

Archives Committee

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Information items:

1. All of past president J. Knox Jones' correspondence from the University of Kansas and Texas Tech University has been transferred to the University of Kansas Archives. The 6 filing cabinet drawers are now well organized and available for use.
2. Received a considerable number of photographs of interest to the Society from William Lidicker, Robert Rose, and others for the ASM's archives including a number of older annual meeting images. These are being sorted, labeled, and selected ones sent to Matt Hopton for scanning and uploading onto the Archives Committee's web page (see Our History tab (www.mammalsociety.org/committees/archives#tab7)). Matt is exploring different formats for storing the photographs and legends (i.e., pdf, txt, doc, etc.). Thus, it is advantageous for us to have as many original photographs and the associated legends as possible to work with. The Society owes Mary Hopton our heartfelt thanks for volunteering her skills in this endeavor as many of the older images are of varying quality and awkward sizes. Please look at the photographs of the annual meetings that are posted and provide us with the originals of any that you do not see posted. We are still missing a considerable number of annual meetings images so please check your files for us and provide interesting images to our Archives.

Interestingly, only photographs of the Board of Directors rather than what we now think of as our traditional annual meeting image were taken in some years because it was deemed that the entire group had become so large that the group photo seemed of little value.

3. Images and background information on the Society and several members were provided to a number of scientists who were making presentations at meetings. The journal articles we have posted on the Archive site have been well received and several other societies have complimented us on being so well organized.
4. References and correct citations were provided to a number of ASM authors, editors, and the copyeditor as they were finalizing articles for the Journal of Mammalogy and Mammalian Species.
5. A consider number of Society documents were sent to Archivist Gardner and he continued to sort, process, organize, and prepare material for transfer to the Smithsonian Archives.

Future needs: Please send us images of interest to the Society and our science of mammalogy.

Respectively submitted,

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