

Nomenclature Committee

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Mission:

Established in 1928, the Nomenclature Committee provides advice to Society members on problems regarding taxonomy and nomenclature.

Information Items:

(1) “A Guide to Constructing and Understanding Synonymies for Mammalian Species” was published July 13, 2004 and mailed with the Spring 2004 fascicle of Mammalian Species. I would like to thank Al Gardner and Virginia Hayssen for this very important contribution aimed at producing good synonymies for Mammalian Species. Authors submitting accounts for Mammalian Species should be aware of and follow the guide when constructing synonymies for the publication.

(2) The committee has drafted a summary report of PhyloCode: A Phylogenetic Code of Biological Nomenclature to be placed on the ASM web site to inform members of the existence of the PhyloCode. In contrast to rank-based codes like the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, the PhyloCode is intended to provide rules for the purpose of naming clades and species through reference to phylogeny.

(3) The committee is receiving requests for information via the ASM website.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,

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