Yensen
Anthony Hartman	Susan Ramones	
John Hisey	Douglas Ransome	

(Table 4a) Deaths in 2012

David D. Blythe	Martin W. Schein	Nixon A. Wilson
Elizabeth K. Kalko	B. J. Verts	

(Table 4b) Deaths in 2013

Joseph A. Davis	Robert L. Rausch	John Schoenherr
John Cruz Duran	Fred A. Ryser, Jr.	

(Table 5) 2012 Members, Non Renewed in 2013

Nathan Alexander	Gabriela Castellanos	Christian Floyd
Nancy Amundson	Reyna Castillo-Gamez	Aaron Foley
Henry Andrews	Steven Castleberry	Nikolai Formozov
João Pedro Araujo	Juan Celis	Rodney Foster
Malgorzata Arlet	Bethany Chagnon	Charles Francis
Marlene Attell	Laura Chain	Valentina Franco Trecu
Todd Atwood	Mitch Chapman	Danielle Fraser
V.B. Awasthi	Gloriana Chaverri	Cheryl Frederick
Hans Baagoe	Andreas Chavez	Jennifer K. Frey
Jeff Babson	John Chavez	Anthony Friscia
Andrea Bailey	Darren Clark	Guilherme Garbino
Vickie Bakker	Melissa Cogan	Jonathan Gasset
Brendan Balasko	Julie Constable	Stefanie Gazda
Valerie A. Barko	Robert Corrigan	Keith Geluso
Ruben Barquez	Pablo Cortes	Geoffrey Gerstner
Erika Barthelmess	Nada Cosic	Anthony Giordano
Steven Beal	Clark Cotton	Jessie Golding
Kristi Beatty	Crystal Cox	Anne Goldizen
Paul Beier	Bogdan Cristescu	Geoffrey Gomes
Veronica Benitez	Amy Cross	Daisy Gomez-Ruiz
Lance Bernal	Nick Crumpton	Raul Gonzalez-Ittig
Sean Bertie	Anna Czupryna	José González-Maya
William J. Bleier	Ben Dantzer	Francois Gould
Christopher Bloch	Wallace D Dawson	Ambre Graham
Dimitri Blondel	Helen De La Maza	Danielle Grant
Paul Bobick	Liesl De Swardt	David Green
Anik Boileau	Ted Dealey	Jeremy Green
Christina Booher	Jennifer Dearolf	Beau Gregory
Jennifer Borgo	Christopher Deperno	Emma Grigg
Natalia Borrego	Jill Deppe	Aren Gunderson
Rafael Borroto	Elissa Derrickson	Hannah Gunter
Jeff Bowman	Liliane Dethier	Darcee Guttilla
Christine Bozarth	Jill Devine	Russell Gwinn
César Bracamonte	Eric Dinerstein	Glenn Haas
Wesley Brashear	Laurie Dizney	Mukhtar Haba
Christine Breitenmoser	Richard Dolman	Nerissa Haby
John Bridges	Shelly Donohue	James Halfpenny
Miguel Briones	Catherine Doyle-Capitman	Karl Haller
Janice Britton-Davidian	Jerry Drago	Don Hardeman, Jr.
John Bryan, II	Peter Dunlevy	John Harder
Elizabeth Bullock	Jonathan Dunnum	Kimberly Harle
Mary Bunch	John Cruz Duran	Tyler Harm
Joseph Burger	Cathleen Early	Derek Harvey
Robert Burgess	Bodil Elmhagen	Charles Hauser
Tiffany Burgess	Clinton Epps	Terry Haverkost

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Cibele Caio
Brandon Calderon
Maria Camacho
Kurt Campbell
Juan Carrera
Fiona Caryl
Christopher Himes
Amanda Hoepfner
Anouschka Hof
Steven Hogg
Abby Holloway
Paul Houghtaling
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Jusun Hwang
Robert Inman
Nobuo Ishii
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Avinash Jayaprabhu
Farish A Jenkins
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Yeong-Seok Jo
Ivan Johnson
John Johnson
Tammi Johnson
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Caitlin Karanewsky
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Marcelo Kittlein
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II. ASM Board of Trustees

Members: F. Choate, P. Sudman (Chair), and R. Van Den Bussche.

The ASM Trustees manage contributions and other revenues of the Society in an effort to assist with a wide variety of Society functions from assistance with publication costs and student awards, to helping to balance the budget. Together these funds are referred to as the ASM Reserve Fund. After reaching a high of \$3,738,275 in October of 2007, the historic economic downturn of 2007 through 2009 resulted in a loss of close to 50% of the net asset value of the ASM Reserve Fund. Despite the recent market rallies, initial recovery from the recession was slow, with a highly volatile market – as such, many mutual funds and other investment vehicles have hedged on the side of caution. As such, our recovery has not been as dramatic as either the Dow Jones Industrial Average, or the S&P 500. By the end of 2012, both of these indices had increased by slightly over 100% from their lows on 9 March 2009, while the ASM Reserve Fund has increased by only 73%. Comparing 31 December 2012 with 31 December 2011, the S&P increased 13.41%, the Dow increased by 7.26%, and the ASM Reserve Fund net value increased by 12.18%, even though our allocation to operations exceeded our deposits. The following figures track the Reserve Fund values as well as revenue inputs and expenditures over the past three years.

STATUS OF ASSETS	31 DEC 2010		31 DEC 2011		31 DEC 2012	
	Market value	%	Market value	%	Market value	%
Cash and MM Funds	103,243.09	3.3	51,389.14	1.8	102,497.67	3.1
Stocks	1,332,225.02	43.0	1,240,807.31	42.4	1,273,956.99	38.8
Mutual Funds	1,572,032.97	50.7	1,547,875.06	52.9	1,851,448.73	56.5
Unit Investment Trusts	91,362.65	3.0	84,794.39	2.9	53,300.97	1.6
TOTAL	3,098,863.73	100	2,924,865.90	100	3,281,204.36	100
Life/Patron Payments	12,065.38		9,268.83		10,860.19	
Meeting Residuals	65,667.47		18,500.00		16,102.17	
Received from Allen Press	43,851.36		44,110.25		60,094.39	
Royalties	2,221.60		2,051.35		0	
GROSS VALUE	3,222,669.54		2,998,796.33		3,368,261.11	
Allocation to Operations	101,039.59		89,034.13		\$106,645.44	
NET PRINCIPAL	3,121,629.95		2,909,762.20		3,261,615.67	

Although the Trustees pool the individual accounts listed below for investment purposes, they are tracked separately. Their year-end value is calculated by adding the value of donations to the total for the previous year and then adding or subtracting the percent increase or decrease of the Reserve Fund as a whole. As of 31 December 2012, those funds were allocated as follows:

RESERVE FUND INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS

FUND	31 DEC 2010 MARKET VALUE	31 DEC 2011 MARKET VALUE	31 DEC 2012 MARKET VALUE
Future Mammalogists Fund	505,706	483,900	555,996
J. A. Allen Fund	435,580	411,123	461,611
L Amer Stud. Field Res. Fund	73,901	70,852	86,582
Pearson Fund	198,596	188,520	212,178
African Student Fund		3,040	4,005
ASM Fellowship Fund	30,731	29,006	32,600
Century Club	6,190	6,242	7,302
SAREM	5,538	8,267	13,279

The Pooled Income Fund was developed as an investment option for donors who wish to contribute to the American Society of Mammalogists and obtain a tax advantage for doing so but continue to receive income from their contributions. At the end of each calendar year, the Trustees disperse all the interest and dividend income to the shareholders (donors) in the fund in proportion to their percent ownership. At the death of a shareholder, their percentage of the fund is transferred to the Reserve Fund. Prospective donors to the Pooled Income Fund can obtain information about this investment option from any of the Trustees.

The Pooled Income Fund was established on 1 October 1998 with an initial market value of \$10,206. Factors that affect the value of the fund are contributions, market performance, dispersements, and death distribution.

STATUS OF ASSETS	ANNUAL SUMMARY		
	2010	2011	2012
Value as of 1 January	\$41,127	\$44,879	\$43,356
Plus Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less Income Dispersement	(\$1,945)	(\$1,885)	(\$1,761)
Gain (Loss) Due to Market Performance	\$5,697	\$362	\$5,869
Value as of 31 December	\$44,879	\$43,356	\$47,339
Change in Value for Year	\$3,770	(\$1,523)	\$3,983
% Yield	4.7%	4.2%	4.1%

III. Standing Committees

Animal Care and Use Committee

Committee Members: J. A. Bryan, D. S. Carroll, B. J. Danielson, J. W. Dragoo, M. R. Gannon, W. L. Gannon, D. W. Hale, C. McCain, D. K. Odell, L.E. Olson, S. Rissing, R. S. Sikes (Chair), R. M. Timm, S. A. Trehitt.

Mission:

The ACUC acts as a resource for issues concerning the use of animals in research. The Committee maintains information on the ASM website regarding animal use and compliance and publishes revised guidelines regularly. The committee responds to inquiries from Society members, IACUC staff, government, and other agencies regarding appropriate use of wild mammals in research. We also provide comments on proposed changes to animal-use regulations.

Information Items:

- (1) Sikes (representing the ASM), Ellen Paul (representing the Ornithological Council), and Stephen Beaupre (representing the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists) published the manuscript entitled "Standards for wildlife research: Taxon-specific guidelines vs. PHS Policy." in *AIBS BioScience*. This document argues for formal recognition of taxon specific guidelines in Public Health Services policy as the appropriate standards for wildlife research as opposed to the *ILAR Guide for the care and use of laboratory animals*.
- (2) The ACUC chair represented the ASM at the Annual Meeting of the AAALAC Board of Trustees in September 2012.
- (3) Representing the ASM, the ACUC chair attended the Annual Meeting of the Scientist Center for Animal Welfare. Although no formal presentation was made at the meeting, copies of the *ASM Guidelines* were made available to all attendees and there was considerable interaction with participants asking about oversight of wildlife. NOTE – Sikes was invited to return in 2013 as a panel speaker, to facilitate a breakout session on oversight of wildlife, and as a co-facilitator on a session regarding application of the AVMA guidelines for euthanasia.
- (4) The ACUC chair, with approval of the ASM Board and in coordination with the Ornithological Council, requested a proposal to evaluate the efficacy of thoracic compression.
- (5) The National Science Foundation revised their Grant Program Guide in January 2013 to formally recognize taxon-specific standards in proposals submitted to them. This action is as

requested in the *BioScience* paper listed above.

- (6) The ACUC chair and an additional committee member (J. A. Bryan) represented the ASM at the Annual PRIM&R IACUC Meeting in Baltimore in March. Both of these individuals also were facilitators for a double session on oversight of wildlife in research (a session that has grown each year).
- (7) Sikes (representing the ASM) and Ellen Paul (representing the Ornithological Council) submitted invited papers to a special wildlife-focused edition of the *ILAR* journal. These manuscripts were accepted and publication is expected in early 2013.
- (8) A wildlife-specific training module was drafted and submitted to CITI (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative). This module was written by Sikes (representing the ASM), Ellen Paul (Representing the Ornithological Council, Joan Richerson (Veterans Administration), Steven Beaupre (ASIH), and John Bryan, National Park Service and ASM).
- (9) A draft for Frequently Asked Questions regarding oversight of wildlife research was solicited by the Federal Demonstration Partnership. This document was written by Sikes (ASM), Ellen Paul (OC), and Steven Beaupre (ASIH) and has been submitted for review to the FDP.
- (10) The ACUC chair was asked to co-author a chapter to include information on review of wildlife protocols for a revision of the ARENA/OLAW IACUC guidebook.
- (11) The ACUC is preparing a response to the recent (February) revision of the AVMA's *Guidelines for Ethnasia of Animals* that will be proposed as a position statement by the ASM.
- (12) Over the past year the committee provided comments to IACUCs and investigators on issues regarding appropriate use of wild mammals in research. The committee regularly provides comments and opinions to ASM members, IACUCs and other interested parties seeking expertise on non-laboratory species.

Action Items:

- (1) Budget request (this is a continuation of funding approved for in past years with a slight increase to match rising travel costs).

AAALAC International

\$ 100.00 AAALAC International (membership)

\$ 1,150.00 Travel to AAALAC Board of Trustees Meeting (transportation and lodging, 3 nights)

\$ 1,250.00

Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW)
\$ 1,000.00 SCAW (Institutional membership)
\$ 800.00 Transportation and lodging, 2 nights

\$ 1,800.00

PRIM&R (Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research)
\$ 500.00 Registration, annual meeting
\$ 1750.00 Transportation and lodging, 3 nights

\$ 2,250.00

TOTAL REQUEST
\$ 5,300.00

Respectfully submitted,
Robert S. Sikes, Chair
(rssikes@ualr.edu)

Archives Committee

Historian: R. M. Timm (Chair, Historian)

Archivist: A. L. Gardner

Information Items:

(1) All of Past President William Lidicker's correspondence from the University of California, Berkeley has been received at the Smithsonian for transfer to the ASM Archives.

(2) Assisted with the preparation of the obituary for B. J. Verts. It appeared in the August 2012 [JM 93:1216–1222] issue of the *Journal*.

(3) Worked with the Honorary Membership Committee to produce the awards that that will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

(4) Received a considerable number of photographs of interest to the Society from David Armstrong, Don and Glennis Kaufman, and William Lidicker for the ASM's archives including a number of older Annual Meeting images. These are being sorted, labeled, and selected ones sent to Matt Hopton for scanning and uploading onto the Archives Committee's web page (see Our History tab (www.mammalsociety.org/committees/archives#tab7)). Matt is exploring different formats for storing the photographs and legends (i.e., pdf, txt, doc, etc.). Thus, it is advantageous for us to have as many original photographs and the associated legends as possible

to work with. The Society owes Mary Hopton our heartfelt thanks for volunteering her skills in this endeavor as many of the older images are of varying quality and awkward sizes. Please look at the photographs of the Annual Meetings that are posted and provide us with the originals of any that you do not see posted.

Interestingly, only photographs of the Board of Directors were taken in some years as a substitute for the traditional group photograph because it was deemed that the entire group had become so large that the group photo seemed of little value.

(5) The bibliographies of several more past presidents were added to the Our History site.

(6) Archivist Gardner continued to sort, process, organize, and prepare material for transfer to the Smithsonian Archives.

(7) **Future needs:** Please send us images of interest to the Society and our Science of Mammalogy.

Action items: None.

Respectively submitted,

Alfred L. Gardner, Archivist

Robert M. Timm, Historian, Chair

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Checklist Committee

Committee Members: R. E. Barry, P. Bloomer, G. N. Bronner, R. L. Brownell, Jr., M. D. Carleton, D. P. Domning, A. L. Gardner, C. P. Groves, K. M. Helgen, H. N. Hoeck, M. E. Holden, S. S. B. Hopkins, R. Hutterer, P. D. Jenkins, C. W. Kilpatrick, C. A. Matthee, J. G. Mead, G. G. Musser, L. E. Olson, J. L. Patton, D. M. Reeder (Chair), A. L. Roca, D. A. Schlitter, A. C. Schunke, N. B. Simmons, A. T. Smith, R. W. Thorington, Jr., G. Veron, D. E. Wilson, C. A. Woods.

Mission:

The Checklist Committee was established by the Board of Directors in 1980 to provide advice on Mammal Species of the World. The Checklist Committee is charged with compiling and updating the publication, Mammal Species of the World: A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference.

Information Items:

(1) The Checklist Committee was established by the Board of Directors in 1980 to provide advice on Mammal Species of the World. The Checklist Committee is charged with compiling and updating the publication, Mammal Species of the World: A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference. The first edition was edited by J. H. Honacki et al. (1982) and published by Allen Press and the Association for Systematics Collections. The first edition recognized 4170 species. Current authors for Mammal Species of the World (MSW) make up the checklist committee. MSW contains the names of all currently recognized species, nested in a taxonomic hierarchy that includes at a minimum Order, Family, and Genus.

(2) The second edition was edited by D. E. Wilson and D. M. Reeder (1993) and published by Smithsonian Institution Press. The second edition recognized 4629 species, including 172 species newly described since the first edition.

(3) The third edition, also edited by Wilson and Reeder, was published as a two-volume set by Johns Hopkins University Press in mid-December 2005. Since its publication in mid-December 2005, 2200+ copies have been sold. MSW3 includes common names, authorities for synonyms, and the recognition of subspecies. Other fields include type species for genera, type locality, distribution, and conservation status for species, and synonyms and comments fields for all taxa. MSW3 also contains an extensive bibliography (~ 9400 references) and an index of scientific names (~ 32,000 valid names and synonyms). MSW3 recognizes 5416 species and is currently available online at www.bucknell.edu/msw3. This fully searchable and downloadable database went online summer 2007, and receives approximately 11,000 hits daily. The Bucknell MSW3 database was replaced by a newer version at Smithsonian Institution in May 2011 – which is available at: <http://www.vertebrates.si.edu/msw/mswcfapp/msw>. Features of this site include: enhanced data exports that allow results to be formatted for xls spreadsheets and pdf, a dynamic taxonomy tree browser, advanced search features and species links to corresponding NMNH collection records. Given some glitches with the Smithsonian site, the Bucknell site still remains open.

(4) The checklist committee is currently working on MSW4, which we anticipate will be produced both in hard copy and as a searchable database.

Action items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
DeeAnn M. Reeder, Chair
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Conservation Committee

Committee Members: A. A. Ahlers, L. C. Arias, B. S. Arbogast, B. J. Bergstrom (Chair), A. Cheeseman, A. D. Davidson, N. Dawson, A. W. Ferguson, A. T. Ford, B. J. Gaston, A. J. Giordano, R. L. Honeycutt, T. J. Jessen, D. M. Kaufman, J. Malaney, R. A. Medellin, A. Morzillo, R. A. Ojeda, E. E. Posthumus, L. A. Randa, S. R. Sheffield, W. Tubbs, N. Upham.

Mission:

The Conservation Committee (CC) was established by the ASM in 1927, a few years after the Society passed a resolution condemning the unscientific and propagandistic extermination campaign against predators at its 4th annual meeting in 1924. First known as the Conservation of Land Mammals Committee, the committee's name was changed to the Conservation Committee in 2002 to reflect the fact that it dealt with conservation issues that included all mammals. In 2002–2003, the Aldo Leopold Conservation Award subcommittee that CC had recently established was moved to full standing committee status. The CC promotes research, education, and science-based solutions to conservation and management of native mammals in North America and globally.

Information Items:

(1) The CC welcomed new members Adam Ahlers, Amanda Cheeseman, Rodney Honeycutt, Dawn Kaufman, Jason Malaney, Erin Posthumus, Wendy Tubbs, and Nate Upham in 2012-2013.

(2) Activities of the ASM CC during 2012-2013:

(a) The CC sponsored a 90-min public forum on federal wildlife control at the 2012 ASM meeting in Reno, at which the Associate Deputy Administrator of USDA-APHIS for Wildlife Services (WS), the Western Region Director of WS, the Director of WS's National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC), and NWRC Logan, UT, Field Station Director answered questions from committee members and other meeting attendees. The forum was covered for the Sacramento Bee by Tom Knudson:

<http://www.sacbee.com/2012/06/30/4601217/wildlife-services-meets-with-its.html>

(b) In June 2012, CC and ASM President Mike Mares collaborated with Society for Conservation Biology and Society for Ecosystem Restoration on a letter to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Ashe, urging an expedited peer review of the recovery plan for the Mexican gray wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*), whose fragile recovery is threatened, and offering the expertise of our societies on the recovery planning team.

http://mammalsociety.org/uploads/committee_files/MexicanWolfLetter.pdf

ASM received a reply in late July 2012 from USFWS Southwest Regional Director Nicholopolous, stating his opinion that such a review was premature, and apparently declining our offer to be included on the recovery team. He did commit that, after gathering data on

habitat suitability from Mexico, a draft revised recovery plan would be sent out for peer and public review in 2013 with a targeted completion date of 2014:

http://mammalsociety.org/uploads/committee_files/MexicanWolfReplyLetter_0.pdf

(c) In September 2012, CC drafted a position letter, approved and signed by President Ed Heske, commenting on the Environmental Assessment for collaboration between Oregon Division of Fish and Wildlife and USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services on lethal and non-lethal control of gray wolves in an effort to control depredation of livestock. ASM argued for prioritized use of preventive, non-lethal methods of control:

http://mammalsociety.org/uploads/committee_files/OregonEnvAssessWildlifeServices.pdf

(d) Several members of CC prepared a manuscript for peer-reviewed publication detailing the possible direct and indirect effects of WS's lethal control of predators and prairie dogs in the West, arguing for cost-benefit analysis and a thorough environmental assessment of its programs.

(e) CC has organized a special thematic session on predator control for this year's meeting in Philadelphia, with presenters from NWRC, NGOs, and academia speaking about effects of lethal and non-lethal control of predators.

(f) CC submitted a position letter to the USFWS, approved and signed by President Heske, supporting the listing of the wolverine (*Gulo gulo*) in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Bergstrom, Chair
(bergstrm@valdosta.edu)

Conservation Awards Committee

Committee Members: R. T. Bowyer, J. A. Cook (Chair), J. Esselstyn, J. Goheen, K. M. Helgen, N. Ordóñez-Garza, K. D. Stone, S. Wisely.

Mission:

This Committee administers two awards, the Aldo Leopold Conservation Award and the William T. Hornaday Award. These awards were established by the ASM Board of Directors in 2002. The Aldo Leopold Award was created to recognize a well-established individual who has made a lasting scientific contribution to the conservation of mammals and their habitats. The William T. Hornaday Award was created to recognize a current graduate or undergraduate student who has made a significant contribution as a student to the conservation of mammals and their habitats.

Information Items:

(1) The Conservation Awards Committee solicits nominations for the Leopold Conservation Award and the Hornaday Student Conservation Award. This year there was one complete nomination submitted for the Hornaday Award, and one complete nomination submitted for the Leopold Award. Each nomination was evaluated by the Committee and both were unanimously supported. The nominations were forwarded to the ASM Board of Directors for their consideration. The Leopold and Hornaday Awards will be presented at the Banquet at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Action Items:

(1) Budget request of \$1,800 for the Leopold Award for the plaque (\$300) and travel costs (\$1,500), and \$1,565 for the plaque (\$65) and travel costs (\$1500) for the Hornaday Award.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Cook, Chair

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Coordination Committee

Committee Members: R. E. Barry, Jr., C. N. Jacques, J. A. Jenks (Chair).

Mission:

This committee was established as the *ad hoc* Committee Review Committee in 1998 by the President and charged to formalize mission statements, clarify responsibilities of each standing committee, and to prepare a working document entitled, "Duties and Responsibilities of Standing Committees," for distribution to officers, board members, and committee chairs. In 2000, this committee was made a standing committee, Committee on Committees, by the Board of Directors. Following the 2003 meetings, the name was changed to Coordination Committee.

Information Items:

(1) Committee worked to compile the 2013 Annual Reports Document (Board Book). Our committee appreciates timely report submission by committee chairs.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan A. Jenks, Chair

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Development Committee

Committee Members: R. J. Baker, A. G. Cleveland, C. Frank, A. V. Linzey, B. McMillan, D. J. Schmidly, and M. R. Willig (Chair).

Mission:

The Development Committee was established as an *ad hoc* committee in 1989 and became a standing committee in 1993. The mission of this committee is to promote the development of the Society through various forms of planned giving such as bequests, trusts, and gifts of cash or other assets. Coordination is required with other committees and informal groups that have related functions. The Development Committee activated the Pooled-Income Fund in 1998.

Information Items:

(1) The Committee continues to solicit support for the Society's activities via the New Millennium and New Century Club. In addition, the Committee Chair collaborated with the Chair of the Program Committee to host a Banquet for Donors at the Annual Meeting. In addition, donors to the Society continue to be formally acknowledged for their generosity in the *Journal of Mammalogy*. As a policy, the Secretary-Treasurer and the President write letters of gratitude to donors. The Committee will explore and re-evaluate a number of development activities (e.g., solicitation of corporate donors as initiated by President Heske) to increase support to the Society and its important activities in research, education, and outreach.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Willig, Chair
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Education and Graduate Students Committee

Committee Members: C. P. Bloch, M. Burchard, C. Day, K. M. Dudzinski, J. Duggan, W. S. Fairbanks (chair), E. J. Finck, V. Jackson, H. C. Lanier, R. J. Larsen, K. E. Munroe, M. Merrick, B. Pasch.

Mission:

The Committee on Education and Graduate Students assists students of mammalogy in making informed choices of career, improving their scientific expertise, and helping them find funding for research and employment in the discipline. To those ends, the committee prepares and

distributes brochures, holds periodic workshops, provides evaluations of student presentations at the Annual Meeting, and conducts various mentoring/networking activities.

Information Items:

(1) Evaluation of student presentations continues to be an extremely popular program among students. At the 2012 Annual Meeting in Reno, 81 student presenters were evaluated. At the 2013 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, student poster presentations will be evaluated for the first time. Thanks to the efforts of E&GS Committee members Roxanne Larsen, Madeline Burchard, Victoria Jackson, and Elmer Finck, we will also initiate the use of an electronic format on Google for evaluations of student presentations. This will enable evaluators to use their laptop or tablet computers or smart phones to evaluate and submit evaluations, which the committee can sort, collate, and produce reports electronically. Paper evaluations will remain an option for evaluators who prefer this format. With the large number of presentations to evaluate and with the addition of poster evaluations, we hope this electronic format will make the process less laborious for the Committee and result in faster return of evaluations to the students.

(2) The “Meal with a Mammalogist” program was organized by W. Sue Fairbanks in 2012, and by W.S. Fairbanks and Casey Day for 2013. The program is in its 19th year and continues to be popular with students and scientists. We thank all the scientists who have participated in this program over the years. At last year’s meeting our scientists included: Brad Bergstrom, George Feldhamer, Elmer Finck, Stan Gehrt, Dawn M. Kaufman, Susan Loeb, Marjorie Matocq, Erik Rickart, Brett Riddle, Steve Sheffield, Robert Sikes, Tom Tomasi, and Neal Woodman. For the 2013 meeting we hope to get the list of scientists available for the Meal with a Mammalogist program up on the website ahead of time for students to review and sign up. Each year, members of the E&GS Committee nominate scientists to be part of the program and we welcome and encourage nominations from all ASM members, particularly students.

(3) The Committee hosts an Annual Social for student attendees at the beginning of the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the mixer is to allow student attendees at the meeting to meet other students (future colleagues) and establish networks of collaboration and support. At the 2013 meeting we will launch new student support programs at the social, including FAQs by student and first-time attendees at ASM meetings, organized dining options, and Meeting Mentors.

(4) Bret Pasch has updated the Resources for students and early career mammalogists under Employment on the ASM website under the Education tab, and continues to update the funding sources list.

(5) For the 2013 Annual Meeting, the E&GS Committee has organized a workshop on How to Write a Successful DDIG NSF Proposal. This is a two-part workshop led by Dr. Michael Willig (University of Connecticut), the first part constituting a presentation with a maximum of 24 attendees and the second part a hands-on session with 10 participants in which they will look at specific examples from their own writing and discuss ways to improve their proposals. Another workshop is planned for the 2014 Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City entitled Professional

Interview Strategies – Crafting Your Message. Organization of this workshop has been spearheaded by Melissa Merrick, and John Koprowski (University of Arizona), Susan Loeb (USDA Forest Service), and Karen Munroe (Baldwin Wallace University) are confirmed presenters for the workshop.

Action Items:

(1) The Education and Graduate Students Committee requests \$750 to 1) pay for meals of scientists participating in the Meal with a Mammalogist Program and 2) to cover the expenses of the Student Social/Mixer at the 2014 Annual Meeting. The amount needed for both programs has increased due to the change in meeting venues and lack of meal plans.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Sue Fairbanks, Chair
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Grants-in-Aid Committee

Committee Members: J. Boyles, R. M. Brigham, B. Butler, L. N. Carraway, C. J. Conroy, T. L. Derting, J. W. Dragoo, J. A. Esselstyn, K. E. Galbreath, S. Gehrt, J. R. Goheen, G. D. Hartman, V. Hayssen, C. Himes, S. R. Hooper, D. M. Kaufman, J. L. Koprowski, H. C. Lanier, P. Larsen, J. Light, S. C. Loeb, K. Lyons, K. Mabry, B. McMillan, M. Matocq, M. L. McKnight, E. C. Oaks, D. K. Odell, B. Pasche, D. Post, A. W. Reed, D. M. Reeder, T. E. Roberts, R. K. Rose, K. C. Rowe, R. L. Schooley, P. T. Stapp, R. D. Stevens (Chair), K. D. Stone, H. H. Thomas.

Mission:

The Grants-in-Aid Committee reviews applications for grants-in-aid and fellowships in mammalogy (American Society of Mammalogists Fellowship in Mammalogy and the Albert R. and Alma Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy) and either selects recipients for these awards or recommends recipients for these awards.

Information Items:

(1) Membership on the committee is currently 40 members. Justin Boyles, Steve Hooper, Jessica Light, and Karen Stone will resign in June. Thanks to these four committee members for their dedicated service to the Grants-in-Aid Committee. Two new members were added (Peter Larsen and Bret Pasche). We are always looking for additional members. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on this committee.

(2) We received 88 applications for Grants-in-Aid for 2013, below the average of approximately 100 applications received over the past few years but substantively better than last year. The

budget for Grants-in-Aid was set by the Board at \$45,000 for 2013. The committee ranked the 88 proposals and 31 were selected for support based on their average ranking. The quality of the proposals continues to improve. The diversity and high quality of research activities proposed by the student members of ASM is very impressive. Each committee member was asked to review and rank 15 to 16 Grants-in-Aid applications. The committee members continue to make an effort to provide each applicant with some constructive comments on his/her proposal. Names of the students who have received a 2013 Grant-in-Aid are attached to the end of this report.

(3) The recipient of the 2013 Elizabeth Horner Award for the top-ranked Grant-in-Aid proposal is Jessica Walz (Ohio State University).

(4) In 2012, 12 fellowship applications were received and reviewed. The 2012 ASM Fellowship recipient was Ryan Long of Idaho State University. The Shadle Fellowship recipient was Miguel Pinto Baez of the American Museum of Natural History and City University of New York. We received 10 fellowship/award applications for the 2013 competition. These will be distributed to committee members electronically and nominees will be selected during a closed session at the Annual Meeting. The amount of the American Society of Mammalogists Prize in Mammalogy will be \$7,500 and the Albert R. and Alma E. Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy will be approximately \$4,000 in 2013.

Action item:

1) 2014 Budget Request

Grants-in-Aid of Research 33 x \$1,500	\$49,500
Horner Award	\$500
ASM Fellowship	\$7,500
Banquet tickets for GIA recipients (10 X \$30)	\$300
Total Request	\$57,800

2013 ASM Grants-in-Aid Recipients

Jessica Walz. **Horner Award Winner.** Ohio State University. Female mate choice in olive baboons (*Papio anubis*) at Gombe Stream National Park, Tanzania. \$2,000.

Daniel Becker. University of Georgia. Host behavior and resource shifts: feeding activity of the common vampire bat and rabies transmission in the Peruvian Amazon. \$1,500.

Sonny Bleicher. University of Illinois at Chicago. Community Response to Cross-Continental Controlled Invasion by Convergent Species with Constraint-Breaking Adaptations. \$1,000

Cara Brook. Princeton University. Mammalian Biodiversity, Metapopulation Connectivity, and the Potential for Zoonosis. \$1,000

Hsiang Ling Chen. The University of Arizona. Roads and traffic noise as impediments to animal occupancy: why do animals avoid roads? \$1,500.

Kate Cleary. University of Idaho/CATIE. Landscape genetics of frugivorous bats in a human-dominated tropical landscape. \$1,290.

Matthew Davis. Yale University. The Disassembly of the North American Large Mammal Fauna. \$1,500.

Christopher Emerling. University of California at Riverside. The Diversity and Evolution of Mammalian Visual Pigments. \$1,475.

Gideon Erkenwick. University of Missouri- St. Louis. Anticipating Emerging Infectious Disease by Exploring Patterns of Parasitism in Wild Primates. \$1,500.

Nicholas Fletcher. Cornell University. Genomic differentiation during refugial isolation and its impacts on current diversity of the field vole (*Microtus agrestis*). \$1,500.

Leticia Gutierrez. University of Missouri- St. Louis. Complex mammalian trophic structure and emerging infectious diseases: Highlights in Malaria and Lyme Disease. \$1,500.

Talisin Hammond. UC Berkeley. Physiological and behavioral correlates of elevational range shifts for two chipmunk species. \$1,500.

Anne-Marie Hodge. University of Wyoming. Rainfall as a driver of mesopredator release in central Kenya. \$1,500.

Matthew Holding. Ohio State University. A Tale of Two Traits: Are Ground Squirrel Resistance and Rattlesnake Venom Coevolved Phenotypes? \$1,500.

Anne Honeywell. University of Southern Maine. Frequency and Intensity of Agonistic Interactions in Harbor Seals (*Phoca vitulina*). \$1,200.

Caldonia Hubbard. University of Nevada- Las Vegas. Altitudinal Adaptation in the Pocket Gopher *Thomomys bottae*. \$1500.

Katrina Jones. Johns Hopkins University. Scaling and Evolution of the Mammalian Spine: A 3D Analysis of Vertebral Allometry. \$1,401.

Allyssa Kilanowski. University of Arizona. Effect of individual behavioral phenotypes on the exploration and settlement stages of dispersal. \$1,440.

Rebecca Kirby. University of Wisconsin- Madison. The role of hibernation in biological aging: using telomeres as a potential indicator of fitness. \$1,490.

Angela Larsen. University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Influence of Individual Variation in Behavior Associated with Intercropping Switchgrass in Pine Forests on Rodent Population Dynamics and Community Diversity. \$1,500.

Molly McDonough. Texas Tech University. Plio-Pleistocene history of the Southern African Savanna- diversification of Southern African rodents of the genus *Gerbilliscus*. \$1,500.

Matthew Mumma. University of Idaho. Using molecular tools to evaluate a black bear diversionary feeding experiment. \$1,500.

Haley O'Brien. Ohio University. Investigating the Impact of Selective Brain Cooling on Patterns of Artiodactyl Diversification and Extinction. \$1,500.

Lisa Powers. University of Illinois. Does parturition date affect adult female survival in the little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*)? \$1,498.

Nelish Pradhan. University of Vermont. Phylogeny of the Genus *Apodemus* Inferred through Mitochondrial and Nuclear DNA. \$1,500.

Jason Riggio. University of California, Davis. Large mammal corridors in savannah Africa. \$1,500.

Torrey Rodgers. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Ocelot kin-structure and socio-spatial organization from noninvasive genetic sampling and camera-trapping. \$1,500.

Hae Yeong Ryu. Stony Brook University. Measures of Dispersal in Ecology and Evolution. \$1,500.

Mariano Soley-Guardia. City College and The Graduate Center, City University of New York. Biogeographic implications of the ice ages for small rodents inhabiting the sky islands of Costa Rica and western Panama. \$1,500.

Julie Turner. Michigan State University. The Ontogeny of Dynamic Social Networks in a Gregarious Carnivore. \$1,500.

Jennifer Wilkening. University of Colorado, Boulder. Stress hormone levels as a predictor of survival in American Pikas. \$1,468.

Respectively submitted,
Richard D. Stevens, Chair
(rstevens@lsu.edu)

Grinnell Award Committee

Committee Members: B. Coyner, G. Feldhamer, E. P. Lessa, M. D. Matocq (Chair), and P. D. Sudman.

Mission:

The purpose of this committee is to solicit nominations for and select a recipient of the Joseph Grinnell Award. The Joseph Grinnell Award honors individuals who have made outstanding and sustained contributions to education in mammalogy over a period of at least 10 years.

Information Items:

(1) A nominee for the 2013 Grinnell Award was selected by the committee and forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval. The recipient will be announced at the annual banquet in Philadelphia.

Action Items:

(1) The Committee requests \$1800 (\$1500 for travel and \$300 for the trophy) to support participation at the 2014 ASM Annual Meeting by the 2013 Grinnell Award recipient.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Matocq, Chair
(matomarj@lsu.edu)

Honoraria and Travel Awards Committee

Committee Members: L. Dizney, V. Hayssen (Chair), S. Jansa, J. Light, K. Lucia, M. Matocq, J. Reichard, T. Roberts, R. Rowe, J. Smith, P. Stapp, K. Thorington, S. Vignieri.

Mission:

The committee's mission is to select students to be honored for their research in Mammalogy and to select travel grant recipients in two categories, early career and student.

Information Items:

(1) From 4 applications, the Honoraria and Travel Grant Committee awarded 4 graduate honoraria, each for \$1000: the Anna M. Jackson Award to Elizabeth Kierepka (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee); the Elmer C. Birney Award to Adam T. Ford (University of British Columbia); the A. Brazier Howell Graduate Student Travel Grant to Jason L. Malaney (Museum of Southwestern Biology, University of New Mexico) and the Annie M. Alexander Graduate Student Travel Grant to Brooks Kohli (University of New Mexico).

(2) From 3 applications the Committee awarded 2 undergraduate honoraria of \$500 each to Lauren Dorough (University of California-Fullerton) and Dakota Rowsey (Pacific Lutheran University).

(3) 2013 was the first year of the travel grant awards. The Committee received 140 abstracts (2 were received after the committee had deliberated and hence were not considered). The abstracts were divided into 2 categories: early career (29 abstracts) and student (109 abstracts). Some individuals submitted more than one abstract, one individual submitted an abstract in both categories. These and other issues will be discussed by the Committee at its Annual Meeting. We can report the outcome of those discussions at the Board’s second meeting. The following 4 individuals received early career travel grants (the Committee did not receive data on institutional affiliation) each for \$500: Anthony Caragiulo, Brandi Coyner, Taal Levi, and Sandeep Sharma. The following 20 individuals received student travel grants each for \$300: Michael Buchalski, Robbie Burger, Gerald Carter, Laura Cisneros, Katherine Cleary, Laura D’Acunto, Terrence Demos, J. Erin Fender, Katrina Jones, Molly McDonough, Melissa Merrick, Jonathan Nations, Mirian Tiekko Nunes Tsuchiya, Lorelei Patrick, Rachel Pigg, Blair Roberts, Cody Schroeder, Elizabeth Troyer, Danielle Tufts, and Tammy Wilbert.

(4) The Committee is requesting a monetary increase in the Honoraria Awards in keeping with the prestige of the awards and the increasing costs of attending the meetings.

Action Items:

(1)	\$8000	4 * \$2000 for graduate honoraria (Jackson, Howell, Birney, Alexander)
	\$2000	2 * \$1000 for undergraduate honoraria
	\$2000	4 * \$500 for early career travel grants
	<u>\$3000</u>	10 * \$300 for student travel grants
	\$15000	Total budget

Justification: All funds requested are for the awards.

Respectfully submitted,
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Honorary Membership Committee

Committee Members: G. Cameron (Chair), M. A. Mares, S. McLaren, B. D. Patterson, and R. M. Timm

Mission:

The purpose of the Honorary Membership Committee is to present credentials of potential honorary members for consideration by the membership at the Annual Members' Meeting. Honorary Membership, which is the highest honor awarded by the American Society of Mammalogists, recognizes eminent mammalogists who have rendered "distinguished service to the science of mammalogy." The Honorary Membership Committee is composed of the five most recent past presidents and is chaired by the second-most senior member of that group. The committee welcomes nominations from ASM members. Nominations may be made to any committee member.

Information Items:

(1) Honorary Membership is the highest honor awarded by the American Society of Mammalogists, and is given in recognition of distinguished service to mammalogy. The latter commonly encompasses contributions in research, in teaching and mentoring students, and cultivating the science itself. The Honorary Membership Committee is composed of the 5 most recent past presidents and is chaired by the second-most senior one.

(2) Election as Honorary Member involves several steps. First, the Honorary Membership Committee considers the records of nominees, based on a letter of nomination, three supporting letters, and a CV. Nominations supported by at least four committee members are forwarded to the Board of Directors for another set of votes. Nominated individuals approved by at least 3/4s of those Board members voting are brought before the membership at the Annual Members' Meeting. ASM members may elect nominees that have been approved by the committee and Board by a voice vote following a brief presentation of their credentials. This year, the committee considered several names and forwarded two for Board approval.

(3) Last year at the Annual Meeting in Reno, David Schmidly and Rui Cerqueira were elected as Honorary Members.

(4) The Honorary Membership Committee welcomes nominations from the membership. Please direct nominations to the Committee Chair.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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Human Diversity Committee

Committee Members: R. P. Anderson, J. R. Burger, A. S. Chavez, L. J. Dizney, J. H. Douglas, J. D. Hanson, D. M. Kaufman (Chair), D. W. Kaufman, T. J. Orr, I. M. Ortega, K. C. Rowe, and C. W. Thompson.

Mission:

The purpose of the Human Diversity Committee is to ensure active participation in the ASM by all members, regardless of gender, race, ethnic background, age, physical disabilities, or sexual preference. Further, we remind all ASM members that our ombudspersons (R. W. Thorington and F. A. Smith) are available to listen, mediate, or advise on issues regarding discrimination, inappropriate conduct, or other unprofessional behaviors (see *Journal of Mammalogy* 78:268 [1997]).

Information Items:

(1) The HDC continues its efforts to promote and support diversity in all aspects of the ASM. Last year, at the request of an ASM member who wanted to facilitate a discussion about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) issues, we helped coordinate a “Diversity in Science: LGBT and Friends Roundtable and Mini-Mixer” (held at the 2012 Annual Meeting). This initial gathering was directed towards (1) facilitating discussion and increasing awareness, (2) providing a supportive environment where attendees could meet others interested in LGBT issues and others who wanted to ensure that ASM is welcoming to all forms of diversity in science, (3) understanding challenges related to being LGBT in science and gather information about potential solutions, (5) discovering perceptions about academic and professional environments and attitudes (e.g., in the workplace), and (6) gaining insights into whether scientific societies (such as ASM) present themselves as welcoming and what approaches might reinforce positive aspects or address any concerns. More than 35 ASM meeting attendees were present at the roundtable and there was an lively group conversation about concerns, experiences (both positive and negative), viewpoints about LGBT issues, and expressed appreciation for ASM making an overt step towards providing an explicitly welcoming and open environment. After about an hour of group-wide discussion, participants broke up into small informal groups to continue individual conversations.

(2) The HDC continues to work towards understanding the pressing issues that must be faced for ASM to better handle diversity issues in the Society and in science. Currently, in an era when “taxonomic” societies are generally experiencing membership declines, the ASM as whole is seeking to find new approaches to maintain and expand its membership. Not only does the Society seek to increase its total membership, but it needs to continue to promote the level of diversity of its overall membership, as well as to increase the diversity of members who are able participate in ASM governance and in the major activities associated with the Society and/or the

Annual Meeting. Not only would increased diversity continue to serve the overall goals of fairness and equity in science, but mechanisms focused on increasing diversity likely would also serve as a means to help retain current members and recruit new members. Our committee meetings always are open to meeting attendees, but this year we *strongly* urge anyone who is interested in diversity issues to attend our scheduled committee meeting.

(3) We hope to open a dialogue about what diversity concerns you have and how the ASM can best meet those concerns—*particularly in this age of changing technology and increased electronic interaction*. We will be discussing the role of ASM and mammalogy in diversity issues and how the Society can adapt its approaches to addressing diversity needs (7 pm on Saturday, 15 June—*location to be announced*). Specifically, we would like to (1) identify the diversity-related concerns, challenges, and potential solutions you have and (2) establish what the Society is or should be doing, as well as to (3) hear about how we can best provide a conduit for the discussion of diversity issues and resolution of diversity problems. In conjunction with efforts to develop a potential suite of initiatives to broaden ASM’s diversity and increase the opportunities for those underrepresented in the ASM, mammalogy, and science, we welcome broad participation—especially by members who have specific ideas and suggestions—and invite any interested attendees to share their ideas with us, either by attending our committee meeting or by contacting individual members of HDC.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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Informatics Committee

Committee Members: M. E. Hopton (Chair), C. A. Iudica, S. P. Maher, S. B. McLaren, D. K. Odell, I. M. Ortega, B. A. Roberts, B. J. Shaw.

Mission:

The Informatics Committee is responsible for addressing issues that arise with continuing changes in technology and information processing, retrieval, etc. as they relate to mammalogy. In recent years, the committee has been primarily involved with maintaining and further developing the Society’s web site.

At the 87th Annual Meeting (2007) in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Board of Directors of the American Society of Mammalogists charged the newly redefined Informatics Committee to explore improvements including a redesign of the Society’s web site and to maintain the existing web site during this period.

Information Items:

(1) The new ASM web site (www.mammalsociety.org and www.mammalogy.org) went live on 17 March 2011.

(2) The redesigned ASM web site is hosted on a new server and with a new web hosting company (InMotion Hosting) to better meet the requirements of the new web site. Annual web hosting fees are \$479.40 per year plus annual fee of \$11.95 to maintain our URLs.

(3) After receiving input from ASM membership, the next phase of the web site redesign is ongoing at an estimated cost of \$15,660 (\$4,920 spent as of April 2013).

(4) ASM has a presence on a number of social media including:

FaceBook

(<https://www.facebook.com/American.Society.of.Mammalogists>; 630 “Likes” as of 1 April 2013)

Google+

(<https://plus.google.com/#s/american%20society%20of%20mammalogists67>; 46 “+1”s as of 1 April 2013)

Twitter

(@Mammalogists; 100 followers as of 1 April 2013)

LinkedIn (<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/American-Society-Mammalogists-4575484>; 26 Members as of 1 April 2013)

Along with the Membership Committee, an “Image of the Week” is posted on the Facebook and Google+ sites, and tweeted via the Twitter account. In general, the Facebook page reaches over 1,000 views each week, sometimes exceeding 1,700. Announcements regarding issues of *Journal of Mammalogy*, the Annual Meeting, grants and fellowship deadlines, and newsletters are posted through social media outlets.

(5) Routine maintenance and updates were performed on an as-needed basis, including posting of Open Access articles published in the *Journal of Mammalogy* and *Mammalian Species*. Committee pages and membership listings were updated, as requested by President Heske. Leadership pages, including changes in Editors, Officers and Elected Directors, were updated following the 2012 Annual Meeting.

(6) Online submission of fellowships administered by the Honoraria and Grants-in-Aid Committees was conducted using the ASM web site.

(7) Requests for information, job postings, and announcements submitted to the web site were received by Odell and routed accordingly. Odell received 142 emails June 2012 – March 2013 compared with 310 for the 12 month period June 2011-May 2012. The decrease is attributed to

the re-structuring of the 'contact us' options wherein all membership-related requests go directly to the Business Office, as appropriate.

(8) ASM has implemented a Members only area for blogging and a community job board. Members request access using their name and Membership ID. The Membership ID is available at the ASM Business Office (<http://psfebus.allenpress.com/ebusasmm/default.aspx>). When you login to the Business Office you will see your ASMM Customer Number. This number is used to verify your active ASM Membership.

Action Items:

(1) The sum of \$10,491.35 is requested from the 2014 budget. Hosting the ASM web site on a virtual private server currently costs \$491.35 (server hosting and URL). This is an annual expense, but provides use of a server with sufficient resources to meet the demands of the new web site. \$10,000 is a placeholder for potential expenses related to the Society's web site upkeep and added functionality. These funds would be used only if the remaining funds from the 2013 budget are not used up by 31 December 2013 and it is decided that additional functionality proposed by the design firm would benefit the ASM membership.

(2) Informatics is investigating using social media for electronic board meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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International Relations Committee

Committee Members: R. P. Anderson, B. H. Blake, G. R. Bronner, J. Goheen, E. Gutiérrez, D. A. Kelt, A. V. Linzey, R. A. Ojeda (Co-Chair), N. Ordóñez-Garza, M. Pinto, K. Rowe, D. A. Schlitter (Co-Chair), A. T. Smith, S. Solari, M. Vieira.

Mission:

The Board of Directors established the International Relations Committee in 1960 to maintain and enhance communication between members of the Society and mammalogists outside North America. The mission of this committee is to advance the field of mammalogy by encouraging and facilitating international collaboration among members of the ASM and mammalogists from other countries.

Information Items:

(1)- On-going initiatives:

(a) The Sponsored Membership Program: This Committee has continued to receive nominations and requests, and has worked towards expanding the geographical distribution of these memberships. As a result of the co-chairs contacting heads of numerous national and regional mammal societies in developing countries, board members of the International Federation of Mammalogists, and colleagues at universities and museums in developing countries, a large pool of names of deserving young mammalogists was generated. These candidates have been successfully sponsored. During the past year one individual from Brazil was submitted for sponsored membership. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable potential young individuals for sponsored memberships. Multiple-year sponsorship commitments from donating members are always helpful and additional sponsorships by members are always welcome.

(b) The Buddy System: The Buddy System was set up to provide assistance to international authors who are not speakers of English as a first language. The authors are referred to the Buddy System by editors after they have submitted a manuscript to the *Journal of Mammalogy* if the editor thinks that the English writing needs improvement. There are currently 54 people who have agreed to act as buddies when needed. An *ad hoc* subcommittee for this program continues to work on finding better ways to advertise this service and to coordinate efforts. Barbara Blake, with the assistance of Alicia Linzey, promotes and coordinates this program with the Publications Committee.

In 2012, three manuscripts (from Finland, Argentina, and Italy) were reviewed by three “buddies.” Of these three manuscripts, two were accepted and published, and one was rejected. So far in 2013, a single manuscript from Italy is currently under buddy review.

The IRC would like to recognize the following people for serving as buddy reviewers in 2012 and 2013: James Patton, Susan Loeb, Gerald Zuercher, and Paula White.

Several members of the IRC as well as other international members have helped the editorial staff of the *Journal of Mammalogy* by proofreading foreign language summaries. The IRC would like to recognize the following proofreaders for foreign language summaries for *Journal of Mammalogy* articles: Ricardo Ojeda, Nicté Ordóñez-Garza, Miguel Pinto, and Eliécer Gutiérrez (Spanish); Margarete Mattevi and Alexine Keuroghlian (Portuguese); and Serge Larivière (French). Barbara Blake is looking for additional proofreaders for Portuguese summaries but can always use more proofreaders for other languages as well. Please contact Barbara Blake directly (bhblake@uncg.edu) if you have such native language skills and are willing to help with this valuable service.

The list of buddy reviewers is being updated and refined so the system works better for contributing authors. It is especially helpful if buddy reviewers will list their area(s) of expertise when offering to serve as reviewers.

(c) Links to Mammal Societies of the World: Committee members continue to serve as links with mammal societies throughout the world, providing information on mammal meetings to

appear in the *Journal of Mammalogy* and other international publications. A specific subcommittee is working to maintain a list of international mammal societies and their web pages on the ASM website. This is an on-going task and we are looking for volunteers to assist in this interesting and important task (collecting and maintaining an up-to-date list of links to the mammal societies of the world). Contact the IRC co-chairs if interested.

For more interactions with international activities, among others, in mammalogy, members are also invited to join Facebook's ASM site at:

<http://www.facebook.com/American.Society.of.Mammalogists?fref=ts>

(d) International Meetings and the International Federation of Mammalogists (IFM): Bill Lidicker continues as IFM president. The IMC-11 is scheduled for Belfast, Northern Ireland, from 11–16 August 2013 at Queen's University, Belfast. There is an official IMC-11 website with a link at www.qub.ac.uk/sites/IMC11/ with details on registration, programs, and lodging. For more specific details, contact the Conference organizer directly at i.montgomery@qub.ac.uk.

The IFM maintains a presence on Facebook which can be accessed at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/197157050399156/>. Members are invited to join this site for more information on the Federation's activities.

(e) ASM SAREM Student Membership Award: In 2008 the SAREM (Argentine Mammal Society) and the ASM Board established an annual award for the best student presentation at the SAREM Annual Meeting. The award is "a student – developing country – online only" for the ASM's publications. The IRC was able to endow this award in 2011 through a generous contribution from Jim and Carol Patton, so that henceforth the online membership award will be given to each outstanding student for three years, and the funding of the membership award will no longer come from the general fund budget. The 2012 awardee for best student paper at the Annual SAREM Meeting is Marcos Dario Ercoli, who is from Argentina.

(f) African National's Graduate Research Fund: This fund has been fully developed and added to the list of other funds found on the Society website and in the membership solicitations. Approaches for support of this fund continue to be made to ASM members, corporations, foundations, societies, clubs, and individuals. It is a slow process that requires persistence and patience. If interested, please contact any member of the IRC for directions on how you can help make a contribution or solicit contributions to this new research fund.

(2)- New Initiatives:

(a) ASM Student Travel Award for IMC-11 in Belfast, Northern Ireland: The Board of Directors of the Society set aside \$1,000 at the last Annual Meeting in Reno to be used in support student travel costs in attending the IMC-11 in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in August 2013. The IRC was assigned the task of selecting suitable students to receive the awards. Two travel awards of \$500 were to be given. An ad-hoc committee of five IRC members was assigned the task of judging the applications. Fifteen completed applications from international

undergraduate and graduate ASM student members were received and two winners were selected with one alternate in case either of the winners was unable to attend the meeting in August. All of the applications were of outstanding quality. Because of the impressive quality of the applications, the ad-hoc committee decided to raise money for an additional travel award for the alternate winner so that three students could be supported. The committee members, together with ASM President Ed Heske, raised an additional \$500 for the third award. The three winners of the student travel awards are as follows: Molly McDonough, Texas Tech University; Silvia Pavan, American Museum of Natural History and City University of New York; and Jeremy Hsu, Stanford University.

(b) Endowment Fund for an ASM Student Award for the Colombian Mammal Society:

Because of its international reputation, international students place a high value on being associated with the ASM. The IRC received a request from the Colombian Mammal Society to develop an ASM student membership award for the outstanding student presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Colombian Mammal Society. This award would be patterned after the ASM award given to the outstanding student presentation at the Annual SAREM Meeting, namely a three-year on-line sponsored student membership in the Society. Preliminary efforts for such an award involve finding a source to establish an endowment fund to support this award similar to what was done for the ASM SAREM student award so the award can be funded in perpetuity from sources other than the General Budget. Anyone interested in supporting this effort or who might know of a potential source for such support is asked to contact the IRC. If we are successful in raising funds for this award and receive ASM Board approval for it, the award will be comparable to the SAREM award.

(c) The Committee welcomes new initiatives from any members. The co-chairs would like to thank the support and commitment of all Committee members. Thanks to all!

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jackson Award Committee

Committee Members: B. H. Blake, H. H. Genoways, G. A. Kaufman (Chair), D. M. (Chip) Leslie, Jr., T. J. (Mac) McIntyre, S. B. McLaren.

Mission:

The Jackson Award, established in 1977 by the American Society of Mammalogists, is charged with nominating a candidate for the H. H. T. Jackson Award, which recognizes individuals with a long and outstanding record of service to Mammalogy and the American Society of

Mammalogists. To do so, the committee solicits recommendations, and evaluates candidates based on a letter of nomination, letters of support, and curriculum vitae. Ultimately, the Board of Directors votes on the Committee's nomination, and the award is presented formally at the Annual Banquet of the Society.

Information Items:

- (1) The Committee received two letters of nomination from members of the Society.
- (2) The Committee found both nominees competitive for the Jackson Award and requested 2 full nomination packets. The Committee's nominee was forwarded to the Board of Directors; the formal presentation of the recipient of the Jackson Award will be made at the Banquet.
- (3) The Committee revised the structure of the Committee webpage and updated the information describing this award and nomination process on the ASM website.

Action Items:

- (1) \$300 is requested for plaque.

Respectively submitted:

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Latin American Fellowship Committee

Committee Members: J. A. Cook, M. M. Diaz, S. T. Álvarez-Castañeda, K. A. Ernest (Chair), E. A. Lacey, M. A. O'Connell, T. E. Lacher, Jr., J. Salazar-Bravo, S. Solari.

Mission:

The Latin American Student Field Research Award is made annually to support field research projects by Latin Americans in Latin America. Eligible students must be citizens of Latin American countries (excluding Puerto Rico) and currently enrolled in a graduate program. Projects must be field-oriented investigations of natural history, conservation, ecology, systematics, wildlife biology, biogeography, or behavior. The selection committee, whose membership reflects these diverse fields and has field experience in Latin America, considers each of these areas of research equally important. Five \$1,500 awards are granted each year. The Oliver P. Pearson Award supports a young professional who holds an academic position in a Latin American institution within 5 years of receiving a Ph.D. or equivalent degree. A single \$5,000 award is granted each year. In addition, up to \$2,000 are offered for the recipient to attend the mammal meetings of the year following the award.

Information Items:

(1) In 2012, we reviewed two applications for the Oliver Pearson Award, and selected Dr. María Encarnación (“Pati”) Pérez, from Argentina. Dr. Pérez is a post-doctoral fellow at the Museo Paleontológico Egidio Feruglio in Chubut, Argentina.

(2) In 2012, we received 22 applications for the Student Field Research grants. Each committee member reviewed and ranked all applications. Based on average ranks, we awarded 7:

Nicholas Camargo (Argentina), Ph.D. Program in Ecology, University of Brasilia, Brazil.

Vertical stratification of small mammals in forested habitats of the Brazilian Cerrado, a highly threatened tropical savanna.

Juan Pablo Carrera (Ecuador), Ph.D. Program in Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University, USA. Phenotypic variation in Phyllostominae bats distributed on both sides of the Ecuadorian Andes.

Lenin Oviedo (Venezuela), Ph.D. Program in Ecology, The University of Hong Kong. The ecology of coexistence of tropical delphinids: sympatric coastal dolphins in a tropical fjord, Golfo Dulce, Costa Rica

Mariana Raño (Argentina), Ph.D. Program in Biological Sciences, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina. Female reproductive strategies in black and gold howler monkeys (*Alouatta caraya*)

Daniela Rivera (dual citizenship in Chile and Bolivia), Ph.D. Program in Biology specializing in Ecology at Universidad Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Social organization in *Octodontomys gliroides* and its consequences on the origin and evolution of sociality in octodontid rodents.

Mauro Tammone (Argentina), Ph.D. Program in Biology at Universidad Nacional del Comahue, S. C. de Bariloche, Argentina. Loss of genetic diversity: implications for the evolution and conservation of two species of *Ctenomys* (Rodentia: Ctenomyidae) in north Patagonia.

Veronica Zamora-Gutierrez (Mexico), Ph.D. Program in Zoology, University of Cambridge, UK. Estimating the effects of land management, climate change and protected areas on the conservation of bats.

(3) Last year’s budget request to maintain 7 Latin American Student Field Research awards was reduced to 3, which we anticipate awarding this year.

(4) We have received 11 applications for the 2013 Latin American Student Field Research Awards and 4 applications for the Oliver Pearson Award. Committee members will be reviewing applications in the next few weeks, and recipients will be announced at the 2013 Annual Banquet in Philadelphia.

(5) Committee Membership: New member Jorge Salazar-Bravo joined the committee this spring 2013.

Action Items:

(1) 2013 budget request		
Latin American Student Field Research awards 5 x \$1500		\$ 7,500
Oliver P. Pearson Award (1) award \$5000 + travel \$2000		\$ 7,000
Total Request		\$14,500

Respectfully submitted,
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Legislation and Regulation Committee

Committee Members: R. T. Bowyer, V. Brack, Jr., R. W. Kays, T. J. McIntyre, D. Odell, T. J. O'Shea, E. A. Rickart, R. Rodriguez, S. R. Sheffield, D. W. Sparks (Chair) W. T. Stanley, C. W. Thompson, E. W. Valdez.

Mission:

The Legislation and Regulations Committee was formed in 1976 to monitor and provide input into the state and federal regulation and legislation process on such issues as endangered species, trapping and harvesting regulations, and the use of animals for experimental purposes. The committee also interacts with the legislative monitoring groups of AIBS.

Information Items:

- (1) As with last year, an effective deadlock continues to exist between the US House of Representatives and the White House. As such, there has been much rhetoric on Capitol Hill, but little change in the major environmental laws of the US. However, this inaction continues to have a variety of impacts on mammals. Below is a list of issues of concern to the committee:
- (a) Production tax credits (federal incentives provided to encourage development) were re-authorized for the wind industry.
 - (b) Hydraulic fracturing continues to expand areas that can be exploited for gas and oil development. These developments continue to be an important issue for the Society because of the sheer scale of development
 - (c) A concerted effort is underway to reduce the ability of federal employees and their parent agencies to participate in or sponsor scientific meetings. Letters were prepared by the committee and sent to the White House, and ranking members of Congress by President Heske.
 - (d) The committee is working with other professional societies to reduce problems related to the transport of CITES-listed species into the United States for legitimate scientific study.
 - (e) Sequestration is severely affecting all federal employees including environmental regulators. The committee is concerned that slow turn-around times on permit requests

may lead some applicants to ignore regulations especially on smaller components of large projects.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mammal Images Library Committee

Committee Members: B. Blood, E. J. Finck (Business Manager), C. P. Groves, L. E. Harding, M. E. Hopton, D. G. Huckaby (Chair), J. Kulahci, J. A. Lackey, R. Larsen, S. K. Lyons, L L. Master, J. S. Scheibe, B. P. Tanis.

Mission:

The American Society of Mammalogists first established the Mammal Slide Library in 1977 to provide low-cost slides of mammals principally for educational purposes (Gill and Wozencraft, 1994). The name change to Mammal Image Library reflected changes in ways images of mammals are now stored and accessed. The Mammal Images Library is a nonprofit educational program of the American Society of Mammalogists with the goal of providing images of mammals for use in education worldwide. At the start of 2012 the library contained over 1700 digital images representing 28 of 29 orders, 125 of 153 families, and 1038 of 5416 species recognized in Wilson and Reeder (2005). The images also represent all continents. More than 110,000 images are in use in more than 50 countries. In addition to optical projection for nonprofit instruction, many of the images may be employed (with permission) for other purposes, including commercial uses.

Information Items:

(1) The primary focus of the MIL Committee continues to be making available individual images. The table below compares the number of images sent and other information for the past nine years. The numbers of images sent do not include those low-resolution images downloaded directly from the MIL website, of which we have no record. Signed copies of the 2012 business report were sent to the ASM treasurer.

(2) The MIL consists both of images digitized from slides at a resolution of 4,000 dpi and those taken originally as digital images of various resolutions. A lower-resolution preview of each image of generally 660 x 440 pixels at 150 dpi, suitable for some projection or web use, is available on the MIL web page free of charge and without requiring permission. A copy of the higher resolution image, with or without the label (layer), is available upon request for most of

the library, although we usually charge a royalty of \$50 each for commercial usage. We normally charge a \$5 handling fee for each high resolution image sent for non-commercial purposes.

(3) During 2012, we added 197 new images to the MIL. Among these are 46 species, 17 genera, and four families new to the collection (see third page). They include seven species of bats and one genus and species of rodent described new since Wilson and Reeder (2005).

(4) The committee also initiated a program of requesting the photographers who supply images for the cover of the Journal of Mammalogy and those used in the Mammalian Species Accounts to contribute them to the library. Some have complied.

(5) The library is now on Facebook, and we put up a mammal image of the week.

(6) The committee finalized work on a new Contributor's Agreement Form, which included completely digitizing it. The new form also greatly simplifies the nature of the agreement between contributors and the MIL.

(7) The MIL still lacks images of one of the 28 orders, 21 of the 153 extant or recently extinct families, and ca. 80% of the 5,416 species recognized in Wilson and Reeder (2005). We encourage all interested parties to consider contributing their high-quality images to the MIL. Please take a few minutes to review our holdings on the web page to determine if some images from your personal collection could improve the scope and quality of the MIL. Anyone interested in submitting images should contact the committee chair.

(8) The committee thanks Fort Hays State University for supporting the Business Office of the Mammal Images Library and for funding student support.

(9) During 2012, J. Bowman, D. Chepko-Sade, C. G. Mahan, and R. L. Rehmeier left the committee, and C. P. Groves, L. E. Harding, and J. Kulahci joined the committee.

(10) On 12 June, the committee transferred 90% of its funds (\$6,400) to the general fund of the ASM. Although in the past it has operated somewhat independently from the ASM board, future expenditures will have to be authorized as they are for other committees. The greatly reduced account balance shown below reflects that transfer.

Year	Images Sent	Gross Income	Expenses	Net Income	End of year account balance
2004	322	3045.40	2538.14	321.51	15,251.28
2005	183	566.65	1352.13	-785.48	14,465.80
2006	82	710.00	5975.59	-5265.59	9,200.21

2007	86	0.00	2693.31	-2693.31	6,506.90
2008	16	1280.00	1368.13	-88.13	6,418.77
2009	31	1503.05	25.00	1478.05	7,896.82
2010	18	469.00	0.00	469.00	8,365.82
2011	30	159.00	1399.91	-1240.91	7124.91
2012	19	108	239.36	-131.36	593.55

NEW TAXA ADDED TO THE MIL DURING 2012

Those with an asterisk were named new since Wilson and Reeder (2005)

New families

1. Balaenidae
2. Petauridae
3. Potoroidae
4. Ziphiidae

5. *Balaena mysticetus*
6. *Balaenoptera acutorostrata*
7. *Capra pyrenaica*
8. *Catagonus wagneri*
9. *Cephalophus niger*
10. *Cephalophus rufilatus*
11. *Cercocebus torquatus*

New genera

1. *Atlantoxerus*
2. *Balaena*
3. *Catagonus*
4. *Civittictis*
5. *Eligmodontia*
6. *Eubalaena*
7. *Glischropus*
8. *Kerodon*
9. *Mammuthus*
10. *Miopithecus*
11. *Mesoplodon*
12. *Paucidentomys**
13. *Petaurus*
14. *Physeter*
15. *Potorous*
16. *Smilodon*
17. *Viverricula*

12. *Civittictis civetta*
13. *Dasyprocta leporina*
14. *Eligmodontia typus*
15. *Eubalaena glacialis*
16. *Gazella gazella*
17. *Geomys breviceps*
18. *Glischropus bucephalus**
19. *Hipposideros griffini**
20. *Hyaena hyaena*
21. *Kerivoula titania**
22. *Kerodon rupestris*
23. *Macaca sylvanus*
24. *Mammuthus exilis*
25. *Mesoplodon carlhubbsi*
26. *Miopithecus talapoin*
27. *Murina beelzebub**
28. *Murina eleryi**
29. *Murina tiensa**
30. *Murina walstoni**
31. *Myotis simus*
32. *Nanger soemmerringi*
33. *Paucidentomys* vermidax**
34. *Petaurus breviceps*
35. *Physeter catodon*
36. *Pongo abelii*
37. *Potorous tridactylus*

New species

1. *Acomys russatus*
2. *Ateles hybridus*
3. *Atlantoxerus getulus*
4. *Axis kuhlii*

38. *Pygathrix nemaeus*
39. *Reithrodontomys fulvescens*
40. *Smilodon fatalis*
41. *Sus cebifrons*
42. *Sylvilagus aquaticus*

43. *Tamias amoenus*
44. *Tupaia tana*
45. *Urocyon littoralis*
46. *Viverricula indica*

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The following taxa are not represented in the library.

Order Notoryctemorphia

Families not in that order

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| 1. Anomaluridae | 8. Iniidae | 15. Platanistidae |
| 2. Calomyscidae | 9. Mystacinidae | 16. Pseudocheiridae |
| 3. Chaeropodidae | 10. Myzopodidae | 17. Ptilocercidae |
| 4. Ctenodactylidae | 11. Nandiniidae | 18. Rhinopomatidae |
| 5. Diatomyidae | 12. Neobalaenidae | 19. Solenodontidae |
| 6. Eupleridae | 13. Petromuridae | 20. Thryonomyidae |
| 7. Hysiprymnodontidae | 14. Platacanthomyidae | 21. Thylacinidae |

Genera not in the order or families above and also not in either Rodentia or Chiroptera

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| 1. <i>Aepyprymnus</i> | 20. <i>Calcochloris</i> |
| 2. <i>Allenopithecus</i> | 21. <i>Caloprymnus</i> |
| 3. <i>Allocebus</i> | 22. <i>Caluromysiops</i> |
| 4. <i>Amblysomus</i> | 23. <i>Calypotophractus</i> |
| 5. <i>Ammodorcas</i> | 24. <i>Caprolagus</i> |
| 6. <i>Anathana</i> | 25. <i>Carpitalpa</i> |
| 7. <i>Anourosorex</i> | 26. <i>Catopuma</i> |
| 8. <i>Arctocebus</i> | 27. <i>Cephalorhynchus</i> |
| 9. <i>Arctogalidia</i> | 28. <i>Chaetophractus</i> |
| 10. <i>Avahi</i> | 29. <i>Chimarrogale</i> |
| 11. <i>Bassaricyon</i> | 30. <i>Chiropotes</i> |
| 12. <i>Bdeogale</i> | 31. <i>Chlorotalpa</i> |
| 13. <i>Berardius</i> | 32. <i>Chodsigoa</i> |
| 14. <i>Bettongia</i> | 33. <i>Chrotogale</i> |
| 15. <i>Blarinella</i> | 34. <i>Chrysochloris</i> |
| 16. <i>Brachylagus</i> | 35. <i>Congosorex</i> |
| 17. <i>Brachyteles</i> | 36. <i>Cryptochloris</i> |
| 18. <i>Bunopithecus</i> (=Hoolock) | 37. <i>Cuon</i> |
| 19. <i>Burramys</i> | 38. <i>Cynocephalus</i> |

39. *Cynogale*
40. *Cystophora*
41. *Dactylopsila*
42. *Dasyercus*
43. *Dasykaluta*
44. *Dendrogale*
45. *Dendrohyrax*
46. *Desmana*
47. *Diplogale*
48. *Diplomesodon*
49. *Distoechurus*
50. *Dologale*
51. *Dorcopsis*
52. *Dorcopsulus*
53. *Dusicyon*
54. *Dymecodon*
55. *Echinosorex*
56. *Echymipera*
57. *Episoriculus*
58. *Eremitalpa*
59. *Erignathus*
60. *Erinaceus*
61. *Euoticus*
62. *Euroscaptor*
63. *Feresa*
64. *Feroculus*
65. *Galago*
66. *Galemys*
67. *Geogale*
68. *Glironia*
69. *Gymnobelideus*
70. *Hapalemur*
71. *Hemigalus*
72. *Herpestes*
73. *Histriophoca*
74. *Hydrictis*
75. *Hyemoschus*
76. *Hyladelphys*
77. *Hylomys*
78. *Hyperoodon*
79. *Ictonyx*
80. *Indopacetus*
81. *Indri*
82. *Lagenodelphis*
83. *Lagorchestes*
84. *Lasiorhinus*
85. *Lestodelphys*
86. *Liberiictis*
87. *Limnogale*
88. *Lutra*
89. *Lutrogale*
90. *Lyncodon*
91. *Macrogalidia*
92. *Meles*
93. *Melogale*
94. *Mesechinus*
95. *Micromurexia*
96. *Micropororyctes*
97. *Micropotamogale*
98. *Miopithecus*
99. *Mirza*
100. *Mogera*
101. *Monodon*
102. *Moschiola*
103. *Murexechinus*
104. *Murexia*
105. *Mydaus*
106. *Myoictis*
107. *Nasuella*
108. *Neamblysomus*
109. *Nectogale*
110. *Neohylomys*
111. *Neophascogale*
112. *Neophoca*
113. *Neophocaena*
114. *Neotetracus*
115. *Nesiotites*
116. *Nesolagus*
117. *Ningau*
118. *Notiosorex*
119. *Onychogalea*
120. *Orcaella*
121. *Oryctolagus*
122. *Oryzorictes*
123. *Pagophilus*
124. *Paracrocidura*
125. *Paracynictis*
126. *Paraechinus*
127. *Paramurexia*
128. *Parantechinus*
129. *Parascaptor*
130. *Pardofelis*

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| 131. <i>Pelea</i> | 159. <i>Ruwenzorisorex</i> |
| 132. <i>Pentalagus</i> | 160. <i>Scapanulus</i> |
| 133. <i>Peponocephala</i> | 161. <i>Scaptochirus</i> |
| 134. <i>Perameles</i> | 162. <i>Scaptonyx</i> |
| 135. <i>Peroryctes</i> | 163. <i>Scutisorex</i> |
| 136. <i>Phaner</i> | 164. <i>Setifer</i> |
| 137. <i>Phascogale</i> | 165. <i>Simias</i> |
| 138. <i>Phascolosorex</i> | 166. <i>Soriculus</i> |
| 139. <i>Phascomurexia</i> | 167. <i>Sotalia</i> |
| 140. <i>Philantomba</i> | 168. <i>Sousa</i> |
| 141. <i>Phocarctos</i> | 169. <i>Steno</i> |
| 142. <i>Piliocolobus</i> | 170. <i>Strigocuscus</i> |
| 143. <i>Podogymnura</i> | 171. <i>Surdisorex</i> |
| 144. <i>Poecilogale</i> | 172. <i>Sylvisorex</i> |
| 145. <i>Poelagus</i> | 173. <i>Tasmacetus</i> |
| 146. <i>Poiana</i> | 174. <i>Tlacuatzin</i> |
| 147. <i>Potamogale</i> | 175. <i>Urogale</i> |
| 148. <i>Presbytis</i> | 176. <i>Uropsilus</i> |
| 149. <i>Prionodon</i> | 177. <i>Urotrichus</i> |
| 150. <i>Procapra</i> | 178. <i>Viverra</i> |
| 151. <i>Procolobus</i> | 179. <i>Vormela</i> |
| 152. <i>Prolemur</i> | 180. <i>Wyulda</i> |
| 153. <i>Pronolagus</i> | 181. <i>Zaedyus</i> |
| 154. <i>Pseudantechinus</i> | 182. <i>Zaglossus</i> |
| 155. <i>Pseudopotto</i> | 183. <i>Ziphius</i> |
| 156. <i>Pseudoryx</i> | |
| 157. <i>Rhynchogale</i> | |
| 158. <i>Rhynchomeles</i> | |

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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Marine Mammals Committee

Committee Members: R. L. Brownell, Jr., C. M. Callahan, K. Dudzinski, J. P. Dines (Chair), H. H. Edwards, T. J. McIntyre, D. K. Odell, T. J. O'Shea, C. W. Potter, and S. Sheffield.

Mission:

The marine mammals committee was formed in 1921 and Chaired by E. W. Nelson. It is the longest-standing active committee of the American Society of Mammalogists. Its mission is to

maintain and encourage interest in marine mammals in the ASM, to provide the Society membership with information about marine mammalogy, including conservation and legislative issues, to spearhead resolutions and legislation involving marine mammals, and to serve as a liaison between ASM and the Society for Marine Mammalogy (SMM). Members of the Marine Mammals Committee are frequently active in both ASM and SMM.

Information Items:

(1) Members of the Committee have monitored and communicated with each other over the course of the year on issues pertinent to the conservation of marine mammals.

(2) Marine Mammal Stock Assessment Reports

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) are required to publish Stock Assessment Reports for all stocks of marine mammals within U.S. waters, reviewing new information annually for strategic stocks and every three years for non-strategic stocks. The Final 2012 Marine Mammal Stock Assessments for species under NMFS jurisdiction is available at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/sars/region.htm>.

(3) California Sea Lion Management in the Columbia River

In February 2013 a US District Judge ruled that NMFS acted properly when it authorized in 2012 the states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho to lethally remove individual California Sea Lions when other efforts to deter them from feeding on endangered salmon at the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River had failed.

(4) California Sea Lion Unusual Mortality Event in California

Beginning in January 2013, elevated strandings of California Sea Lion pups were observed in Southern California (Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego counties). As of late April, live sea lion strandings were ten times higher than the historical average and an Unusual Mortality Event (UME) was declared by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The UME has been confined to pups born in summer 2012. Consistent findings in the sea lions are emaciation and dehydration with most animals being very underweight for their age. As part of the UME investigation process, an independent team of scientists has been assembled to coordinate with the Working Group on Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Events to review the data collected and to determine potential next steps.

(5) Prescott Grant Program Eliminated

Since its inception in 2001, the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program has awarded more than \$40 million in competitive grants to organizations that respond on behalf of the National Marine Fisheries Service to live and dead marine mammal strandings. The Prescott Grant Program has contributed to unprecedented improvements to the primarily volunteer stranding networks and many stranding response organizations rely on the grants as their primary funding source. The Prescott Grant Program was not funded in the 2013 federal budget and under the proposed 2014 federal budget will be entirely eliminated.

(6) Harbor Porpoise Bycatch in the New England Groundfish Fishery

To reduce the incidental serious injury and mortality of harbor porpoises taken in the New England groundfish gillnet fisheries, NMFS established the Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Team (HBTRT), consisting of representatives from NMFS, various state resource agencies, the fishing industry, environmental organizations, and marine mammal biologists. To avoid the closure of fishing territories important to them, fishermen agreed to use acoustical pingers, devices that emit a sound to warn cetaceans of the presence of fishing nets and are shown to reduce bycatch mortality by as much as 95 percent. The entire HBTRT agreed by mutual consent that if cetacean mortalities reached a predefined threshold, certain fishery areas would be temporarily closed to gillnet fishing. Last year harbor porpoise mortality reached twice the acceptable rate in the Gulf of Maine Fishery and NMFS announced a closure of that fishery during Oct-Nov 2012. In response to fishing industry protests and ignoring the scientific opinion of marine mammal biologists on the HBTRT, NMFS changed the closure dates from Oct-Nov 2012 to Feb-March 2013. There is deep concern among marine mammal scientists and others that NMFS acted unilaterally to favor the fishing industry to the detriment of harbor porpoise populations in the Gulf of Maine.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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Membership Committee

Committee Members: G. N. Cameron, J. Demboski, J. Duggan, J. Eggleston, E. J. Finck (Chair), A. Ferguson, J. D. Hanson, S. Maher, S. McLaren, S. Mech, D. Schmidly, K. Thibault, B. Tanis, T. Tomasi, and J. Yunger.

Mission:

The Membership Committee tracks current membership trends in the Society and is involved with both membership recruitment and retention. In addition, the committee works with Allen Press to correct membership bookkeeping problems that arise.

Information Items:

(1) The Membership Committee was reconstituted under the direction of President Ed Heske. We were charged to attempt to stop the loss of members and increase communications with members and potential members. To begin the task, the Chair met with Nick Dormer at Allen Press to see how the Committee and Allen Press could better interact. The interface between our Committee and Allen Press has been the best in years, due to the responsiveness of Nick to our requests. We also were involved in the development of a membership survey (**for details see the April 2013 ASM Newsletter**), the development of member benefits (**see below and on the ASM website**), increase exposure on Facebook and Twitter, and the beginning of monthly communications from President Heske, the ASM Newsletter.

(a) Recruitment

In conjunction with Allen Press and President Heske, the Committee sent personal statements and a letter from the President to 1542 Contributing Authors and 543 Corresponding Authors. We participated in a recruitment competition initiated by President Heske.

(b) Retention

In conjunction with Allen Press and President Heske, the Committee sent personal statements and a letter from the President to 394 lapsed 2011 members and 308 unrenewed 2012 members. We responded to former members' concerns about the ASM and their reasons for not continuing membership. We also concentrated an effort to increase retention of Grants-in-Aid members.

(c) Member Benefits

The Committee undertook the task of attempting to identify the tangible benefits that a member receives from ASM. At present, the list of tangible benefits, **which are listed on the ASM website**, of membership exclusive to members includes:

As a member of ASM, you are sustaining a vital forum where information from various scientific disciplines is shared and integrated through a single nexus: mammals. Your membership supports ASM activities such as production of the *Journal of Mammalogy* and *Mammalian Species*, organization of our annual meetings, and fostering the next generation of mammalogists through our student programs. ASM recognizes contributions to Mammalogy through our various awards and promotes the interests of mammalogists through the activities of our committees. For example, ASM committees review and accredit systematic collections, regularly review and revise mammalian taxonomy, provide taxon-specific guidelines for animal care and use in research, and promote mammalian conservation through resolutions and position letters.

Specific benefits of membership include:

- Access to Society Publications
 - Current [Journal of Mammalogy](#) (JM) on-line and/or in print
 - Current JM Table of Contents emailed prior to publication
 - Digital access to entire run of JM from 1919-present
 - Digital access to [Mammalian Species](#) accounts
 - Discount on [Special Publications](#)
 - Access to images from Mammal Image Library
- Waiver of [page charges](#) associated with publishing in JM
- Annual meetings of ASM
 - Discount on registration
 - Showcase of cutting-edge research
 - Unparalleled opportunities for networking and professional development

- Opportunities to influence statements regarding public policy put forth by the Society
- Student benefits:
 - Reduced membership rates
 - Eligible to apply for [Grants-in-Aid of Research](#)
 - Eligible for [student fellowships and awards](#)
 - Eligible for student [travel awards to annual meetings](#)
 - Recognition of outstanding student research through [Graduate and Undergraduate Student Honoraria Research Paper Awards](#)
 - Student-oriented professional development and networking activities at annual meetings such as evaluation of student presentations, student social, workshops, and the Meal with a Mammalogist program
- International mammalogist benefits:
 - Reduced rates for members from developing countries
 - [Latin American Student Research Grants](#)
 - [Oliver P. Pearson Award](#) for professional recognition of Latin American Mammalogists
 - “Buddy System” allows ASM members for whom English is not their first language to have assistance editing manuscripts submitted to JM
- Members’ Services pages (currently under development, planned for 2013)
 - Free posting of job announcements on the ASM Job Board
 - ASM Blog where members can ask other members for advice about methods, share field experiences, and post new information about emerging issues or technical advances
 - A wiki site where members share information on potential funding sources
- Communication with other members and the Society
 - Access to ASM Facebook, Google+, LinkedIn, and Twitter accounts for instant communication and announcements
 - Monthly updates about upcoming events, deadlines, and Society business
- Eligible to contribute to the Society
- Opportunity to run for ASM office
- Voting rights in elections
- Serve on standing committees and gain valuable professional experience
- Be nominated for awards
- Selection of ASM annual meeting sites

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,

Elmer J. Finck

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Merriam Award Committee

Committee Members: R.T. Bowyer, K. Holekamp, G. Michener, R. Ostfeld, F.A. Smith (Chair), M. Willig.

Mission:

The responsibility of this committee is to solicit and evaluate nominations for the C. Hart Merriam Award and to select a recipient of the award to be announced at the annual banquet. The recipient is invited to present a plenary lecture at the meeting of the following year. As per a 1996 amendment of the originally defined award by the Board of Directors, the Merriam Award currently represents a focus on recognition for outstanding research contributions to mammalogy.

Information Items:

(1) The committee discharged its duty according to schedule. The recipient of the 2013 Merriam Award will be announced by the Chair of the committee at the Annual Banquet.

Action Items:

(1) Budget Items: \$50 for engraving and mounting of bison statue given to the Merriam Award recipient, and \$1,500 for travel of the recipient to the 2014 ASM annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Felisa A. Smith, Chair

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Nomenclature Committee

Committee Members: J. Diaz-N, J. L. Eger, A. L. Gardner, H. H. Genoways, K. M. Helgen, M. McDonough, R. W. Norris (Chair), J. L. Patton, R. H. Pine, C. M. Pinto, D. M. Reeder, S. Solari, and P. Velazco.

Mission:

Established in 1928, the Nomenclature Committee provides advice to Society members on problems regarding taxonomy and nomenclature.

Information Items:

(1) The Committee has been assisting the Editor of the Journal of Mammalogy with manuscripts involving new species descriptions and those with extensive revisions.

(2) The Committee along with the Nomenclature Committee of the International Federation of Mammalogists continues to review nomenclature for Mammalian Species (3 accounts reviewed in 2012-2013).

(3) The Committee has been assisting the Publications Committee with the transition to online ahead of print and with the implications of changes to the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature that became effective in 2012.

(4) The Committee continues to receive requests for information via the ASM website.

Action Items:

(1) Request renewal of \$250 in support of the AAZN.

Respectfully submitted,
Ryan W. Norris, Chair
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Program Committee

Committee Members: J. Braun (Chair), B. Blood, B. Coyner, M. Hamilton, D. Leslie, S. Loeb, K. Mabry, D. Odell, M. Revelez, M. Schadler, B. Shaw, C. Thompson, P. A. Zollner.

Mission:

The Program Committee is responsible for the solicitation and acceptance of proposals for symposia and workshops, for advertising the meeting to other scientific societies, for soliciting bids to host meetings, and assisting meeting hosts in preparing for annual meetings. [In 2011, the committee was charged with venue selection, organizing the annual meeting, the solicitation and acceptance of proposals for symposia and workshops, and advertising the meeting to other scientific societies.]

Information Items:

(1) *Sponsors and Exhibitors*

2013—Sponsorship and Exhibitors opportunities and benefits were revised. Sponsors and exhibitors increase support and participation in the annual meeting by businesses, companies, organizations, and agencies. Sponsors and exhibitors continue to indicate that they are very positive about the change in venue for the annual meeting. Some sponsor categories include a discount for 2014 for participation in 2013.

2014—Several businesses and companies have verbally committed for the 2014 meeting. We will continue to develop the sponsor and exhibitor base, and a focus on corporate sponsorship was initiated this year.

Sponsor requests for the 2014 meeting were sent to the following: Bass Pro Shops (\$5,000; 10 student travel awards); Love's (\$2,500; 5 student travel awards); Sonic Corp. (\$5,000; 10 student travel awards for Oklahoma students); Chesapeake Energy (\$5,000; banquet sponsorship); Devon Energy (\$5,000; picnic sponsorship); Boeing (\$5,000; meeting sponsorship); Whitten-Newman Foundation (travel awards for Native American students). Five Oklahoma craft breweries (Choc Beer Company/Krebs Brewing Company, Redbud Brewing Company, Coop Ale Works, Huebert Brewing Company, and Mustang Brewing Company) will be contacted for in-kind sponsorship.

(2) Registration

2013—Registration cost for non-members was increased by at least the cost of membership. New registration rates were created for retirees, guests and spouses, and one-day meeting participation.

Future meetings—The committee is aware that there may be a need to add registration rates for K-12 Professionals and High School Students for future meetings.

(3) Travel and Lodging

2013—An email link was added for non-US attendees to request a confirmation letter for visa applications and international attendee travel information was added. The mechanism for finding roommates, which was added in 2012, was used again in 2013.

(4) Abstract Submissions

2013—Instructions were provided for submitting revised abstracts. For abstracts submitted by recipients of a previous year's award (22 in this year's program), submitters were requested to add the following statement to the end of their abstract: "This research was supported by a [add award name] awarded to [award recipient] in [add year]." This will not only acknowledge recipients of awards in the program, but will also provide information about meeting attendance of award recipients. An "evite" to send to colleagues to attend the meeting was added to the website as were guidelines for poster presentations and an invitation to deposit presentations with F1000Posters (an open access repository).

2014—The Program Committee and KSU will evaluate the implementation of a Personal Scheduler, which is an easy on-line way to browse events and create your own personal meeting schedule.

(5) Program Highlights

2013—Speakers for the capstone symposium, featured speaker, plenary sessions, symposia, workshops, and thematic sessions were highlighted on the meeting website. The following workshops had full registrations: Ecological Niche Modeling, Geometric Morphometrics, and DDIG part II.

(6) Receptions and Socials

2013—The Student Mixer was moved to earlier in the meeting to provide students an opportunity to socialize earlier in the meeting. A reception for new members/new attendees hosted by the Membership Committee was added before the Opening Social. The donor reception, hosted by the Development Committee, will be held again before the Pre-banquet

Social. The banquet and awards presentation was moved to the last evening, and a banquet program will be distributed to all attendees.

(7) Auction and Run for Research

2013—A pdf of the auction item donation receipt was added to the website for use for the 2013 auction.

(8) Media and Public Relations

2013—Media and public relations activities were expanded for the meeting in Philadelphia. Press releases were added to the website for access by media sources. An annual meeting Media Policy was revised and a Media Contact/Public Information Officer (President Heske) was designated for the 2013 meeting. The policy was posted on the meeting website.

(9) Grants

2013—A tab with information about ASM Grants & Awards was added to the meeting website with a link to the “Grants” page on ASM website.

(10) Social Networking

2014—The committee will continue to explore increasing the use of social media for the 2014 meeting in coordination with the Informatics Committee.

(11) Virtual Meeting

2014—The committee will continue to explore the use of live stream or post videos of plenary and symposia presentations, including the opportunity for virtual posters—presentations by individuals that are not able to attend the meeting at a special registration rate.

(12) Planning for Future Meeting Activities

The committee is working with other committees to plan for symposia, workshops, social events, and activities for future meetings.

(13) 2012 Meeting Finances

The 2102 meeting residual totaled \$16,012.17, of which \$1,214.28 is designated for the Future Mammalogists Fund (t-shirt revenue and Run for Research revenue).

The 2012 Auction generated \$6,914 for the Future Mammalogists Fund.

For 2012, fifteen (15) complimentary rooms nights at the Peppermill Resort, Spa and Casino were awarded to student presenters. These rooms were made available through our contract that provided 1 room night per every 40 guest night reservations.

For 2013, no complimentary rooms nights were available after commitments to speakers were honored.

(14) Meeting Venues for 2014 and 2015:

2014 – A report on the 2014 meeting in Oklahoma at the Renaissance Hotel and Cox Convention Center will be presented to the membership (Janet Braun). The 2014 meeting website was launched 1 June; additional information will be added as it becomes available.

2015 – Invitations will be presented for hosting the 2015 meeting in the southeastern United States.

2016 – The 2016 annual meeting will be held at a venue in the north-central region.

Action Items:

(1) The Program Committee requests approval of the budget requested to support expenses associated with the following symposia and workshops at the 2014 meeting:

Title: ***Professional Interview Strategies: Crafting Your Message (Workshop)***

Organizers: Sue Fairbanks and Melissa Merrick

Requested Budget:	None
AV (added by Program Committee)	\$1000
REQUEST:	\$1000

Title: ***Popular Science Writing (Workshop)***

Organizer: Janet Braun (presented by Angela Botzer, Production Editor, International Editions, for National Geographic Magazine)

Requested Budget:	\$1000
REQUEST:	\$1000

Title: ***Museum Resources in Undergraduate Education (Symposium)***

Organizers: Kayce Bell and Joseph Cook

Requested Budget:	None
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Title: ***Xenarthrans as Model Species in Mammalogy (Symposium)***

Organizers: Jim Loughry and Mariella Superina

Requested Budget:	\$6375
REQUEST:	\$6375

Title: **Capstone Speaker (TBD)**

REQUEST:	\$1500
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TOTAL REQUEST:	\$9875
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(2) The Program Committee requests approval of the budget requested to support expenses associated with **site visits for the selection of future annual meeting venues:**

REQUEST:	\$8000
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(3) The Program Committee requests approval for the budget requested to support the costs associated with **society administrative activities that take place during the annual meeting (e.g., Board of Directors meetings, Members Meeting).**

REQUEST:	\$4000
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(4) The Program Committee requests approval for the use of 2013 meeting residual funds to support expenses associated with the 2014 annual meeting, particularly relating to keeping registration affordable and funding requests for support of meeting activities and speakers submitted after the meeting budget has been finalized.

REQUEST: \$TBD

TOTAL REQUEST: \$21,875

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Braun, Chair
(jkbraun@ou.edu)

Public Education Committee

Committee Members: L. C. Arias, K. Bell, G. Feldhamer, D. Ginnett, A. Joachim, R. Larsen, V. Mathis, M. Merrick, D. K. Odell, J. R. O'Neill, P. Owens, V. Naples, B. D. Sasse, L. Schlitter, B. J. Shaw (Chair), S. Sheffield, K. K. Thorington, J. Varner, and T. Wood.

Mission:

Established as a standing committee by the Board of Directors in 1993, the Public Education Committee seeks to make education about mammals accessible to grades K-12. Committee members foster outreach projects to raise awareness about mammals for students in their formative years. The committee coordinates its efforts with the assistance of other ASM committees, sister societies as well as elementary and high school science teachers.

Responsibilities:

The Public Education Committee conducts several activities including the Public Education Partnership (PEP) that is an initiative to encourage activity and visibility of ASM members in their local K-12 classrooms. This initiative was launched at the 1995 Annual Meeting at the University of Vermont with 64 charter members.

Information Items:

(1) State Lists of Mammals: (J. R. O'Neill and B. J. Shaw)

One of the PEC's long-term projects is to provide A State List of Mammals for all 50 states.

Mammal Species of the World: A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference (3rd ed; MSW) was published in 2005, and the state mammals lists are aligned to this taxonomic system.

Members of PEC completed 25 State Mammal Lists prior to 2005. In addition, an additional 4 states were completed with information in 2005 but were not posted online. None of these state lists have been updated with **the 2005 MSW, and all states need either writing or revising to reflect those changes.**

In the 2009 meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska, the committee determined that the most reasonable course of action was to completely revise the way state lists are written. In place of the individual state spreadsheets, we are developing a single database of all species found within the United States.

The species lists have been completed, and all spreadsheets have been standardized for insertion into a single database, which now is being populated with all of the species information in the spreadsheets. We anticipate that the database will be fully populated by end of May. PEC is working with the Informatics Committee to develop an online searchable database system, and we hope that it will be running by the time of the 2013 Annual Meeting.

By the time of the meeting, we ask the membership to verify that the information we have posted is correct and current regardless of the format (static lists or database). We therefore are requesting that the membership visit the state lists website at (URL) and verify that the information provided is correct, and that your state list is complete and accurate, and you include information on specific species that would enhance the information provided.

The next step is to link all the images of each species available to the mammal species lists and correct and edit information as it comes in from the membership. To make this database K-12 student/teacher friendly, we will be adding specific terms as pull down menus, including “State,” “Diet,” “Habitat,” “IUCN Status,” “Order,” and “Family.” In addition, we will have a box to type in searches, like “bat” or “Colorado.” The selections will be common names with the scientific names in parentheses after the common name. Our goal is to complete this portion of the mammal lists by the Annual Meeting in 2014.

Our final goal is to incorporate mammals of Canada and Mexico, completing the North American Mammal Species database. At this point, we have not set a timeframe for completing this phase of the state lists.

There are multiple benefits to this system.

- With the completion of the database, all 50 states are essentially completed.
- When the Mammal Species of the World: A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference is revised to the 4th edition, it will be a matter of making the appropriate species changes in the database (one time rather than 50 times for each state), and the list will be current within a matter of weeks (rather than years) after publication.
- The new ASM internet website can support a searchable database system. In that case, mammal species of the United States can become a flexible tool for searching not only state mammal lists, but also individual species, genera, or families throughout the United States. This becomes a powerful tool for further PEC projects and programs.

(2) Science Fair Certificates (B. J. Shaw):

The Public Education Committee provides recognition to students participating in Science Fairs with a project related to mammals by awarding a Certificate of Achievement. Certificates were requested this year for the Blue Ridge Highlands Regional Science Fair, and 6 certificates were awarded to the participants. We would like to remind the membership to request the Certificate of Achievement if you participate in a science fair, for any student who conducts research on

mammals. Please email the chair.

(3) Clearinghouse for K-12 Teachers:

This program connects classroom teachers with mammalogists but is not used. We had no requests this year. We anticipate that this will change as the PEC is able to utilize the newly upgraded website.

(4) Citizen Science (K. K. Thorington (lead), J. Varner and B. J. Shaw) Public outreach and tracking (hopefully a component of E-Mammal):

One of the challenges of education through modern technology is how to get folks off of the computer looking at and exploring the natural world. The proposed project aims to heighten awareness of the mammals that share our neighborhood and landscapes by making tracking and track ID more accessible to the general public.

A very little bit of knowledge about track and gait structure can be a powerful tool for both a scientist and an amateur naturalist. More exposure to tracking techniques and track and sign identification of course gives people a better understanding of the stories animal trails tell and better understanding of what the animal that left the tracks or signs was doing. The beginning steps of this process, how to measure and identify a track, how to find the next piece of information (footprint scrape mark etc.) should be readily accessible to the public.

The goals of this project are to find and implement ways that people can use photographs and descriptions to identify tracks and signs and get help with those identifications and/or confirmations of their identifications so that the tracking skills can improve. With the collective knowledge on passive track and hair trap's within the ASM, we should be able to provide instructions potentially including YouTube videos on how to make and use these traps. These tools should be aimed at both children and adults to get them tracking in their neighborhoods and sharing what they find with each other and the scientific community. To share this project with the membership attending the 2013 Philadelphia Meeting, we have developed a poster to begin the discussion with you and to solicit involvement from the membership of the Society.

(5) Teacher Workshop (G. Feldhamer (lead), A. Joachim, V. Mathis, V. Naples, B. J. Shaw, and J. Varner):

PEC is not presenting a teacher workshop this year (2013). Our collaborator at the Franklin Institute dealt with a health issue, and by the time he had returned to work, it was too late to present the workshop.

PEC has had several discussions with Sam Noble Museum education staff and J. Braun, Program Committee, and we are committed to collaborating with the museum to present a teacher workshop at our Annual Meeting in Oklahoma in 2014. PEC anticipates offering continuing education credit with the host institution. The workshop would be over 2 days, including attending one day of the Annual Meeting (both papers and poster session) and the second day a workshop on engaging science in the classroom with a material presentation on incorporating good mammal science.

One of the lessons will be scientific presentation through posters. We would like to ask

members to donate their posters with ASM logo as well as their own university logo to the teachers taking the workshop. The posters would be used in the lesson as well as “parting gifts” from ASM to be displayed at the local schools.

(6) Other Projects in initial development:

As the state list project is in the final phase of completion, PEC committee members have determined new goals of direction to support the mission statement of this committee. The projects are:

- Conservation Education (L. C. Arias, S. Sheffield (lead), J. Varner): Initial steps have been taken to work with the Conservation Committee to develop resources for K-12 educators, informal educators, and the general public on conservation issues. Now that Phase 1 of the upgrades is completed, we can begin to develop this collaboration for K-12 and the public and the ASM Conservation Committee’s projects.

Action Items:

In preparation for the teacher workshop in 2014, the Public Education Committee requests funds to develop and purchase the materials for presentation (\$200), copying curricula (\$100) to deliver to teachers, and postage (\$25) to advertise this event in Oklahoma Department of Education and the Sam Nobel Museum. We therefore respectfully request a \$325.00 budget to cover these costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Shaw, Chair

(Barbara.Shaw@colostate.edu or sciencea2z@yahoo.com)

Publications Committee

Committee Members: H. Beck, A. G. Blake, B. H. Blake, J. Cigard (Managing Editor), M. J. Hamilton (*Mammalian Species Editor*), J. M. Harris, L. D. Hayes, S. Jansa, M. Kalcounis-Rüppell, D. A. Kelt (*Chair*), C. W. Kilpatrick, B. K. Lim, C. R. Maher, J. F. Merritt (*Journal Editor*), P. L. Meserve, R. W. Norris, R. A. Ojeda, M. K. Oli, P. R. Owen, C. R. Pavey, R. A. Powell, I. S. Prange, E. A. Rickart, V. Sánchez-Cordero, L. A. Shipley, W. P. Smith, P. T. Stapp, M. A. Steele, R. D. Stevens, B. J. Swanson, J. Thomas, S. M. Wisely, N. Woodman, D. A. Zegers.

Mission:

The Publications Committee oversees the Society’s publications, including the *Journal of Mammalogy*, *Mammalian Species*, and Special Publications. The Committee sets editorial policy for the Society and nominates editors for approval by the Board of Directors. The Committee is typically composed of current editors, who are involved in reviewing and accepting papers and the technical production of the publications.

Information Items:

(1) The most consequential activity of the Publications Committee over the past year has pertained to the solicitation of new contracts to manage both ASM publications and membership management. The Society is currently in the 4th year of 5-year contracts with Allen Press Publishing Services and with Allen Press Association Management. Both contracts will end at the end of 2014, and to ensure sufficient time for potential transfer of information to a new publication or membership management agency, we initiated, in consultation with President Heske, a process of securing a consulting agency to assist with the development and circulation of RFPs to solicit new contracts to begin in 2015. This process has been conducted by an ad hoc committee established by President Heske, and consisting of D. A. Kelt (Chair), S. McLaren, D. M. Leslie, Jr., R. Van den Bussche, and H. Lanier. We contacted three consulting groups, and in consultation with the ASM Board of Directors selected Kaufman Wills Fusting and Company (KWF) to assist with this process. KWF developed separate RFPs for each contract, and worked closely with the ad hoc committee to refine these as necessary.

- i. The ASM Board approved up to \$20,000 in consulting services with KWF in an off-cycle appropriation to the 2013 budget. President Heske trimmed \$13,500 from other areas of the 2013 budget in partial offset.
- ii. At the time of this report, RFPs have been solicited and bids are being collected by KWF for analysis and presentation to the ad hoc committee. Prior to the annual meeting in Philadelphia KWF will work with the ad hoc committee to select a small number of finalists who will present bids to the ASM Board during the first Board meeting. We anticipate that the Board will select one bid for each contract, after which the ad hoc committee noted above will continue to work with KWF to finalize contracts with the successful bidder(s).

(2) The Publications Committee in consultation with Allen Press and President Heske initiated electronic release of the Table of Contents (ToC) to be sent to all members of the Society unless they request not to receive this. This initiated with Vol. 93(6), and ToCs have been electronically distributed on 18 December 2013, 16 February 2013, and 17 April 2013.

(3) In an ongoing effort to reduce the time to publication, the Publications Committee worked with Allen Press to initiate a new publishing process to allow rapid online publication of papers once they have been accepted and copyedited. These are indicated as “Articles In Press” at <http://www.asmjournals.org/>; processes were established for this effort in late May 2012, and our first online-ahead-of-print article was posted on 24 August 2012. Through April 2013, we posted 92 articles online in advance of the printed *Journal*; at the time of this report 18 articles are listed. The mean time from the start of production (e.g., from the time the article is accepted and forwarded to Allen Press for formatting, copy-editing, submitting proofs to authors, incorporating any requisite changes) was 7.8 weeks (excluding time the proofs were with authors, 6.9 weeks; mean response time from authors was 4.3 days).

(4) In 2010 the Society established a Fast Track option for rapid online publication of new taxa. Although the Publication Committee looks forward to capitalizing on this venue for facilitating the rapid publication of new taxa, to date we have received no submissions for Fast Track publication.

(5) The Publications Committee excels through the dedication and efforts of its membership, and is responsible for producing the most visible products of ASM; currently this includes the *Journal of Mammalogy* and *Mammalian Species*. The editors and associate editors of both products have continued to display profound passion and dedication for these products, and they deserve the appreciation of every member of the Society. This year, we are sad to accept the resignation of 4 AEs from the *Journal of Mammalogy*. These include Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell (3 years), Madan Oli (4 years), Paul Stapp (7 years), and Samantha Wisely (3 years), and they represent a combined 17 years of editing service to the *Journal* and the Society. Barring these losses, we have continued to operate with 23 AEs, one short of the Board-approved level of 24 AEs. We are in the process of securing replacements for the above 4 AEs, and while the *Journal* appears to be operating suitably with 23 AEs, we continue to monitor the need for the 24th AE.

Mammalian Species continues to operate with 5 AEs, and while some have indicated a desire to step down in the coming year, we remain stable for the time being. The Committee will be considering replacements for those AEs who might wish to step down.

(6) In recent years, we have published a compilation of *Mammalian Species* accounts at the end of the year. Normally we purchase about 60 copies; 28 of these are sent to archival libraries while the remaining copies are retained for independent sale. Productivity of *Mammalian Species* varies from year to year reflecting the vagaries of individual author motivations. This year, we have produced only 7 complete accounts, and as such, we have deferred publication of a Book until next year when we will publish a 2-year book.

(7) Jane Cigard assumed the role of Managing Editor at Allen Press, relieving Rita Janssen of her interim position last year. Both have proven to be reliable sources of information and assistance to the Publication Committee.

(8) Publication statistics for the *Journal of Mammalogy* between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013:

- Volume 93, No. 5;** 16 Feature articles, 1 book review
- Volume 93, No. 6;** 14 Feature articles
- Volume 94, No. 1;** 22 Feature articles, 3 book reviews
- Volume 94, No. 2;** 24 Feature articles, 3 book reviews
- Volume 94, No. 3;** 22 Feature articles, 1 book review

Manuscripts submitted, accepted, and rejected, including comparable data for 2 preceding years:

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Number of manuscripts submitted	394	483	380
Number of manuscripts accepted	117	154	83
Number of manuscripts rejected	172	218	210
Rejection rate	59%	58%	72%
Total Final Decisions (accepted +	289	372	n.a.

rejected)			
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Handling times:

Volume 93, Nos. 5-6

Submission to acceptance: 220 days (7.2 months)

Acceptance to publication: 191 days (6.2 months)

Total time: 412 days (13.5 months)

Volume 93, Nos. 1-3

Submission to acceptance: 206 days (6.7 months)

Acceptance to publication: 188 days (6.1 months)

Total time: 389 days (12.7 months)

Geographic distribution of accepted manuscripts:

Vol. 93, Nos. 5-6: 50.0% U.S., 10.0% Canada, 16.6% Latin America, 23.3% other countries (*n* = 30)

Vol. 94, Nos. 1-3: 48.5% U.S., 5.9% Canada, 17.6% Latin America, 27.9% other countries (*n* = 68)

- (9) Publication statistics for *Mammalian Species* between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013, including comparable data for 2 preceding years:

	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Total number of accounts published	7	18	27
Accounts in proof, scheduled for release in May	3	1	4
Accounts with Editor	15	17	15
Total number of accounts with Associate Editors	55	30	35
Number of new accounts submitted and assigned to Associate Editors	24 submitted, 18 assigned (6 awaiting QC issues, soon to be assigned to AEs)	12	25
Number of new species accounts assigned to authors	23	26	42
Total number of accounts in preparation	314 (203 overdue)	371 (170 overdue)	394 (220 overdue)

Action Items:

- (1) New Associate Editors for the *Journal of Mammalogy*: The Committee seeks Board approval of Marjorie Matocq (University of Nevada, Reno) and Keith Aubry (USDA Forest

Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station, and University of Washington, Seattle) as Associate Editors for the *Journal of Mammalogy*.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas A. Kelt, Chair

dakelt@ucdavis.edu

Resolutions Committee

Committee Membership: N. G. Dawson, A. F. Janicki, T. J. McIntyre, B. R. McMillan, S. R. Sheffield, D. W. Sparks, J. A. Yunger (Chair).

Mission:

The Resolutions Committee of the American Society of Mammalogists (ASM) was established in 1956 to provide a mechanism for the Society to share relevant science and express views on issues that involve mammals. The Resolutions Committee also writes the Host Resolution for the Annual Meeting of the ASM.

Information Items:

- (1) The Resolutions Committee did not receive proposed resolutions during the past year.
- (2) A letter was written to support maintaining the Field Museum's scientific research programs in the face of extensive budget cuts and departmental reorganization.
- (3) Brock McMillan stepped down as Chair; we thank him for his service.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,

John Yunger, Chair

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Systematics Collections Committee

Committee Members: J. E. Bradley, R. D. Bradley, S. Burt, L. N. Carraway, J. P. Carrera E., C. J. Conroy, B. Coyner, J. R. Demboski, C. W. Dick, R. C. Dowler, K. Doyle, J. Dunnam, J. A. Esselstyn, W. L. Gannon, M. S. Hafner, J. D. Hanson, P. Holahan, T. Holmes, S. R. Hooper, C. A. Iudica, D. A. Kelt, E. A. Lacey, B. K. Lim, S. B. McLaren, B. McLean, N. D. Moncrief, N. Ordóñez, E. A. Rickart, D. S. Rogers, W. T. Stanley (Chair), N. Upham, P. M. Velazco.

Mission:

The Systematic Collections Committee advises curators worldwide in matters relating to collection administration, curation, and accreditation, and maintains a directory of mammal collections. The Committee also surveys existing collections approximately once each decade and maintains a list of curatorial standards for managing a collection-accreditation program under the auspices of the Society.

Information Items:

(1) The Directory of Collections posted on Systematic Collections Committee page of the ASM website continues to be updated.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
William Stanley, Chair
(bstanley@fieldmuseum.org)

IV. ad hoc Committees

***ad hoc* Committee on the Future of ASM Publications**

Committee Members: M. Hamilton, K. Helgen, D. Kelt, E. Lacey, D. Leslie, E. Lessa, M. Mares, R. Timm.

Mission:

The ad hoc Committee on the Future of ASM Publications was appointed by incoming President Heske in early summer 2012 to explore the challenges facing ASM publications and to recommend actions that will enhance the profile and usefulness of the science delivered in those publications.

Information Items: The ad hoc Committee's report to the President follows.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Leslie, Jr. (Chair)
ad hoc Committee on the Future of ASM Publications

18 April 2013

Scholarly publishing has been undergoing immense change for the past decade or more. Electronic delivery of science, proliferation of online journals, movement toward open-access (OA) publishing, and changing business models for dissemination of science have challenged

learned societies of all disciplines to critically evaluate their publications and their value to members, libraries, and the general public. For small societies such as ASM, whose memberships are in precipitous decline across the board, challenges are heightened by the desire to produce quality output of interest to members and colleagues while preserving financial resources to produce such products. Even a very quick Internet search of web sites and blogs highlights the enormous degrees of excitement and uncertainty surrounding these issues. After a meeting at the ASM Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada, the ad hoc Committee deliberated mainly by email during summer and autumn 2012, after which several members (Hamilton, Kelt, Lacey, Leslie, and Mares) became engaged in communications about the future of ASM's publishing contract, which ends with Allen Press in December 2014. The Board decided to engage a specialized consulting firm in autumn 2012 to assist with the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to be sent to various publishers of scholarly journals, requesting bids to publish ASM journals beginning in 2015. This effort was led by D. Kelt, Chair of the Publications Committee. Although the ad hoc Committee had not completed, or made definitive, its deliberations, some of its preliminary concerns were considered during the development of the RFP (e.g., how would a prospective publisher deal with Open Access in ASM publications). Based on input from ad hoc Committee members, discussions focused on the items outlined below (in no particular order), which ultimately led to a ranking of the items most important to committee members.

1. *Mammalian Species*

- a. Fold *MS* into the *Journal of Mammalogy*
- b. Propose a new title for *MS* but retain identity.
- c. List *MS* content in TOC of *JM*
- d. Develop new standards for review and acceptance
- e. Convert *MS* to entirely OA (who pays: ASM and/or author?)

2. *Journal of Mammalogy*

- a. Convert *JM* to entirely OA (who pays: ASM and/or author?), or increase the number of OA papers incrementally
- b. Reconsider page and OA charges
- c. Encourage shift of life/patron members to electronic-only access
- d. Consider new content/sections

3. Both publications

- a. Modernize the “look” of both publications, particularly title page of each paper (really the new “face” of a journal anyway)

4. Special Publications

- a. Continue suspension of series, or reinvent?

5. A new online publication, starting small but thinking big

- a. Consider the “Letters” model (e.g., *Ecology Letters*; French National Center for Scientific Research; Impact = 17.557), *Conservation Letters*: Society for Conservation Biology; Impact = 4.082, *Biology Letters*; Royal Society; Impact = 3.762), etc.) as a new ASM publication, with short, targeted, synthetic contributions, not as dependent on original, replete datasets as in papers in *JM*.
- b. Seek contemporary, pressing, and controversial topics from a broader international audience.

- c. Perhaps “International Mammalogy Letters” or “International Correspondences in Mammalogy.”
- d. Self-publish initially as open access.

Decisions for change on many of these items will be important as publishing proposals are reviewed and counter-proposals from ASM are offered and negotiated. Members of the ad hoc Committee ranked the following as the most important items that need to be addressed in the near future (each Committee Member’s first and second place ranks of important items are provided in **bold**):

1. Produce and post manuscripts with DOI numbers quickly after acceptance (some publishers do this in 2 weeks or less) = **1, 2, 2, 2, 2**
As a note, the ad hoc Committee on ASM Member Recruitment and Retention (dated 17 March 2012) also recommended that this item be given high priority. As a result, President Heske requested the change, and ASM Publications Committee under D. Kelt’s leadership worked diligently with Allen Press to accomplish it. Since late autumn 2012, all accepted papers have been quickly produced, assigned a DOI number, and posted on the ASM journal web site, managed by Allen Press (www.asmjournals.org). As of this date, 34 “Online Ahead of Print” papers are posted in advance of their inclusion and print in an upcoming issue of the *JM*.
2. Thoroughly modernize look/content of both *JM* and *MS* (a bit of a catchall category, some comments focused on a particular pub and its sections) = **1, 1, 1**
3. Open Access with all the financials worked out (who pays?) = **1, 1, 2**
Open Access remains the most difficult issue to address—philosophically sound but financially difficult (who pays?). The rise of its popularity is clearly reflected in the success, for example, of the author-pay *PLoS* collection of online journals and the scrambling of all major publishers to consider and provide Open Access as an affordable option for authors and clients. In the biomedical field alone, there was a 16-fold increase in OA papers between 2000 (7,400 articles) and 2011 (120,900 articles—Laakso and Björk, 2012, Anatomy of open access publishing: a study of longitudinal development and internal structure, *BMC Medical* 10:124).
4. Combine *JM* and *MS* (one suggests starting a new online publication) = **1, 2**
5. Separate benefits of memberships from publications (idea being that younger mammalogists get the pubs for free elsewhere and need other contemporary reasons for becoming a member) = **1**
6. Eliminate print of the *Journal of Mammalogy* = **2**
7. Increase page charges for non-members and lower them for members = **2**

Recommendations:

ASM Leadership needs to deliberate on the importance of each of the complex items outlined above as it considers the future publishing contract proposals. An ad hoc committee with broad perspectives should be established to weigh the relative importance of these items, with an eye on the ongoing viability (scientific and financial) and impact of ASM publications. While evaluating proposals from publishers in the coming year, ASM also needs to consider the rapid-evolving, online-only delivery of science and be a leader of other scientific societies of comparable size and scope into the world of OA publishing.

ad hoc Committee on ASM Bylaws Review

Committee Members: D. Leslie, M. Mares, S. McLaren.

Mission: The ad hoc Committee on ASM Bylaws Review was appointed by President Heske in summer 2012 to review the standing ASM Bylaws (last revised June 1999) and recommend changes that may enhance operations and relevance of ASM to the membership.

Information: The ad hoc Committee exchanged ideas for amending the Bylaws and submitted recommended changes to the President in late winter 2013. The President asked the Board to review and discuss the proposed changes electronically, which was followed by electronic votes on specific changes. The Board-approved changes were sent to the full membership and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in June 2013. Along with “bookkeeping” edits to clarify points, major proposed changes included replacing the Journal Editor with the Chair of the Publications Committee (renamed Director of Publications) as an Officer and increasing the Vice President’s term from 1 to 2 years. Changes involving electronic voting for ASM Officers in advance of the Annual Meeting were suggested by the ad hoc Committee but were not approved by the Board; they will be discussed further at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Leslie, Jr. (Chair)

ad hoc Committee on ASM Bylaws Review

16 May 2013

***ad hoc* ASM Publication and Association Management Proposal Review Committee**

Committee Members: H. C. Lanier, D. A. Kelt (Chair), D. M. Leslie, S. McLaren, R. Van Den Bussche.

Mission: This committee was established with 2 related and sequential purposes. First, to solicit bids from consulting agencies with expertise in professional societies and publication. Second, to work with the successful bidder in developing a request for proposals from multiple organizations to manage publications for ASM and, separately, to manage ASM membership.

Information: The committee received 3 bids from potential consultants and proposed to the Board of Directors that we contract with Kaufman Wills Fusting & Company (KWF).

Requests for proposals for managing ASM publications were developed in consultation with KWF, distributed to 7 potential publishers; bids were received from 4 of these. Requests for proposals for managing ASM membership were also developed in consultation with KWF; these were distributed to 10 potential membership managers, 2 of whom submitted bids. We are in the

process of selecting finalists for each contract, who will present their bids to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Additional details are included in the Annual Report of the Publications Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas A. Kelt, Chair
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V. Affiliates

AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) Affiliation

AAAS Liaison: Michael A. Mares (acting)

Information Items: No report submitted.

AAZN (American Association for Zoological Nomenclature) Affiliation

AAZN Liaison: A. L. Gardner

Mission of the AAZN:

AAZN establishes and maintains the relevancy for taxonomy and nomenclature serving as a foundation for systematics, ecology, and biology in resolving real world issues in organismal diversity and by promoting appreciation, knowledge and understanding of the biosphere.

Information Items: No Report Submitted.

AIBS (American Institute of Biological Sciences) Affiliation

AIBS Liaison: Michael A. Mares

Information Items: No report submitted.

NSCA (Natural Science Collections Alliance) Affiliation

ASM Representative: Michael A. Mares

The Natural Science Collections Alliance is a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit association that supports natural science collections, their human resources, the institutions that house them, and their research activities for the benefit of science and society. **Members** are part of an international community of museums, botanical gardens, herbariums, universities, scientific organizations, and other institutions and organizations that house natural science collections and utilize them in research, exhibitions, academic and informal science education, and outreach activities. NSC Alliance acts as a source of information and influence on governmental issues that relate to collections or research on collections, including interactions with the Congress, White House, and government departments and agencies.

Membership in the NSC Alliance links an organization into a network of institutions, professional societies, scientists and other professionals in North America through which one can share news, information, and common concerns - and help shape the future of the natural science community.

During the past year the NSC Alliance has worked across many political and scientific areas (below).

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Mares
(mamares@ou.edu)



Natural Science Collections Alliance 2012 Accomplishments

- Conducted a Congressional briefing on digitization of natural science collections. The event was well attended by policymakers from Capitol Hill, federal agencies, and nongovernmental organizations.
- Coordinated a joint society letter to the National Science Foundation (NSF) to express concerns with a proposal to alter the Collections in Support of Biological Research program.
- Provided testimony to House and Senate Appropriations Committees in support of increased funding for the NSF and the Department of the Interior.
- Four NSC Alliance board members participated in an NSF-sponsored workshop to develop the *Implementation Plan for the Network Integrated Biocollections Alliance*. The draft report was circulated to NSC Alliance members for input.



- Sponsored the 4th Annual Biological Sciences Congressional District Visits event. Several NSC Alliance member organizations participated.
- Rallied the collections community to influence pressing science policy issues, including the threat of budget sequestration to federal research funding and legislation that would have implemented burdensome reporting requirements for federal grantees.
- Wrote to the Executive Office of the President regarding the need for federal agencies to conduct a cost-benefit analysis prior to establishing new federal scientific collections.
- Requested that the US government pursue a discussion of how to improve the permit validation process for scientific specimens at the sixteenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
- Participated in the USGS Coalition, an alliance of more than 70 organizations dedicated to the continued vitality of the US Geological Survey and its programs.
- Provided regular policy and news updates to NSC Alliance members via the NSC Alliance Washington Report.
- Developed two issue briefs that help to articulate the importance of scientific collections, which are available at http://nscalliance.org/?page_id=10.
- Initiated planning with iDigBio and AIBS for a jointly sponsored workshop to be held at the 2013 Society for Preservation of Natural History Collections annual meeting.



Report of the ASM delegation to the International Federation of Mammalogists

The ASM continues to be involved in the International Federation of Mammalogists. The current President of the Board is William Lidicker, Jr., of the Society. Because of the large size of the ASM membership, the ASM has three members on the IFM Board. Currently, Michael Mares, representing the ASM President, and co-chairs of the International Relations Committee, Ricardo Ojeda and Duane Schlitter, are members of the Board.

The next scheduled international meeting, IMC-11, will be held at Queens University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK, from 11-16 August 2013. The website for IMC-11 is www.qub.ac.uk/sites/IMC11/. There is a functional link to the website on the IFM website as well www.mammalogyinternational.org/.

Once again be reminded that the IFM opened a very successful IFM Facebook account, which was developed and is being maintained by IRC co-chair Ricardo Ojeda of Argentina. The idea is to use or orient these new social nets towards professional academic purposes. In the case of IFM it offers an opportunity to help integrate and connect international scientific mammal societies, colleagues, and students through this social forum. Facebook pages are very useful in posting information, meetings, courses, traineeship opportunities, collaborative research, and personal professional contacts. The IFM Facebook link is <http://www.facebook.com/groups/197157050399156/>. If you are a user of Facebook and have not accessed this site, check it out.

Finally, the IFM Board continues to search for a venue for IMC-12, tentatively scheduled for 2016. Preliminary invitations have been received from China and Australia and a tentative one from Malaysia. Selection of a venue for IMC-12 will be made by the IFM Board at its business meeting at IMC-11.

More on these items of IFM business as well as other information can be found on the IFM web site located at www.mammalogyinternational.org/

ASM members on the IFM Board:

William Lidicker, Jr., President of IFM
Michael Mares, on behalf of the President of ASM
Ricardo Ojeda and Duane Schlitter, Co-chairs of ASM's IRC

Respectfully submitted,

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VI. Ombudspersons

Ombudspersons: F. A. Smith, R. W. Thorington, Jr.

Charge: The members of the Office of Ombudsperson are appointed at the discretion of the President to hear and respond appropriately to complaints of unprofessional behavior by any member of the ASM at its annual meeting or in the governance of the ASM through its committee structure. All issues brought before either (or both) of the appointed individuals are resolved as discreetly as possible. The Ombudspersons are entrusted to deal with each situation as they best see fit.

Information Items:

(1) The Committee received no complaints about unprofessional behavior.

Respectfully submitted,
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