

Education and Graduate Students Committee

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Information Items:

(1) Evaluation of student presentations continues to be an extremely popular program among students. There were approximately 90 student presenters evaluated at the 2003 meeting in Lubbock, Texas. More than that have requested evaluations at the 2004 meeting in Arcata, California. Elmer Finck will continue with the arduous task of assigning evaluators to each presentation and Brock McMillan will compile and send evaluations back to students.

(2) Robert Swihart currently organizes the “Breakfast with a Scientist” program. This program is in its 10th year and continues to be popular among both students and established scientists. The committee thanks all scientists who have participated in this program over the years. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to spend time with participating scientists. Each year, members of the Education and Graduate Students Committee nominate scientists to participate in the program but nominations are welcomed and encouraged from all ASM members, particularly students.

(3) This is the 10th year that the Committee will sponsor a luncheon hosted by the President of the Society for Plenary Session speakers.

(4) The Web Page Subcommittee (chaired by Terry Doonan) has worked over the past several years to design and develop several resources for students that are organized into the Student Affairs web page. The Education and Graduate Students Committee feels that the Internet provides vitally important resources and is critical for attracting and retaining students to the field of mammalogy. The Committee also realizes the necessity of keeping web pages current and updated, and it continues to work closely with the Informatics Committee in that direction.

(5) The Committee submitted a proposal (authored by Deidre Parish and Gregory Wilson) to the ASM Program Committee to host a workshop, entitled “Careers in Mammalogy,” at the 2005 meeting in Missouri. The purpose of the workshop is to expose students to a variety of careers in the field of mammalogy. More specifically, students will receive information about opportunities, responsibilities, and requirements for various careers and strategies for obtaining jobs. The proposal was accepted by the Program Committee and the workshop will take place in 2005.

(6) Elmer Finck continues to coordinate distribution of the *Careers in Mammalogy* brochure, *The Science of Mammalogy* brochure, and the general information brochure.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,

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