

Resolutions Committee

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Mission:

Established in 1956, the Resolutions Committee provides a mechanism to express the Society's views relative to local, national, and world issues involving mammals.

Information Items:

(1) In 2004, the Resolutions Committee discussed a potential resolution on killing of large mammalian carnivores at our Annual Meeting at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. The Committee believed that an existing position of the ASM was sufficient to deal with this conservation issue, but did not rule out the need for future resolutions on this topic. We continued discussion on a resolution dealing with the high price of some scientific journals, which was initiated at Texas Tech University, but again failed to reach a consensus on this issue. The Committee brought a Resolution to Salute the Australian Mammal Society on the Occasion of its 50th General Meeting (composed by Mary Taylor) to the membership, which was passed and published in the *Journal of Mammalogy* (85:1242-1243). The Australian Mammal Society responded with a limerick, which also was published (85:1244; Appendices 1-3). To our knowledge, this is the first limerick published by the Journal and the second original prose published as a result of a resolution (70:883-884). We also composed the Host Resolution, which was passed by acclamation and published (85:1243-1244).

(2) We received no submissions for traditional resolutions by the 15 April deadline. We remind members of the ASM that resolutions must be accompanied by the necessary materials outlined in the **Resolutions Submission Rules** (e.g., a draft of the proposed resolution, names and addresses of potential recipients, a cover letter for the resolution, and information on deadlines for submitting the resolution). This year we will discuss the need for resolutions on intellectual property and ownership of data, and conflicts between economic growth and conservation of mammals. All interested members of ASM are invited to attend meetings of the Committee.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,
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