**Grants-in-Aid Committee**


**Mission:**

The Grants-in-Aid Committee reviews applications for grants-in-aid and fellowships in mammalogy (American Society of Mammalogists Fellowship in Mammalogy and the Albert R. and Alma Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy) and either selects recipients for these awards or recommends recipients for these awards.

**Information Items:**

1. Karen Mabry stepped down as Chair of the Grants-in-Aid Committee to take another assignment. Brock McMillan was asked by the President to serve as the new Chair. We thank Karen for her dedicated service as Chair of this Committee and to the American Society of Mammalogists. We also thank Karen for all of her help to ensure a smooth transition to the new chair.

2. Membership on the Committee is currently at 33 members. We added 5 new members this year including Steve Mech, Kayce Bell, Bryan McLean, Angela Hornsby, and Richard Stevens. We are always looking for additional members to return our number of members to 40. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on this Committee.

3. We received 90 applications for Grants-in-Aid in 2018. The budget for Grants-in-Aid was set by the Board at $56,200. Each committee member was asked to review and rank 16 Grants-in-Aid applications. The Committee ranked the 90 proposals and 37 were selected for support based on their average ranking. The diversity and quality of the proposals was outstanding. The committee members continue to make an effort to provide each applicant with some constructive comments on his/her proposal. Names of the students who have received a 2018 grant-in-aid are attached to the end of this report.

4. This year’s Horner Award winner for the top-ranked GIA proposal is Brock Wooldridge from Harvard University. The title of his grant application was, “Using population genomics to study the repeated evolution of forest deer mice.”

5. In 2017, 6 fellowship applications were received and reviewed. The 2017 ASM Fellowship recipient was Anne-Marie Hodge from the University of Wyoming. The Shadle Fellowship recipient was Brett Jesmer from the University of Wyoming. We received 4 fellowship/award applications for the 2018 competition. These will be distributed to committee members electronically and nominees will be selected during a closed session at the Annual Meeting.
The amount of the American Society of Mammalogists Fellowship will be $10,000 and the Albert R. and Alma E. Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy will be approximately $4,500 in 2018.

**Action items:**

*(1) 2019 Budget Request*

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We are seeking an increase in the ASM Fellowship from $10,000 to $12,500. This is the most prestigious award given to a graduate student in the Society. As such, we would like this award to be sufficient to support the activities of a student. Our vision is to one day have this award support a graduate student for one year.

*(2) 2018 ASM Grants-in-Aid Recipients*

Jaclyn Aliperti
Mattina Alonge
Jesse Alston
Mallory Ballinger
Savannah Bartel
Melissa Bauer
Peter Billman
Allison Brehm
Zachary Butler
Kate Corbin
Natalia Cortes-Delgado
Megan Dudenhoeffer
Haley Epperly
Adriana Guerrero-Chacon
Kira Hefty
Melissa Ingala
Joel Jameson
Abigail Kelly
Chase LaDue
Olivia Meyerson
Kendall Mills
Tracy Montgomery
Kevin Morey
Nathaniel Mull
Rachel Petersen
Alexander Pritchard
Jeffrey Roth
Leila Siciliano-Martina
Kelly Speer
Tess Stapleton
Mason Stothart
Madeline Strom
Lisa Walsh
Marie Westover
Dana Williams
Andrea Wishart
Brock Wooldridge

Respectively submitted,
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