

## **VI. Ombudspersons**

**Ombudspersons:** E. P. Lessa, J. E. Light.

**Charge:** The members of the Office of Ombudspersons are appointed at the discretion of the President to hear and respond appropriately to complaints of unprofessional behavior by any member of the ASM at its annual meeting or in the governance of the ASM through its committee structure. All issues brought before either (or both) of the appointed individuals are resolved as discreetly as possible. The Ombudspersons are entrusted to deal with each situation as they best see fit.

### **Information Items:**

(1) In the past year, the Ombudspersons worked in consultation with President Robert Sikes and President-Elect Douglas Kelt to update the Society's Course of Action for Alleged Misconduct, provide additional resources on related issues to the membership, and increase the visibility of these materials in the ASM website.

(2) In the past year, several members of the Society consulted the Ombudspersons for advice. Action was necessary to address one case of alleged sexual misconduct at the 2017 Annual Meeting (Moscow, Idaho).

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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