

## **Systematics Collections Committee**

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### **Mission:**

The Systematic Collections Committee advises curators worldwide in matters relating to collection administration, curation, and accreditation, and maintains a directory of mammal collections. The Committee also surveys existing collections approximately once each decade and maintains a list of curatorial standards for managing a collection-accreditation program under the auspices of the Society.

### **Information Items:**

- (1) Robert Bradley has requested reaccreditation of the mammal collection at Texas Tech University. Arrangements are yet to be made for a site visit. No other requests for accreditation were received this past year
- (2) The Committee was asked by President Lacey to draft a response letter for ASM to the announcement by NSF that the Collections in Support of Biological Research Program was to be placed on hiatus for 2017. The Committee (spearheaded by B. Coyner, J. Dunnum, E. Rickart, C. Thompson, and R. Dowler) prepared a letter documenting the potential impact on systematic collection support from this action. President Lacy submitted her official response to NSF on 25 April 2016.
- (3) The Committee continued to work on the survey of mammal collections of the western hemisphere and hopes to have a report completed for dissemination and publication in 2017. There was discussion with Publications Director, D. Kelt of the possible cost of publication of this report as a supplement to the Journal of Mammalogy, but no cost estimates were presented.

### **Action Items:**

- (1) The Committee Membership is incorrect in the 2016 issues of the journal and needs to be changed. The membership at the top of this report is correct. It appears that the last part of the Committee alphabetically was dropped.
- (2) The Committee would like to propose a figure of \$5000 as an estimate for publication costs of the survey, similar to Mammal Collections in the Western Hemisphere – A Survey and Directory of Existing Collections published in 1997; however, we are not sure if that is a reasonable estimate. The last report was 97 pp.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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