

Development Committee

Committee Members: R. J. Baker, J. Kenagy, A. V. Linzey, , D. J. Schmidly, M. R. Willig (Chair), and D. E. Wilson.

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 Chair collaborated with the President and Secretary-Treasurer to ensure improved communications with donors and potential donors. Donors to the Society are now 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 advance a number of development activities to increase support for the Society and its important activities in research, education, and outreach.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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