

Development Committee

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

History and 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.

Responsibilities:

Committee members may write personal letters inviting members to become Patron Members of the Society and/or to become donors to the New Founders Club. Committee members may work to obtain grants for the Future Mammalogists Fund, the Latin American Student Field Research Fund, the African Graduate Student Fund, and for support of new fellowships. Committee members may work to obtain grants from foundations and industry for use by other committees such as the Program Committee. A new Committee responsibility is to work with the local committee to facilitate donation of gifts for the annual auction.

Information Items:

(1) 2017 Activities:

- (a) Through the efforts of several members, especially Jessica Light, Janet Rachlow, and Brad Blood, there will be numerous gifts for the ASM 2017 Auction in Moscow, Idaho.
- (b) The need was demonstrated for a number of new committee members who will actively assist in the work of the Committee.
- (c) Discussions on the future of the Annual Auction and how it can best be a tool of the Society were ongoing.

(1) Recommendations:

- (a) The Development Committee should proceed to actively recruit additional members of the Committee at the 2017 ASM Meeting.
- (b) The Development Committee, members of the ASM Board, and the President should develop a strategic development plan as the ASM approaches its 100 year anniversary. This plan should include securing major potential centennial gifts,

support of various ASM programs, mammalian conservation efforts, and mammalian museum collections.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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