

Planning and Finance Committee

Committee Members: E. J. Heske (Chair), D. M. Leslie, Jr., A. V. Linzey, S. B. McLaren, R. M. Timm, R. Van Den Bussche, M. R. Willig.

Mission:

The Planning and Finance Committee was formed to develop the Annual Budget as a planning tool rather than as a spending plan. The original charges to this committee included: 1) Developing a philosophy and guidelines for use of the Reserve Fund, including the overall purpose, goals with regard to our Annual Budget, and guidelines defining how we will arrive at spending limits for each year (document approved by the Board in 1999); 2) Determining the cost of insuring officers and the Society to protect against legal action (has become a part of the Annual Budget); 3) Examining how the Society can become more relevant in terms of what it offers members through its publications. This latter charge and the development of the annual budget, on behalf of the President, are now the ongoing duties of this committee.

Information Items:

(1) The preliminary, proposed 2013 budget for the American Society of Mammalogists will be circulated to all Board Members prior to the Annual Meeting.

(2) Two committee members (Heske, Van Den Bussche) participated in development of a report on responses to declining ASM membership, which included recommendations for Society publications. Those recommendations can be found in the report from the ad hoc Committee on ASM Membership Recruitment and Retention.

Action Items:

(1) At the upcoming Board meeting in Reno, Nevada the proposed budget for 2013 will be presented along with supporting documentation, reviewed, and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
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