

Archives Committee

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Information Items:

(1) McLaren and Timm prepared six manuscripts on various aspects of ASM history for the *Journal*, one each to accompany the six issues as part of our celebration of the 100th anniversary year. These include: 1) Evolution of the ASM's pronghorn, *Journal of Mammalogy* 100(1):1–2; 2) A brief history of computerizing mammal collections and the role played by the ASM, *Journal of Mammalogy* 100(2):273–275; 3) ASM leadership and management, *Journal of Mammalogy* 100(3):646–655; 4) A brief history of the ASM Annual Meetings, *Journal of Mammalogy* 100(4):1105–1110; 5) The evolution of ASM picnics, *Journal of Mammalogy* 100(5):1411–1414; 6) The ASM's Bylaws: a brief history and summary, *Journal of Mammalogy* 100(6):1705–1709. The ASM leadership and management review appeared in the June centennial issue of the *JM*. The concluding paper in this series will appear in the February issue of the *JM* and will be on history of the ASM publications.

The history of the ASM series will continue in 2020, focusing on innovations that changed mammalogy. Former ASM Historian Hugh Genoways will collaborate with us on these.

(2) Timm collaborated with Scott Gardner, Hugh Genoways, and Nancy Olds to prepare the obituary for ASM Past President and Honorary Member Sydney Anderson. It will appear in the *Journal* in 2020.

(3) References and oral history were provided to ASM authors and editors as they were finalizing articles for the *Journal of Mammalogy* chapters in the centennial issue.

(4) A number of Society documents were received from Past President Hugh Genoways and will be sorted and sent to Archivist Gardner for transfer to the Smithsonian Archives.

(5) We received several photographs for the ASM's archives including older Annual Meeting images. These are being sorted and labeled, and selected images will be scanned and uploaded onto the Archives Committee's web page. We are still missing a considerable number of Annual Meeting images. Please review the posted meetings (see Our History tab www.mammalsociety.org/committees/archives#tab7), check your files, and help us complete the listing of Annual Meetings. All interesting images that help detail ASM history are always welcome.

(6) A number of questions about our history, former members, and mammals came to the Society from a wide array of people. These questions are forwarded to the Archives Committee and we are usually able to assist.

Future needs: No funds are being requested at this time. Please continue to send us images of interest to the Society and the science of mammalogy.

Respectively submitted,
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