

***ad hoc* Committee for ASM-AIBS Graduate Student Public Policy Internship**

Committee Members: G. Barrett, R. Gropp (AIBS), W. Lidicker, A. Linzey (Chair)

Mission:

The goal of the ASM-AIBS Public Policy Internship is to provide an opportunity for a student to gain hands-on experience in public policy at the national level that relates generally to biology and specifically to matters of interest to ASM. The purpose of the *ad hoc* committee is to develop policies and procedures for this internship, to solicit applications, and to recommend a suitable candidate for approval by the ASM Board of Directors.

Information Items:

(1) In previous years, the student internship holder was required to be enrolled in a graduate program during the internship semester. The requirements were changed to read “The internship is open to ASM members who are currently enrolled in a graduate program or who have completed a graduate degree no more than one semester prior to the starting date of the internship, and who are engaged in research that will contribute to our understanding and conservation of mammals.

(2) Due to budget restraints, the internship was not funded for 2009 and 2010. Funding was restored for fall 2011. The Committee will bring a recommendation for the 2011 Internship to the Board of Directors meeting in Portland.

(3) Rob Gropp from AIBS passed along some news about our first intern Judsen Bruzgul. In the intervening years, he has completed his degree, completed a AAAS Fellowship at the Department of State, and just recently started a position as Climate Change Adaptation Analyst at the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Action Items:

(1) Board of Directors approval of student intern for 2012.

(2) Budget request for \$6,500 (\$6,000 for internship and \$500 to AIBS to defray costs of hosting student).

Respectfully submitted,
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