

## **Public Education Committee**

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### **Mission:**

Established as a standing committee by the Board of Directors in 1993, the Public Education Committee seeks to make education about mammals accessible to grades K-12. Committee members foster outreach projects to raise awareness about mammals for students in their formative years. The committee coordinates its efforts with the assistance of other ASM committees, sister societies as well as elementary and high school science teachers.

### **Information Items:**

(1) The committee has been relatively inactive in the prior couple of years. Therefore, the Committee has been evaluating how to become more effective for our Society. In addition to the duties of this committee to provide Science Fair Award certificates, providing and updating the state lists of mammals, and providing a clearinghouse for teachers on mammal information, we are assessing how to better provide support for our membership when asked for K-12 educator help.

(2) This year, the committee has included 3 new state lists, one posted on our website, and the other two waiting for review before posting.

(3) The committee has initiated an education session at the meeting in South Dakota.

**Action Items:** None

**Respectfully submitted,**

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