Informatics Committee

Committee Members: M. E. Hopton (Chair), C. A. Iudica, S. P. Maher, S. B. McLaren, I. M. Ortega, R. L. Rehmeier.

Mission:

The Informatics Committee is responsible for addressing issues that arise with continuing changes in technology and information processing, retrieval, etc. as they relate to mammalogy. In recent years, the committee has been primarily involved with maintaining and further developing the Society's web site.

Information Items:

(1) Informatics surveyed the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs to determine the wants and needs of the Society for incorporation into the new web site.

(2) Informatics identified web design firms capable of redesigning the Society's web site, requested detailed proposals and price quotes to redesign the web site, and identified firms that seem best to meet the needs of the Society.

(3) Informatics presented options to the Board of Directors at the 2008 annual meeting.

(4) Online submission of fellowships administered by the Honoraria and Grants-in-Aid Committees was used again.

(5) Informatics performed routine maintenance and updates on the web site on an as-needed basis.

(6) Dan Odell fielded requests for information, job postings, and announcements submitted to the web site. Fifty-eight requests occurred between June 2007 and May 2008; most were requests to post job announcements.

(7) Richard Thorington continues to maintain Mammalogists-on-E-mail and the Mammal-L discussion group. We appreciate his efforts.

Action Items:

(1) A budget request of $35,159 for web site redesign is requested for 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
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