

Development Committee

Committee Members: A. G. Cleveland (Chair), B. Blood, A. V. Linzey, D. J. Schmidly, M. Willig.

History and Mission:

The Development Committee was established as an *ad hoc* committee in 1989 and became a standing committee in 1993. The mission of this Committee is to promote the development of the Society through various forms of planned giving such as bequests, trusts, and gifts of cash or other assets. Coordination is required with other committees and informal groups that have related functions. The Development Committee activated the Pooled-Income Fund in 1998.

Responsibilities:

Committee members may write personal letters inviting members to become Patron Members of the Society and/or to become donors to the New Founders Club. Committee members may work to obtain grants for the Future Mammalogists Fund, the Latin American Student Field Research Fund, the African Graduate Student Fund, and for support of new fellowships. Committee members may work to obtain grants from foundations and industry for use by other committees such as the Program Committee. A new Committee responsibility is to work with the local committee to facilitate donation of gifts for the annual auction.

Information Items:

(1) 2018 Activities:

(a) Major efforts on the 2019 ASM auction have proceeded very positively with great efforts of Brad Blood, Jessica Light and others.

(2) Recommendations:

(a) The Development Committee requires assistance in identifying additional members of the committee at the 2019 ASM meeting.

(b) We recommend the ASM website add a prominent space for the solicitation of major gifts for the society.

Action Items:

(1) The Development Committee recommends the future direction of the Development Committee be examined by the Executive Committee to best achieve the fiscal goals of the Society without overlapping functions currently being accomplished by other committees.

Respectfully submitted,

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