

Resolutions Committee

Committee Membership: A. W. Ferguson, D. Gonzalez, J. Lombardi, S. G. Mech, S. R. Sheffield, D. W. Sparks, J. A. Yunger (Chair).

Mission:

The Resolutions Committee of the American Society of Mammalogists (ASM) was established in 1956 to provide a mechanism for the Society to share relevant science and express views on issues that involve mammals. The Resolutions Committee also writes the Host Resolution for the Annual Meeting of the ASM.

Functioning:

As part of the Resolution Committee's Mission, proposals are first reviewed internally by Committee members, then revised as needed in consultation with the proposer. Resolutions deemed appropriate and ready for further consideration are vetted with the President. Upon approval, resolutions will be circulated to the ASM membership. Resolutions represent objective assessments of facts as they pertain to issues of relevance to mammals and mammalogy, and that they adhere to the highest scientific and ethical standards. Consequently, resolutions frequently require multiple drafts, supporting literature, and input from the Society; as a result, they rarely comprise a rapid development.

Information Items:

(1) One possible resolution under consideration would be with the Education Committee. This would involve topics related to the need for fieldwork. This could include how liability and other constraints are limiting the training for future mammalogists (and biologists as whole). It probably would be best coming out after this pandemic is done; field work at many institutions has met with numerous challenges with past year.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,
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