

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 2005, the Resolutions Committee discussed a potential resolution on economic growth and mammalian conservation at our Annual Meeting at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri. The formulation of that resolution was postponed until we had more input from the membership. The committee assisted with a letter from President Guy Cameron addressing concerns over regulations for the harvest of wolves implemented by the Alaska Board of Game (BOG). The presidential letter engendered a vitriolic response from a BOG Member (but not from the BOG as a whole), and a second letter explaining the position of ASM was forwarded from President Cameron. The Director of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game responded to that letter, but the Board of Game never addressed our initial concerns. President Cameron decided that any future response by ASM should await our Annual Meeting. We also composed the Host Resolution, which was passed by acclamation and published in the *Journal of Mammalogy* (86:1262-1263).

(2) We are in need of new members for the committee. Gary W. Barrett and William T. Stanley have rotated off the Resolutions Committee after long and dedicated service. The Committee and Society owe them a debt of gratitude.

(3) This year we will consider a resolution on Economic Growth and Mammalian Conservation submitted by Oliver Pergams, as well as a resolution concerning regulations for harvest of wolves in Alaska.

(4) We received no other 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). All interested members of ASM are invited to attend meetings of the Committee.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,

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