

Archives Committee

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Information items:

(1) McLaren, Timm, and former Historian Hugh Genoways published six papers on various aspects of ASM history for the *Journal* as a continuation of our celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Society. Five appeared in a series entitled “Innovations that changed Mammalogy,” which continued into 2021. These include: 1) History of the publications of the American Society of Mammalogists. *Journal of Mammalogy* 101(1):1–5; 2) Innovations that changed Mammalogy: the Cyclone trap. *Journal of Mammalogy* 101(2):325–327; 3) Innovations that changed Mammalogy: the Japanese mist net. *Journal of Mammalogy* 101(3):627–629; 4) Innovations that changed Mammalogy: dermestid beetles—the better way to clean skulls. *Journal of Mammalogy* 102(4):923–925; 5) Innovations that changed Mammalogy: field techniques for karyotyping. *Journal of Mammalogy* 101(5):1219–1221; and 6) Innovations that changed Mammalogy: field fixation for transmission electron microscopy (TEM). *Journal of Mammalogy* 101(6):1433–1435.

(2) One of the duties of the Historian is to work with the Editor-in-Chief of the *JM* to ensure that obituaries of prominent leaders in the Society are published in the *Journal*.

(3) An obituary for ASM Past President and Honorary Member Sydney Anderson appeared in the *Journal* in 2020 [Gardner, S. L., R. M. Timm, N. Olds, and H. H. Genoways. 2020. Obituary: Sydney Anderson (1927–2018). *Journal of Mammalogy* 101(3):900–915.].

(4) An obituary for ASM Past President and Honorary Member Tom Kunz appeared in the December *JM* [Kurta, A., W. F. Frick, M. B. Fenton, P. Campbell, G. F. McCracken, R. M. Timm, and H. H. Genoways. 2020. Obituary: Thomas Henry Kunz (1938–2020). *Journal of Mammalogy* 101(6):1752–1780.].

(5) Timm assisted with the obituary for ASM Past President, Honorary Member, and Hartley H. T. Jackson Awardee J. Mary Taylor. The obituary is authored by Patricia Woolley and will appear in a 2021 issue of the *JM*.

(6) McLaren and Timm setup the revised Bylaws that were passed by the Board in July 2020 for posting on the ASM website (<http://www.mammalsociety.org/asm-bylaws-and-rules>) as well as the traditional placement in the *Journal of Mammalogy*. The revised Bylaws will be voted upon by the membership at the upcoming 2021 Members’ Meeting in June.

(7) References and oral history were provided to ASM authors and editors as they were finalizing articles for the *Journal of Mammalogy*, *Mammalian Species*, and other research endeavors.

(8) A number of questions about our history, former members, and mammals came to the Society from a wide array of people. These questions are forwarded to the Archives Committee and we are usually able to assist.

(9) Past President Mike Mares donated a number of candid images which emphasize the importance of capturing attendees at our meetings, not just the elected officers and speakers, who are most likely to be captured in formal photos. We are still missing a considerable number of Annual Meeting images. Please review the posted meetings (see Our History tab www.mammalsociety.org/committees/archives#tab7), check your files, and help us complete the listing of Annual Meetings. Interesting images that help detail ASM history are always welcome.

Action Items:

No funds are being requested at this time. Please continue to send us images of interest to the Society and the science of mammalogy.

Respectively submitted,

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