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# I. Secretary-Treasurers Report

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In 2013, the Society experienced its fifth consecutive year of decreasing membership. Membership figures are summarized for the past 13 years along with data as of 7 May 2014 in Table 1. In 2013, the Society had 205 Nominees and as of 7 May 2014, the Society already had 206 New Nominees (Table 2). Additionally, thus far 81 individuals have reactivated their memberships and the names of these individuals are presented in Table 3.

In 2013, the Society saw the passing of 11 members and thus far in 2014 we have sadly lost 3 additional members. The names of these 14 individuals are presented in Table 4. It is important that everyone take a moment at some point during the meeting to look over these names and reflect on the contributions of these individuals to the Society. Four hundred and twelve individuals that were members in 2013 had not renewed their membership by 7 May 2014. The names of these individuals are presented in Table 5.

Over the course of the year, the Society's general operating account took in revenues of **\$226,172.84** and had expenditures of **\$386,150.59**. The timing of the revenues and expenditures of the Society made it necessary for the Trustees to transfer **\$159,977.75** from the Reserve Fund.

The **FUTURE MAMMALOGISTS FUND** received contributions of **\$7,394.28**, the **LATIN AMERICAN STUDENT FIELD RESEARCH FUND** received contributions of **\$2,090**, the **AFRICAN STUDENT FUND** received **\$8,270**, the **OLIVER PEARSON FUND** received **\$725**, the **ASM GENERAL CONTRIBUTION FUND** received **\$2,480**, and the **ASM CENTURY CLUB** received **\$2,100**. These funds remain very beneficial to the Society and all contributions are welcomed. This money is greatly appreciated by the Society and we as a Society thank everyone for his or her generosity over the past year.

Finally, I would like to thank the membership and leadership for the support and trust they have given me as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Society of Mammalogists for the past 12 years!!

Sincerely,  
Ronald A. Van Den Bussche  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Membership Figures - Table 1**

<b>Membership</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014*</b>
Nominees	243	207	239	297	335	343	304	291	235	240	238	225	205	206
Reinstated	10	4	14	1	12	8	12	19	60	71	43	73	103	81
Deaths Reported	-9	-16	-15	-9	-9	-5	-13	-7	-9	-15	-3	-5	-11	-3
Resignations	-7	-28	-16	-18	-6	-1	0	0	-3	0	0	0	0	0
Dropped Delinquents	-210	-176	-134	-209	-242	-308	-268	-260	-467	-420	-469	-476	-396	-412
<b>Net Change</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-184</b>	<b>-124</b>	<b>-191</b>	<b>-183</b>	<b>-99</b>	<b>-128</b>

(Table 2)

(Table 3)

(Table 4)

(Table 5)

<b>Status of Members</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014*</b>
Honorary	13	14	14	11	13	16	16	17	17	16	16	16	15	16
Patron	62	64	64	64	65	65	64	63	60	59	56	53	53	56
Life	615	635	643	650	658	655	654	655	617	629	634	631	641	697
Emeritus	158	160	160	158	158	158	154	147	114	114	111	106	106	106
Annual	2743	2722	2807	2904	2653	2986	3049	3429	1853	1723	1575	1499	1454	1288
<b>Total</b>	<b>3591</b>	<b>3595</b>	<b>3688</b>	<b>3787</b>	<b>3547</b>	<b>3880</b>	<b>3937</b>	<b>4311</b>	<b>2661</b>	<b>2546</b>	<b>2392</b>	<b>2305</b>	<b>2269</b>	<b>2163</b>

<b>Subscriptions</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014*</b>
Active	1116	1122	1055	970	931	846	781	709	629	532	476	432	400	349

<b>Mailing Lists</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014*</b>
Total Membership	3591	3595	3683	3788	3547	3880	3937	4311	2661	2546	2392	2305	2269	2163
Members Not Receiving the Journal	-622	-716	-672	-834	-571	-877	-1087	-1834	-548	-584	-653	-623	-779	-881
Members Receiving the Journal	2969	2886	3011	2954	2975	3003	2850	2477	2113	1962	1739	1682	1490	1282
Active Subscriptions	1140	1146	1055	970	931	846	781	709	629	532	476	432	400	349
<b>Total</b>	<b>4109</b>	<b>4032</b>	<b>4066</b>	<b>3924</b>	<b>3906</b>	<b>3849</b>	<b>3631</b>	<b>3186</b>	<b>2742</b>	<b>2494</b>	<b>2215</b>	<b>2114</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>1631</b>

\* as of 7 May 2014

**(Table 2) New Nominees in 2014**

Mrs Erin Adams	Timothy Doherty	Jennifer Korstian
Jaclyn Adams	Delina Dority	Mr Andy John Kulikowski
Antton Alberdi	Ms Danielle Helene Drabeck	Garret D. Langlois
Susan Alberts	Mr Brian Drake	Christopher Law
Ms Maria Michael Altemus	Noah Dunham	David Leimbach
Andrea C Anteau	Kelsey Ellis	Mr Andrew R Little
Mr Keith Noble Arnold	Miss Elyse Ellsworth	Lucía Isabel López Umaña
Mrs Katie Briney Atwater	Marcos Ercoli	Allison Marcella Loveless
Jocelyn Aycrigg	Mr Tom W Fitzgerald	Nalani Ludington
Tracey Baldwin	Ms Victoria Flores	Dr Ryan Luna
Anthony Beals	Mr Howard Dewayne Fox	Mrs Rachelle Janus Malin
Sarah Bechtel	Mr Matthew Fox	Hugo Mantilla
Charlene Belew	Mr Nathaniel Fox	Mr Gboja Mariano HOUNGBEDJI
Dr Emily Bennitt	Gary L Fralick	Andrew McGowan
Dr Joe Benshemesh	Peter Galante	Jorge Fernando Saraiva Menezes
Mr Jeffrey David Berens	Kate M Galbreath	Dr Eric Moise Bakwo Fils
Mr William Brian Berry	Jamal A Galves	Mr Logan Monks
Dr Guillaume BILLET	Jennifer Gansberg	Dr Alessio Mortelliti
Víctor D Bocanegra Sánchez	Diego F. García-Mendoza	Tutilo Mudumbu
Dayana Bolzan	Sue Gardner	Emily Murakami
Peggy Boone	Guy-Crispin Gembu	Simon Musila
Dr Warren Booth	Ms Brianna Gentile	Mrs Kimberly Brooke Neil
Ricardo Bovendorp	Paige Gilmore	Miss Katrina Anne Nikolich
Jennifer Bradham	Emma Patricia Gomez-Ruiz	Nicolas Ntare
Mrs Bonnie Jacqueline Britt	Miss Dixie Claire Grammer	Kelly O'Connor
Alyson Brokaw	Mr Eric Green	Ms Elise Renee Orellana
Dr Gebbiena M. Bron	Grace Griffiths	Hans Otto
Lauren Brooks	Miss Kelli Groy	Mr Michael A Pardo
Dr Lewis Ross Brown III	Bobby Habig	Dr George Paul
Dr Shamira A Brown	Gregory Hacker	Mrs Cassandra Dawn Pauling
Janet C Buckner	Sarah Hale	Maria Del Carmen Peralta
Dr Joseph K Bump	Dr Kai He	Mr Philip Perry
Tracy Burkhard	Kira Hefty	Morgan Pfander
Leanne Burns	Lauren Henson	C Phillips
Andrew Russell Butler	Jennifer Lynn Higbie	Mindy Phillips
Ms Cindy Cain	Mr Samel Hirt	Lyndsey Pierson
Polly Campbell	Terry Hobbs	Mr Jakub Polak
Giovani Hernández Canchola	Shannon Hodges	Mr Spence Porter
Eduardo Canedo	Gabriel Hoinsoude Segniagbeto	Mr JT Pynne
Luz Carrizo	Mr Michael William Holmes	Shantini Ramakrishnan
Adrian Castellanos	Tyla Holsomback	Rindrahatsarana Ramaranhirchina
Joseph Ceradini	Mr Thomas Horsley	Martha Daniela Ramos Enríquez
Mr Brett Coghlan	Liu Idarraga	Tyler Remick
Jocelyn Colella	Dr Ronald A Javitch	Miss Sarah Reynolds
Joe Connor	Jennifer Jelincic	Mrs Leigh Rosanne Richards
Kimberly Conway	Mr Brett Jesmer	Rodrigo A. Debia Riquelme
Ms Jeanette Cortez	Amanda Jones	Mr Cory Ritz

Miranda Crowell  
Bianca Cruz  
Shannon Currie  
Agustina Di Virgilio  
Jacob Dittel  
Dr Rita Dixon  
Mystera Samuelson  
Mr Avinash Sareen  
Gena Sbeglia  
Juliane Schaer  
Caroline Schoener  
Jessica A Schrader  
Dr Mike Scott  
Mr Thiago Semedo  
Malenoh Sewuh Ndimbe  
Stephanie Shea  
Ms Rachel Diane Shively  
Ms Emma Shubin  
Ms Erin Siracusa  
Tatenda Sithole  
Nicholas Smith  
Kim Sparks

Matthew Jones  
Dr Neil Jordan  
Cody Juneau  
Ms Ayshah Kassamali-Fox  
Rochelle Kelly  
Mrs Marilyn Kitchell  
Faye Stephens  
Will Stewart  
Frances Stewart  
Madeline Strom  
Miss Melanie Christine Sturm  
Ms Barbara Jane Sugarman  
Melissa Sutton  
Ms Elizabeth Tapanes  
Ms Casey Taylor  
Mr Preston Taylor  
Emily Thacker  
Heather Toman  
Madison Torres  
Ms Marlee Tucker  
Dr Wendy C Turner  
Amy Ulappa

Raul Andres Rodriguez Moreno  
Dr James Roth  
Gabrielle Ruso  
Amy Rutter  
Margaret Sackrider  
Ibrahim Salman  
Miss Amanda Marie Veals  
Vicki Lee Villanova  
Mr Chase Voirin  
Sarah Vrla  
Megan Marie Wallen  
Katie Anne Weber  
Caroline Weir  
Adrienne Wells  
Mr Ty Werdel  
Anna Weyers  
Greg Wolfe  
Nikki Wyatt  
Laurel Yohe  
Maria Zapetis  
Ms Barbara Zimbres

**(Table 3) Reinstated in 2014**

Abdullahi Hussein Ali  
Rafael Avila-Flores  
Erika L. Barthelmess  
Paul Beier  
Jeff Bowman  
Dr John A. Bryan, II  
Michael R Buchalski  
Bradley Joseph Burkholder  
Santiago F. Burneo  
Cibele Gomes De Sotero Caio  
Frank R Castelli  
Steven Bryan Castleberry  
Brian R. Chapman  
Ana Desiree Davidson  
Dr Jill Deppe  
Laurie J Dizney  
Richard William Dolman  
Terry J. Doonan  
Peter Dunlevy  
Walter C. Dunwiddie  
Clinton Wakefield Epps  
Debra K. Fantz  
Karla L Flores

Beau Gregory  
Mark W Gumbert  
Russell N Gwinn  
Steven Heritage  
Tim L Hiller  
Christopher M Himes  
Chun-Chia Huang  
Jeffrey S. Hupe  
David Scott Jachowski  
Rosa Raquel Jessen  
Tereza Jezkova  
Yeong-Seok Jo  
Caitlin Karanewsky  
Marcella Kelly  
Ms Kelly Brie Klingler  
Travis W Knowles  
Peter Leimgruber  
Mr Han Li  
Daniel Montgome Lloyd  
Mr Joseph James Gerard Lutz  
Lynn A. Mahaffy  
Martin B. Main  
Michael L. Morrison

Oliver RW Pergams  
Andrea Pesce  
Michael EQ Pilson  
Stephen R. Pugh  
Ms Rachel E.B Reid  
Amy Lynn Remer  
Patricia E. Reynolds  
Brett R Riddle  
Miss Emma K Roberts  
Wellington S Rogers  
Ashley Kay Rolfe  
Dr V Louise Roth  
Rebecca Jean Rowe  
Dana M. Sanchez  
Oh Hong Shik  
Daniel Harry Thornton  
Scott Tremor  
Kristy Tuttle  
Emerson Monteir Vieira  
Thea Wang  
Ms Caitlin Pratt Wells  
Tina W Wey  
Steve K Windels

Charles M. Francis  
Geoffrey E Gerstner  
Mr José F. González-Maya  
Daniel Uriah Greene

Ian Morrow  
Kevin L Murray  
Sheryn Olson  
Geoffrey Hamilton Palmer

Christopher J Yahnke  
Franklin D Yancey  
Dionisios Youlatos  
Christine Zolnik

**(Table 4a) Deaths in 2013**

Andrew A. Arata  
Dale A. Connin  
Joseph A. Davis  
John Cruz Duran

Dean E. Harvey  
Arthur Johanningsmeier  
Robert L. Rausch  
Fred A. Ryser, Jr.

Sohn Schooenherr  
James R Tamsitt  
Alan C. Ziegler

**(Table 4b) Deaths in 2014**

Kirk Breed

Donald F. Hoffmeister

Robert Ohmart

**(Table 5) 2013 Members, Non Renewed in 2014**

Danielle Adams  
Dara Adams  
Nathan Blake Alexander  
Travis Allen  
Ms Ona Alminas  
Joao Alves De Oliveira  
Jessica Amanzo  
Brian Richard Amman  
Nancy Elizabeth Amundson  
Dr Deborah Anderson  
Robert Anthony  
Faisal Ali Bin Anwarali Khan  
Brian S. Arbogast  
Crystal Rose Arkenberg  
Stephen M. Arthur  
John Andrew Atkinson  
Miss Dulce Maria Avila Najera  
Jeff Babson  
Karoun Heidi Bagamian  
Amy B Baird  
Miss Brittany Ann Bankovich  
Kerey K Barnowe-Meyer  
William S Beatty  
Mr Daniel Becker  
Mr Kevin Rolland Benzing  
Dr Julie Beston  
Brian L. Biswell  
Mr Sonny S. Bleicher  
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Deanna P. Byrnes  
Richard Cadenillas  
Katherine Caldwell  
Angelo Capparella  
Dr Anthony Caragiulo  
Mr Carlos Caramori  
Charleve Carey  
Dr Ed Carrillo  
Gerald G Carter  
Dr Kevin Castle  
Nikki L Castleberry  
Fernando A. Cervantes  
Amy M. Cherry Millis  
Ms Amanda Christensen  
Mark Chynoweth  
Bryon K. Clark  
Dr Elizabeth R Congdon  
Miss Kimberly Congdon  
William M. Cook  
Megan Corley  
Ms Fanny Maria Cornejo  
Alyson Courtemanch  
Michael Cove  
Suzanne Cox Griffin  
Sarah Ainsworth Crawford  
Matthew A. Cronin

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Aziza Lena Doumani  
Suzanne Dunken  
Kimberly Durham  
Paul Durst  
John W. Edwards  
Sean Michael Ehlman  
Christopher Allan Emerling  
Sara Emerson  
Richard A. Erickson  
Tania Escalante  
Wendy A Estes-Zumpf  
Ms Stacey Evans  
Mr Zachary Alexander Evilsizer  
Ms Sheena L Faherty  
Bronwyn Anne Fancourt  
Erin Fender  
Dr Fernanda Rodrigues  
Fernandes  
Michael L. Fies  
John L Fisher  
Rebecca E Fisher  
David Flagel  
Miss Tatyana Flick  
Raul Alves Fonseca  
Miss Marie-Amélie Forin-Wiart  
Sarah Marie Elizabeth Fortune  
Shannon Lynn Fredebaugh

Rita Blythe  
Ms Lorraine Boast  
Mr George Boettner  
Dr Daniel Bogan  
Alex V. Borisenko  
Emily Boyd  
Timothy S. Boyer  
Dr Katherine Brakora  
Elizabeth Claire Braun De Torrez  
Fred J Brenner  
Thomas Franklin Britt  
Rainer H Brocke  
Derek Jacob Arthur Broman  
Mr Ryan Burke  
Robert Alfred Gitzen  
William E Glanz  
Mike Glester  
Mr Geoffrey Andrew Gomes  
Mr Sergio Gomez  
Miss Airy Adriana Gonzalez  
James J. Goodyear  
Aaron C. Gooley  
David M. Graber  
Mrs Cheryl Graves  
Meeghan Gray  
Ira F Greenbaum  
Dr Matthew Grilliot  
Miss Catherine-Isabelle Gros  
Jaosn Gtilbteer  
Dr Hakan Gür  
Dr Michael K Guy  
Mr Nate Gwinn  
John A Haddix II  
Mr Lucas Keith Hall  
Miss Talisin Hammond  
Mark David Harbin  
Daniel Harrison  
Joshua Hassler  
Dr Mark A. Hayes  
Robin L Hayes  
Dr Mark Hebblewhite  
Miss Brandi M Herauf  
Elizabeth Higgins  
Kyndall B Perkins Hildebrandt  
Travis Marc Hinkelman  
Abbi Hirschy  
Federico Guillermo Hoffmann  
Mr Matthew Landon Holding  
Anna Horvath

Mr Kai Curry-Lindahl  
Ana Paula Cutrera  
Raquel Ribeiro Da Silva  
Laura D'acunto  
David Jon Daitch  
Sarah E Darhower  
Garrett Davis  
Dr Larisa R.G. DeSantis  
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Ms Randy Do  
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Amy Kuczynski  
Amy J. Kuenzi  
Dr Carolyn Mary Kurle  
Justin Britt Lack  
Winston C. Lancaster  
Kirstin Lawrence-apfel  
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Mr Eric Lindemann  
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Brian Gatz  
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Kyle Gregory George  
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Michelle Gilley  
Dana McLaughlin  
Jim McMichael  
Sarah Elizabeth Meiners  
Miss Julieta Leticia Merlo  
Miss Gillian M Merritt  
Jeffrey C. Miller  
Miss Kayla Miller  
Virginie Millien  
Scott Mills  
Kristen L Mobraaten  
Patricia D. Moehlman  
Ronald A. Moen  
Miss Shannon Kate Mone  
Lydia Moore  
Miss Shannen Rose Irene Moore  
Jeremy Morris  
Anita Morzillo  
Mrs Susan Kasko Munster  
Mr Eric J. Murray  
Robyn Madeline Nadolny  
David R Nelson  
Dr Mariana Nery  
Hans Neuhauser  
Ms Andrea Lee Nickoloff  
Clayton K. Nielsen  
Amber Nolder  
Paula Noonan  
Andrew Norton  
Allan Francis O'Connell  
David Oehler  
Reed Arden Ojala-barbour  
Agustina A Ojeda  
Dr Frank Robin O'Keefe  
Mark Omura  
Juan C. Opazo



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Jeremy Hsu  
Amelia Marie Hunt  
Thomas Paul Husband  
Scott E. Hygnstrom  
Matthew Paul Ihnken  
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Kenta ISHII  
Mr Zselicki Istvan  
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Kate Elizabeth Jenks  
Dr Klemen Jerina  
Frida Johannesdottir  
Michael D. Johnson  
Scott A. Johnson  
Dianna Denise Johnson Ward  
Miss Sandra Johnston  
Robert Jones  
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Ms Samantha R. Pounds  
Steven J. Presley  
Amanda J Price  
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Mr Gregory Cabell Reed  
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Stephen Edward Rice  
Richard E Richards  
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Drew Ricketts  
Ms Jean Marie Loverich Rieck  
Mr James Riley  
Kurt Rinehart  
Mr Luis Alberto Rios  
Miss Daniela Suzana Rivera  
Melissa Roberts  
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Kevin Smith  
Steven A Smith  
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Dr Rahel Sollmann  
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Mr Gonzalo Ossa  
Jared Oyster  
Sara Ann Parsons  
Stephen John Patterson  
Benjamin Pauli  
Anita K. Pearson  
Hans J. Pelz  
Karla Pelz-Serrano  
Adriano L. Peracchi  
Veronica Esmeralda Pereira  
Dr Maria Encarnacion Perez  
Autumn Phillips  
Michael L. Phillips  
James Weston Pitman  
Mr John Pokallus  
Jaime Jose Polop  
Christopher Eric Pomposelli  
Erin Elizabeth Posthumus  
Dr Caragh Threlfall  
Marne Avina Titchenell  
Rachael Marie Toldness  
Dr Morihiko Tomozawa  
Lloyd Winston Towers  
Natasha A Urban  
Jorista Van Der Merwe  
Miss Racheal Anne Van Essen  
Sharon Vanderlip  
Dr A.Cora Varas-Nelson  
Alberto W. Vazquez  
Ella Vazquez-dominguez  
Mr Ali Ituriel Villanueva  
Eduardo Vivas  
Miss Christine Wacker  
Eric Charles Waltari  
Matthew J Walter  
Mr Royce Walton  
Ms Jessica Walz  
C Suzane Ware  
Alastair G. Watson  
Scott Watson  
Miss Amanda Shea Webb  
Matthew J Weekes  
Randall S Wells  
Jeremy A White  
Nicholas Dane Whitten  
Tammy R Wilbert  
John Eric Williams

Lynn L. Rogers	Kelly J. Stoner	Chad Williamson
Lindsay Rohrbaugh	Angela Stringer	Dr Mike F Winterrowd
Dr Steven Ross	Mr Justin Stewart Strong	Stefanie R Wolf
Mr Dakota Michael Rowsey	Kathryn Diane Stuart	Dr Maya Yamato
Dr Amy Russell	Thomas P. Sullivan	Bonnie Yates
Toni K Ruth	Danielle Techentin	Dr Hillary Young
Michael K Rylander	Dr Peter Derek Temple-Smith	Peter Zager
Romeo A. A. Saldaña-Vázquez	Erik Terdal	Miss Veronica Zamora Gutierrez
Dr Ada Sanchez	Ms Lauren Terwilliger	Sharon Y. Ziadeh
Sharlene Elizabeth Santana	J. Ward Testa	Dr Fridolin Zimmermann
Eric Sargis	Steven C. Thomas	
Mr Bryant Sawada	Courtney Thomason	

## II. ASM Board of Trustees

**Members:** F. Choate, P. Sudman (Chair), and R. Van Den Bussche.

The ASM Trustees manage contributions and other revenues of the Society in an effort to assist with a wide variety of Society functions from assistance with publication costs and student awards, to helping to balance the budget. Together these funds are referred to as the ASM Reserve Fund. After reaching a high of \$3,738,275 in October of 2007, the historic economic downturn of 2007 through 2009 resulted in a loss of close to 50% of the net asset value of the ASM Reserve Fund. At long last we have fully recovered! Comparing 31 December 2013 with 31 December 2012, the S&P increased 29.6%, the Dow increased by 26.5%, and the ASM Reserve Fund net value increased by 23.4%, even though our allocation to operations exceeded our deposits. The following figures track the Reserve Fund values as well as revenue inputs and expenditures over the past three years.

STATUS OF ASSETS	31 DEC 2011		31 DEC 2012		31 DEC 2013	
	Market value	%	Market value	%	Market value	%
Cash and MM Funds	51,389.14	1.8	102,497.67	3.1	55,429.55	1.4
Stocks	1,240,807.31	42.4	1,273,956.99	38.8	1,366,377.68	33.7
Mutual Funds	1,547,875.06	52.9	1,851,448.73	56.5	2,556,142.15	63.1
Unit Investment Trusts	84,794.39	2.9	53,300.97	1.6	72,278.71	1.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,924,865.90</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,281,204.36</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4,050,228.09</b>	<b>100</b>
Life/Patron Payments	9,268.83		10,860.19		10,197.18	
Meeting Residuals	18,500.00		0		2,214.86	
Received from Allen Press	44,110.25		60,094.39		43,485.31	
Royalties	2,051.35		0		0	
GROSS VALUE	2,998,796.33		3,352,158.94		4,106,152.44	
Allocation to Operations	89,034.13		106,645.44		159,977.75	
<b>NET PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>2,909,762.20</b>		<b>3,245,513.50</b>		<b>3,946,174.69</b>	

Although the Trustees pool the individual accounts listed below for investment purposes, they are tracked separately. Their year-end value is calculated by adding or subtracting the percent increase or decrease of the Reserve Fund as a whole then adding the value of donations to the total for the previous year (donations for each fund are indicated in parentheses). As of 31 December 2013, those funds were allocated as follows:

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**RESERVE FUND INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS**

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FUND	31 DEC 2011 MARKET VALUE	31 DEC 2012 MARKET VALUE	31 DEC 2013 MARKET VALUE
Future Mammalogists Fund	483,900	555,996	(7,394) 694,493
J. A. Allen Fund	411,123	461,611	(0) 569,628
L Amer Stud. Field Res. Fund	70,852	86,582	(2,090) 108,932
Pearson Fund	188,520	212,178	(725) 262,552
ASM Fellowship Fund	29,006	32,600	(755) 40,983
Century Club	6,242	7,302	(2,100) 11,110
SAREM	8,267	13,279	(0) 16,386
African Student Fund	1,706	6,407	(8,270) 16,176

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The Pooled Income Fund was developed as an investment option for donors who wish to contribute to the American Society of Mammalogists and obtain a tax advantage for doing so but continue to receive income from their contributions. At the end of each calendar year, the Trustees disperse all the interest and dividend income to the shareholders (donors) in the fund in proportion to their percent ownership. At the death of a shareholder, their percentage of the fund is transferred to the Reserve Fund. Prospective donors to the Pooled Income Fund can obtain information about this investment option from any of the Trustees.

The Pooled Income Fund was established on 1 October 1998 with an initial market value of \$10,206. Factors that affect the value of the fund are contributions, market performance, dispersements, and death distribution.

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STATUS OF ASSETS	<b>ANNUAL SUMMARY</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Value as of 1 January	44,879	43,356	47,339
Plus Contributions	0	0	9,661
Less Income Dispersement	(1,885)	(1,761)	(2,475)
Gain (Loss) Due to Market Performance	362	5,744	8,366
Value as of 31 December	43,356	47,339	62,891
Change in Value for Year	(1,523)	3,983	15,552
%Yield	4.2%	4.1%	5.2%

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### **III. Standing Committees**

#### **Animal Care and Use Committee**

**Committee Members:** J. A. Bryan, D. S. Carroll, B. J. Danielson, J. W. Dragoo, M. R. Gannon, W. L. Gannon, D. W. Hale, C. McCain, D. K. Odell, L.E. Olson, S. Rassing, R. S. Sikes (Chair), R. M. Timm, S. A. Trewitt.

#### **Mission:**

The ACUC acts as a resource for issues concerning the use of animals in research. The Committee maintains information on the ASM website regarding animal use and compliance and publishes revised guidelines regularly. The committee responds to inquiries from Society members, IACUC staff, government, and other agencies regarding appropriate use of wild mammals in research. We also provide comments on proposed changes to animal-use regulations.

#### **Information Items:**

(1) R. S. Sikes (representing the ASM) and Ellen Paul (representing the Ornithological Council), collaborated on two articles on oversight of wildlife research that were published in the ILAR Journal (a publication for staff and administrators charged with oversight of animal research). These articles can be accessed at the links provided below.

Sikes, R. S. and E. Paul. 2013. [Fundamental differences between wildlife and biomedical research. ILAR Journal 54:5-13](#)

Paul, E. and R. S. Sikes. 2013. [Wildlife researchers running the permit maze. ILAR Journal 54:14-23.](#)

(2) The ACUC Chair represented the ASM at the Annual Meeting of the AAALAC Board of Trustees in September 2013.

(3) A new wildlife training course in the CITI Program was released in December 2013. CITI, the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative program, is used by many institutions to document training. The wildlife course was written by representatives from each of the taxon societies, including two members of the ASM ACUC. The program is available at [www.CITIprogram.org](http://www.CITIprogram.org).

(4) R. S. Sikes, representing the ASM, has joined the CITI animal use developers group.

(5) The ACUC Chair presented a webinar on the oversight of wildlife that was hosted by the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (NIH OLAW). The webinar aired on 20 March 2014

and is available on the OLAW archives at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/educational\\_resources.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/educational_resources.htm). Interestingly, this webinar had the largest geographic coverage of any OLAW webinar and reached 19 countries on its initial broadcast.

(6) Two members of the ACUC (R. S. Sikes and J. A. Bryan) participated in a plenary presentation and a follow-up workshop on oversight of wildlife research at the annual IACUC meeting of PRIM&R (Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research) in April 2014 in Denver. Both sessions were well attended and well received. Of particular importance is that Dr. John Bradfield, senior director of AAALAC International, also participated in the panel and stated unequivocally that AAALAC International expects accredited institutions conducting wildlife research to be using guidelines and resources appropriate for wildlife.

(7) Three members of the ASM ACUC (R. Sikes, J. Bryan, and B. Danielson) were invited to address the Council of the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research, a division of the National Academy of Sciences and publishers of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, in April 2014. The panel discussion focused on difficulties IACUCs and PIs face in applying the *Guide* to activities involving wild animals.

(8) ACUC members Sikes and Bryan are panelists in an upcoming wildlife seminar entitled *Escaping the shoebox cage: working with wild animals in the field* at the annual AALAS training meeting (American Association for Laboratory Animal Science) in San Antonio in October 2014. AALAS is an important training opportunity for animal care technicians.

(9) The ACUC Chair has again been invited to present a plenary address and breakout session on wildlife research at the annual SCAW meeting (Scientist Center for Animal Welfare) to be held in San Antonio in December 2014.

(10) An update of the *Guidelines of the American Society of Mammalogists for the use of wild mammals in research* is planned for the first issue of JM in 2015.

#### **Action Items:**

(1) Budget request (no change from last year)

AAALAC International

\$100.00 AAALAC International (membership)

\$1,150.00 Travel to AAALAC Board of Trustees Meeting (transportation and lodging, 3 nights)

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\$1,250.00

Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW)

\$1,000.00 SCAW (Institutional membership)

\$800.00 Transportation and lodging, 2 nights

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\$1,800.00

PRIM&R (Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research)

\$500.00 Registration, Annual Meeting

\$1750.00 Transportation and lodging, 3 nights

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\$2,250.00

**TOTAL REQUEST**

**\$5,300.00**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Robert S. Sikes, Chair

([rssikes@ualr.edu](mailto:rssikes@ualr.edu))

## Archives Committee

**Historian:** R. M. Timm (Chair, Historian)

**Archivist:** A. L. Gardner (Archivist)

### 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 all documents available for use.
- (2) The Committee 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](http://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 considerable 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.
- (6) **Future needs:** Please send us images of interest to the Society and our Science of Mammalogy.

**Action items:** None.

**Respectively submitted,**

Alfred L. Gardner, Archivist

Robert M. Timm, Historian, Chair

[btimm@ku.edu](mailto:btimm@ku.edu)

## Checklist Committee

**Committee Members:** R. E. Barry, P. Bloomer, G. N. Bronner, R. L. Brownell, Jr., M. D. Carleton, D. P. Domning, A. L. Gardner, C. P. Groves, K. M. Helgen, H. N. Hoeck, M. E. Holden, S. S. B. Hopkins, R. Hutterer, P. D. Jenkins, C. W. Kilpatrick, C. A. Matthee, J. G. Mead, G. G. Musser, L. E. Olson, J. L. Patton, D. M. Reeder (Chair), A. L. Roca, D. A. Schlitter, A. C. Schunke, N. B. Simmons, A. T. Smith, R. W. Thorington, Jr., G. Veron, D. E. Wilson.

**Mission:**

The Checklist Committee was established by the Board of Directors in 1980 to provide advice on Mammal Species of the World. The Checklist Committee is charged with compiling and

updating the publication, Mammal Species of the World: A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference.

**Information Items:**

(1). The Checklist Committee was established by the Board of Directors in 1980 to provide advice on Mammal Species of the World. The Checklist Committee is charged with compiling and updating the publication, Mammal Species of the World: A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference. The first edition was edited by J. H. Honacki et al. (1982) and published by Allen Press and the Association for Systematics Collections. The first edition recognized 4170 species. Current authors for Mammal Species of the World (MSW) make up the Checklist Committee. MSW contains the names of all currently recognized species, nested in a taxonomic hierarchy that includes at a minimum Order, Family, and Genus.

(2). The second edition was edited by D. E. Wilson and D. M. Reeder (1993) and published by Smithsonian Institution Press. The second edition recognized 4629 species, including 172 species newly described since the first edition.

(3). The third edition, also edited by Wilson and Reeder, was published as a two-volume set by Johns Hopkins University Press in mid-December 2005. Since its publication in mid-December 2005, 2200+ copies have been sold. MSW3 includes common names, authorities for synonyms, and the recognition of subspecies. Other fields include type species for genera, type locality, distribution, and conservation status for species, and synonyms and comments fields for all taxa. MSW3 also contains an extensive bibliography (~ 9400 references) and an index of scientific names (~ 32,000 valid names and synonyms). MSW3 recognizes 5416 species and is currently available online at [www.bucknell.edu/msw3](http://www.bucknell.edu/msw3). This fully searchable and downloadable database went online in summer 2007, and receives approximately 11,000 hits daily. The Bucknell MSW3 database was replaced by a newer version at Smithsonian Institution in May 2011 – which is available at: <http://www.vertebrates.si.edu/msw/mswcfapp/msw>. Features of this site include: enhanced data exports that allow results to be formatted for xls spreadsheets and pdf, a dynamic taxonomy tree browser, advanced search features and species links to NMNH collection records. Given some glitches with the Smithsonian site, the Bucknell site remains open.

(4) We are currently under contract with Johns Hopkins Press for the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of MSW, which will be edited by Reeder and Helgen. An editable version of the database has been created for the authors, which will ultimately result in more efficient and frequent website updates. We anticipate publication in 2017.

**Action items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
DeeAnn M. Reeder, Chair  
([dreeder@bucknell.edu](mailto:dreeder@bucknell.edu))



## Conservation Committee

**Committee Members:** A. A. Ahlers, L. C. Arias, B. S. Arbogast, B. J. Bergstrom (Chair), A. Cheeseman, A. D. Davidson, N. Dawson, A. W. Ferguson, A. T. Ford, B. J. Gaston, A. J. Giordano, R. L. Honeycutt, T. J. Jessen, D. M. Kaufman, J. Malaney, R. A. Medellin, A. Morzillo, R. A. Ojeda, L. A. Randa, M. Schadler, S. R. Sheffield, N. Upham.

### **Mission:**

The Conservation Committee (CC) was established by the ASM in 1927, a few years after the Society passed a resolution condemning the unscientific and propagandistic extermination campaign against predators at its 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in 1924. First known as the Conservation of Land Mammals Committee, the committee's name was changed to the Conservation Committee in 2002 to reflect the fact that it dealt with conservation issues that included all mammals. In 2002–2003, the Aldo Leopold Conservation Award subcommittee that CC had recently established was moved to full standing committee status. The CC promotes research, education, and science-based solutions to conservation and management of native mammals in North America and globally.

### **Information Items:**

(1) Wendy Tubbs and Erin Posthumus rotated off the Committee this year, and we thank them for their service.

#### **(2) Activities of the ASM CC during 2013-2014:**

(a) The CC sponsored a special thematic session on Mammalian Predator Control at the June 2013 ASM conference in Philadelphia.

(b) In concert with the Program Committee and President Heske, CC members discussed potential topics and speakers for a special thematic session on case studies in mammalian conservation at this year's annual conference in Oklahoma City.

(c) CC member Nate Upham presented the Committee with a proposed Symposium on endangered Caribbean mammals for the 2015 meetings in Jacksonville; Committee members discussed and helped revise the proposal, and the Committee voted to endorse it, before it was submitted to the Program Committee for approval:

(d) CC consulted with the refuge manager at Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Key Largo, FL, on a “cats indoors” informational brochure that he was producing. This refuge is one of the two last strongholds of the critically endangered Key Largo woodrat, for which stray and feral cats are a major threat.

(e) CC Chair and other members continued to conduct press interviews with reporters covering an ongoing Office of Inspector General’s review of USDA Wildlife Services programs, and the continuing controversy about USFWS peer review process for their proposed delisting of the gray wolf (see below).

(f) In December 2013, CC prepared a Society position letter to the USFWS opposing the proposed taxonomic revision and delisting of the Eastern Gray Wolf, opposing the delisting of the Northern Rocky Mountain Gray Wolf in all areas where it is not already delisted, and supporting recognition of subspecific status of the Mexican Gray Wolf but critiquing the recovery process and designation of critical habitat for that rare subspecies. The letter can be read here:

[http://www.mammalsociety.org/uploads/committee\\_files/ASM2013WolfDelistingLetterRevision15Dec.pdf](http://www.mammalsociety.org/uploads/committee_files/ASM2013WolfDelistingLetterRevision15Dec.pdf)

Later that same month, we co-drafted a letter with the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) detailing our mutual concerns about the inadequacies of the recovery plan for the Mexican Gray Wolf; that letter can be read here:

[http://www.mammalsociety.org/uploads/committee\\_files/SCB-ASM2013CommentsOnWolfRulesDec16.pdf](http://www.mammalsociety.org/uploads/committee_files/SCB-ASM2013CommentsOnWolfRulesDec16.pdf)

(g) After a controversial suspension of the initial independent peer review panel of the wolf delisting rule in 2013, USFWS admitted its process was flawed and announced plans to convene a new peer review panel; that panel, organized by the National Center for Ecological Analysis, concluded early in 2014 that the USFWS did not use the best available science in reaching its decision to revise the taxonomy of and delist the Eastern Wolf and thus, USFWS re-opened the public comment period. CC/ASM revised and resubmitted its position letter in late April to reflect this new information (Check the Committee web page for this letter as well: coming soon).

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Brad Bergstrom, Chair  
([bergstrm@valdosta.edu](mailto:bergstrm@valdosta.edu))

## Conservation Awards Committee

**Committee Members:** R. T. Bowyer, J. A. Cook (Chair), J. Esselstyn, J. Goheen, K. M. Helgen, T. Jung, N. Ordóñez-Garza, K. D. Stone, S. Wisely.

**Mission:**

This Committee administers two awards, the Aldo Leopold Conservation Award and the William T. Hornaday Award. These awards were established by the ASM Board of Directors in 2002. The Aldo Leopold Award was created to recognize a well-established individual who has made a lasting scientific contribution to the conservation of mammals and their habitats. The William T. Hornaday Award was created to recognize a current graduate or undergraduate student who has made a significant contribution as a student to the conservation of mammals and their habitats.

**Information Items:**

(1) The Conservation Awards Committee solicits nominations for the Leopold Conservation Award and the Hornaday Student Conservation Award. This year there were three complete nominations submitted for the Hornaday Award and three complete nominations submitted for the Leopold Award. Each nomination was evaluated by the Committee. One Hornaday Award and one Leopold Award were unanimously supported and forwarded to the ASM Board of Directors for their consideration. The Leopold and Hornaday Awards will be presented at the banquet at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**Action Items:**

(1) Budget request of \$1800 for the Leopold Award (\$300 for the plaque and \$1500 for travel costs) and \$1700 for the Hornaday Award (plaque [\$200] and travel costs [\$1500]) to bring awardees to the Annual Meeting in Florida next year.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Joseph A. Cook, Chair  
([tucojoe@gmail.com](mailto:tucojoe@gmail.com))

## **Coordination Committee**

**Committee Members:** R. E. Barry, Jr., C. N. Jacques, J. A. Jenks (Chair).

**Mission:**

This committee was established as the *ad hoc* Committee Review Committee in 1998 by the President and charged to formalize mission statements, clarify responsibilities of each standing committee, and to prepare a working document entitled, "Duties and Responsibilities of Standing Committees," for distribution to officers, board members, and committee chairs. In 2000, this committee was made a standing committee, Committee on Committees, by the Board of Directors. Following the 2003 meetings, the name was changed to Coordination Committee.

**Information Items:**

(1) Committee worked to compile the 2014 Annual Reports Document (Board Book). Our Committee appreciates timely report submission by Committee Chairs.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Jonathan A. Jenks, Chair  
([Jonathan.Jenks@sdstate.edu](mailto:Jonathan.Jenks@sdstate.edu))

## Development Committee

**Committee Members:** R.J. Baker, A.G. Cleveland, C. Frank, A.V. Linzey, B. McMillan, M. Willig, D.J. Schmidly (Chair).

### **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.

### **Information Items:**

#### **(1) 2014 Activities:**

(a) The Committee met at the 2013 ASM meeting in Philadelphia to discuss an action plan for 2014. Several members had been approached by the general membership expressing concern about the constant solicitation of members for donations. A consensus emerged that it was time to make an all-out effort to approach corporate and philanthropic foundations to secure endowment and program funding. As Committee Chair, I volunteered to lead the effort to identify possible foundation targets. Previously, after agreeing to chair this Committee, the President and Board, at my request, approved a modest budget of \$5,000 to support travel to approach various foundation headquarters about potential proposals and funding.

(b) On 29 August 2013, I convened a one day retreat with 3 individuals who worked with me as major fund raisers while I served as president at various institutions. These individuals were Gene Binder, who worked with me at Texas A&M Galveston and Texas Tech universities, John Stropp, who ran the UNM Foundation while I served as President, and Ron Streibich who worked for the Texas A&M Foundation and previously had worked with me at Texas Tech. I briefed them about ASM and its history, membership, mission, and programs. After considerable discussion, the general consensus was that this would not be an easy fund-raising situation. All 3 professionals talked about the difficulty of fund-raising for national scientific dues paying organizations. But it was agreed to proceed with identifying possible target foundations and Ron Streibich volunteered the Texas A&M Foundation research team to assist us since A&M had a long history of leadership and involvement with the ASM.

(c) The research team, after about 8 weeks of searching foundation databases and gift raising histories, identified 15 foundations as possible targets to contact and solicit (see list below).

(d) My assistant and I contacted each of these foundations to brief them about ASM and our funding needs. In the process we discussed whether their foundation might have any interest in ASM programs as well as if we could arrange a meeting with foundation staff. We specifically talked about their giving priorities and any restrictions that might prohibit ASM from making an application.

(e) None of the foundations contacted believed there was a match between their giving priorities and history with the mission, goals, and priorities of ASM. A general response from most is that we do not make gifts to large, national scientific organizations with a dues paying membership, and almost of the foundations we talked with had geographic restrictions (by state or region) as to their gifting policies. In effect, this entire effort proved fruitless and a decision was made not to expend funds to visit these foundations.

(f) The Committee will convene again at the ASM meetings in Oklahoma City to define a new strategy for 2015.

**(2) List of Foundations Contacted:**

- Harold Simmons Foundation
- Robert J. Kleberg and Helen C. Kleberg Foundation
- The Meadows Foundation
- Excel Energy Foundation
- Valero Energy Foundation
- The Summerlee Foundation
- Albert & Bessie Mae Kronkosky Charitable Foundation
- Caesar Kleberg Foundation for Wildlife Conservation
- Strake Foundation
- Robert R. and Kay M. Onstead Foundation
- Wolf Creek Charitable Foundation
- Catepillar Foundation

ExonMobil Foundation  
PPG Industries Foundation  
Union Pacific Foundation

**(3) Recommendations:** At this time, we recommend that the ASM President and Board not include a travel allocation in this year's budget for the Development Committee.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
David J. Schmidly, Chair  
([djschmid@unm.edu](mailto:djschmid@unm.edu))

## Education and Graduate Students Committee

**Committee Members:** C.P. Bloch, M. Burchard, H.L. Chen, C. Day, K.M. Dudzinski, J. Duggan, W.S. Fairbanks (Chair), E. Finck, C.L. Frank, V. Jackson, H.C. Lanier, M. Merrick, K.E. Munroe, B. Pasch, K. Schumacher.

### **Mission:**

The Committee on Education and Graduate Students assists students of mammalogy in making informed choices of career, improving their scientific expertise, and helping them find funding for research and employment in the discipline. To those ends, the committee prepares and distributes brochures, holds periodic workshops, provides evaluations of student presentations at the Annual Meeting, and conducts various mentoring/networking activities.

### **Information Items:**

(1) Evaluation of both poster and oral student presentations will again be an important activity organized by the E&GS Committee at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City. This year, we have 92 presenters that have requested evaluations, and 40 ASM members volunteered on their registration form to help with this important endeavor. In 2013 at the Philadelphia Meeting, we initiated a program to allow evaluators to write and submit their evaluations on wireless devices or laptops. This year in Oklahoma City, the opportunity to complete and submit electronic evaluations will be greatly facilitated by complimentary Wifi access for attendees in the meeting areas. Electronic submission speeds the process of sorting and returning evaluations to our students. However, paper submissions are still an option for evaluators.

(2) This year, the E&GS Committee has put together a Student Workshop to be presented Friday, 6 June. The topic this year is "Professional Interview Strategies: Crafting Your Message" and includes a panel of professionals from a variety of different career paths. Spearheaded by Melissa Merrick, we have also planned next year's Student Workshop for the Jacksonville,

Florida, meeting. Next year's workshop is titled, Publishing a Peer-Reviewed Paper from Start to Finish – Advice from the Experts. This workshop will be presented by a panel of current and former journal editors and associate editors, and will involve a hands-on component for students with polished manuscripts nearing submission. So plan ahead!

(3) The “Meal with a Mammalogist” program remains a popular program among the students. Both students and the Mammalogists they share a meal with seem to get a lot out of the interaction. We would like to thank the Mammalogists who participated in the program in Philadelphia 2013: John Yunger, John Koprowski, James Estes, Michael Willig, Felicia Keesing, Dean Biggins, Tereza Jezkova, Bruce Patterson, Jason Munshi-South, Frank Fish, and Colin Groves. We look forward to another exciting schedule in Oklahoma City.

(4) A Meeting Mentors program was re-established at the Philadelphia meeting in 2013. During the Student Social at the beginning of the meeting, regular members and students that have attended previous ASM meetings formally met and visited with small groups of students. The mentors were given badges to wear on their name tags, identifying themselves as Mentors throughout the remainder of the meeting who can answer questions or facilitate introductions to others that the student would like to meet. The program seemed to work well for both students and mentors, and we will continue this program at the Oklahoma City meeting in 2014. In addition, we offered to meet at the student table in the registration area to make sure that students that did not know anyone at the meeting or were unsure of dining options could head out to find meals as a group, often with regular members. This year, we may make this more formal by having one or more E&GS Committee member take responsibility for groups of students heading out to find a meal.

#### **Action Items:**

(1) The Education and Graduate Students Committee requests \$2000 to 1) pay for meals of scientists participating in the Meal with a Mammalogist Program and 2) to cover the expenses of the Student Social/Mixer at the 2014 Annual Meeting. The amount needed for both programs has increased due to the change in meeting venues and lack of meal plans.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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## Grants-in-Aid Committee

**Committee Members:** R. M. Brigham, B. Butler, L. N. Carraway, C. J. Conroy, T. L. Derting, J. A. Esselstyn, K. E. Galbreath, S. Gehrt, J. R. Goheen, G. D. Hartman, V. Hayssen, C. Himes, T. Jezkova, D. M. Kaufman, J. L. Koprowski, H. C. Lanier, P. Larsen, S. C. Loeb, K. Lyons, K. Mabry, B. McMillan, M. L. McKnight, D. K. Odell, B. Pasche, M. Pinto, D. Post, A. W. Reed, T. E. Roberts, R. K. Rose, K. C. Rowe, R. L. Schooley, P. T. Stapp, R. D. Stevens (Chair), H. H. Thomas, P. Velazco.

### **Mission:**

The Grants-in-Aid Committee reviews applications for grants-in-aid and fellowships in mammalogy (American Society of Mammalogists Fellowship in Mammalogy and the Albert R. and Alma Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy) and either selects recipients for these awards or recommends recipients for these awards.

### **Information Items:**

(1) Membership on the Committee is currently 35 members. We are always looking for additional members to maintain our number of members at 40. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on this Committee.

(2) We received 82 applications for Grants-in-Aid for 2014, below the average of approximately 100 applications received over the past few years and a little lower than last year. The budget for Grants-in-Aid was set by the Board at \$49,500 for 2014. The Committee ranked the 82 proposals and 34 were selected for support based on their average ranking. The quality of the proposals continues to increase. The diversity and high quality of research activities proposed by the student members of ASM is very impressive. Each committee member was asked to review and rank approximately 15 Grants-in-Aid applications. The committee members continue to make an effort to provide each applicant with some constructive comments on his/her proposal. Names of the students who have received a 2014 grant-in-aid are attached to the end of this report.

(3) The recipient of the 2014 Elizabeth Horner Award for the top-ranked Grant-in-Aid proposal is Bryan McLean (University of New Mexico).

(4) In 2013, 8 fellowship applications were received and reviewed. The 2013 ASM Fellowship recipient was Miguel Pinto of the American Museum of Natural History. The Shadle Fellowship recipient was Robbie Burger from University of New Mexico. We received 8 fellowship/award applications for the 2014 competition. These will be distributed to committee members electronically and nominees will be selected during a closed session at the Annual Meeting. The amounts of the American Society of Mammalogists Prize in Mammalogy will be \$7,500 and the Albert R. and Alma E. Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy will be approximately \$4,000 in 2013.



**Action items:**

**(1) 2014 Budget Request**

Grants-in-Aid of Research 37 x \$1,500	\$55,500
Horner Award	\$500
ASM Fellowship	\$7,500
Banquet tickets for GIA recipients (10 X \$30)	\$300
Total Request	\$63,800

**(2) 2014 ASM Grants-in-Aid Recipients**

Bryan McClean. **Horner Award Winner**. University of New Mexico and Museum of Southwestern Biology. Finding Common Ground: Towards an Absolute Timescale for Assessing the Radiation of Ground-dwelling Squirrels. \$2000.

Kayce Bell. University of New Mexico. Elucidating Evolutionary Histories of Multiple Chipmunk Parasites. \$1500.

Danielle Drabek. University of Minnesota. Characterizing Binding Affinities of Coevolving Protiens in Didelphid Marsupials and Bothropis Vipers. \$1500.

Rebecca Kelley. New Mexico State University. Early Life Experiences, Behavior, Epigenetics, and Dispersal in Brush Mice (*Peromyscus boylii*). \$1500.

Noah Dunham. Ohio State University. Food Selection and the Role of Fallback Foods in Kenya's Angola Black and White Colobus Monkey. \$1500.

Christopher Law, University of California Santa Cruz. Using Functional Morphology to Elucidate Patterns of Tool-Use & Dietary Specialization in Sea Otters. \$1500.

Aubrey Sirman. Auburn University. The Role of the Developmental Environment on Metabolism in the House Mouse (*Mus musculus*). \$1453.

Laurel Yohe. Stony Brook University. Finding Fruit in the Dark: Olfactory Evolution and Adaptation to Frugivory in Bats. \$1500.

Annelise Mowry. Auburn University. Energetic Tradeoffs of Reproduction and Tissue Maintenance in Naturally Breeding House Mice. \$1500.

Michael Pardo. Cornell University. Combinatorial Communication in Asian Elephants. \$1500.

Caitlin Wells. University of California Davis. Social Influences and Environmental Constraints on Multiple Paternity. \$1500.

Janna Willoughby. Purdue University. The Maintenance of Genetic Diversity in Captive Breeding Programs. \$1500.

Peggy Boone. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Ecological Correlates of Diet and Social Structure in the Greater Bamboo Lemur (*Prolemur simus*). \$1500.

Alyson Brokaw. Humboldt State University. Assessing the Use of Social Calls to Attract Bats to Artificial Roost Sites. \$1135.

Janet Buckner. University of California Los Angeles. Phylogenomics, Biogeography and Trait Evolution in Amazonian Marmosets. \$1500.

Tracy Burkhard. University of Texas at Austin. Sexual Selection and the Origins of Mouse Songs: Insights from a Central American Rodent. \$1500.

Gideon Erkenwick. University of Missouri-St Louis. Primate Hosts: Social Groups as Biological Islands. \$1500.

Kelly Speer. University of Florida. A Fly on the Cave Wall: Using Parasite Genetics to Assess Patterns of Host Dispersal. \$1500.

Erin Siracusa. University of Guelph. Adaptive Behavioral Plasticity in Response to the Composition of the Social Neighborhood in a Highly Territorial Squirrel. \$1500.

Heather Ahrens. Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Diversity, Disparity, and the Evolution of North American Oxyaenidae and Hyaenodontidae (Eutheria, Creodonta). \$1500.

Casey Day. Purdue University. Evaluating the Potential Role of Habitat Restoration in the Recovery of the Humboldt Marten. \$1490.

Allyson Degrassi. University of Vermont. Small Mammal Populations in New England are Affected by the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. \$1500.

Kapil Khadka. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Seasonal Diet of the Endangered Musk Deer and its Habitat Overlap with Livestock in the Himalayas. \$1180

Kelly Klingler. University of Nevada, Reno. An Investigation of the Evolutionary Potential of the American Pika, *Ochotona princeps*, to Determine Influence of Climate Warming. \$1500.

Garret Langlois. Texas Tech University. Environmental Determinants Of Social Network Structure: An Analysis of Two Neotropical Bats (*Artibeus lituratus* and *Chrotopterus auritus*) with Disparate Life History Strategies. \$1500

Mirian Tiekou Nunes Tsuchiya. Smithsonian Institution. Taxonomic Revision and Evolutionary History of Procyonidae (Carnivora): Integrating Morphology, Genomics and Biogeography. \$1500.

Amy Remer. University of Notre Dame. Determinants of Intraspecific Versus Interspecific Variation in Mammals. \$1500.

Hae Yeong Ryu. Stony Brook University. Slatkin's paradox? A Case Study with the Golden-Mantled Ground Squirrel. \$1500.

Madeline Strom. University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Habitat Specific Fitness Consequences of Sociality in *Octodon degus*. \$1500.

Sandra Troxel-Smith. University of California at Chicago. Relationships Between Personality, Foraging Decisions, Movement, and Habitat Selection in the Common Brushtail Possum. \$1500.

Emily Woodruff. University of Florida. Uncovering Developmental Genetic Variation in the Dentition of the Mouse. \$1500.

Jessica Haines. University of Alberta. Telomere Dynamics in Male Red Squirrels (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*). \$1500.

Andrew McGowan. Salisbury University. Bat Abundance, Distribution, Biodiversity, and Habitat Preference on the Delmarva Peninsula. \$1500.

Emma Roberts. Texas Tech University. The Utility of Zonadhesin in Examining a Potential Isolation Mechanism in Rodents. \$1242

**Respectively submitted,**  
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## **Grinnell Award Committee**

**Committee Members:** B. Coyner, G. Feldhamer, E. P. Lessa, M. D. Matocq (Chair), and P. D. Sudman.

**Mission:**

The purpose of this committee is to solicit nominations for and select a recipient of the Joseph Grinnell Award. The Joseph Grinnell Award honors individuals who have made outstanding and sustained contributions to education in mammalogy over a period of at least 10 years.

**Information Items:**

(1) This year the Committee updated the Grinnell Award announcement in an effort to clarify the range of educational activities that the Award seeks to recognize as well as the type of evidence that demonstrates excellence in education.

(2) The Committee reviewed application materials and unanimously and enthusiastically supported the nominee that was forwarded to the ASM Board of Directors for their consideration. The Award will be presented at the banquet at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City.

**Action Items:**

(1) Budget request of \$350.00 to produce the Grinnell Award plus \$1500 travel expenses to the 2015 Annual Meeting, for \$1850 total.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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## Honoraria and Travel Awards Committee

**Committee Members:** L. Dizney, A. Ford, V. Hayssen (Chair), S. Jansa, K. Lucia, J. Reichard, T. Roberts, R. Rowe, P. Stapp, K. Thorington.

**Mission:**

The Committee's mission is to select students to be honored for their research in Mammalogy and to select travel grant recipients in two categories, early career and student.

**Information Items:**

(1) First the Committee would like to thank Jessica Light, Marjorie Matocq, Jennifer Smith, and Sacha Vignieri for their years of service. Marjorie served from 2004, Sacha from 2006, Jessica

from 2008, and Jennifer from 2009. Their contributions to the process and outcome of the Committee's work will be missed. We also welcomed Adam Ford to the Committee this year.

(2) From 4 applications, the Honoraria and Travel Grant Committee awarded 3 graduate honoraria, each for \$2000: the Anna M. Jackson Award to Johanna Varner (University of Utah); the Elmer C. Birney Award to Jennifer Schieltz (Princeton University); and the A. Brazier Howell Graduate Student Travel Grant to John Doudna (Iowa State University). No Annie M. Alexander Graduate Student Travel Grant was awarded as no Masters students applied. The Committee requested that President Heske ask the Board for approval to use the Alexander award money for other awards under the Committee's jurisdiction. This request was approved. The award money was re-allocated to 1 additional early career travel grant (\$500) and 5 additional student travel grants (5\*\$300 = \$1500). We will continue our efforts to advertise and promote the Honoraria program to increase the number of applications.

(3) From 3 applications the Committee awarded 2 undergraduate honoraria of \$1000 each. Awardees were Kimberly Conway (California State University-Fullerton) and Andy Kulikowski II (University of Wyoming).

(4) 2014 was the second year of the travel grant awards. The number of submissions was down from last year. The Committee received 94 abstracts down from 140 abstracts last year. Some were disqualified: 3 because they were already receiving other ASM awards and 1 early-career applicant who was beyond the 5-year limit. The remaining abstracts were divided into 2 categories for evaluation: early-career (11 abstracts vs 29 last year) and student (80 abstracts vs 109 last year). Twenty-two of the 91 applicants did not appear to be members of ASM at the time of application. President Heske emailed these individuals informing them of the necessity of membership for eligibility. The Committee only awarded travel grants to individuals who were ASM members and who were not already receiving travel funding from ASM.

(5) The following 6 individuals received early-career travel grants each for \$500: Michael Buchalski, Sean Maher, Jason Malaney, Caleb Phillips, Maria Sagot, and Daniel Thornton. The following 26 individuals received student travel grants each for \$300: Adam Ahlers, Hsiang Ling Chen, Miranda Crowell, Juan Diaz-Nieto, Adam Ferguson, Emma Gomez-Ruiz, Rebecca Green, Samuel Hirt, Anne-Marie Hodge, Michael Holmes, Angela Hornsby, Brett Jesmer, Rebecca Kirby, Han Li, Melissa Merrick, Nicholas Smith, Sherry Olson, Nelish Pradhan, Emma Roberts, Emma Shubin, Marlee Tucker, Kristy Tuttle, Nate Upham, Megan Wallen, Caitlin Wells, and Jennifer Wilkening.

(5) The Committee is requesting continuance of the monetary value of the honoraria awards in keeping with the prestige of the awards and the costs of attending the meetings.

**Action Items:**

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| (1) | \$8000 | 4 * \$2000 for graduate honoraria (Jackson, Howell, Birney, Alexander) |
|     | \$2000 | 2 * \$1000 for undergraduate honoraria                                 |

\$2000	4 * \$500 for early-career travel grants
\$3000	10 * \$300 for student travel grants
<b>\$15000</b>	<b>Total budget</b>

Justification: All funds requested are for the awards.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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## **Honorary Membership Committee**

**Committee Members:** G. Cameron (Chair), M. A. Mares, S. McLaren, B. D. Patterson, and R. M. Timm.

### **Mission:**

The purpose of the Honorary Membership Committee is to present credentials of potential honorary members for consideration by the membership at the Annual Members' Meeting. Honorary Membership, which is the highest honor awarded by the American Society of Mammalogists, recognizes eminent mammalogists who have rendered "distinguished service to the science of mammalogy." The Honorary Membership Committee is composed of the five most recent past presidents and is chaired by the second-most senior member of that group. The committee welcomes nominations from ASM members. Nominations may be made to any committee member.

### **Information Items:**

(1) Honorary Membership is the highest honor awarded by the American Society of Mammalogists, and is given in recognition of distinguished service to mammalogy. The latter commonly encompasses contributions in research, in teaching and mentoring students, and cultivating the science itself. The Honorary Membership Committee is composed of the 5 most recent past presidents and is chaired by the second-most senior one.

(2) Election as an Honorary Member involves several steps. First, the Honorary Membership Committee considers the records of nominees, based on a Letter of Nomination, three supporting letters, and a CV. Nominations supported by at least four committee members are forwarded to the Board of Directors for another set of votes. Nominated individuals approved by at least 3/4s of those Board members voting are brought before the membership at the Annual Members' Meeting. ASM members may elect nominees that have been approved by the committee and Board by a voice vote following a brief presentation of their credentials.

(3) The committee did not receive any nominations this year.

(4) Last year at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Professor Colin Peter Groves (Australian National University) and Professor Fabian Miguel Jaksic Andrade (Universidad Católica de Chile) were elected as Honorary Members at the Annual Members Meeting.

(5) The Honorary Membership Committee requests and welcomes nominations from the membership. Please direct nominations to the Committee Chair who will be Bob Timm after the Annual Meeting in June.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Guy N. Cameron, Chair  
([gcameron@uc.edu](mailto:gcameron@uc.edu))

## Human Diversity Committee

**Committee Members:** R. P. Anderson, J. R. Burger, A. S. Chavez, L. J. Dizney, J. H. Douglas, J. D. Hanson, D. M. Kaufman (Chair), D. W. Kaufman, T. J. Orr, I. M. Ortega, K. C. Rowe, and C. W. Thompson.

### **Mission:**

The purpose of the Human Diversity Committee is to ensure active participation in the ASM by all members, regardless of gender, race, ethnic background, age, physical disabilities, or sexual preference. Further, we remind all ASM members that our ombudspersons (R. W. Thorington and F. A. Smith) are available to listen, mediate, or advise on issues regarding discrimination, inappropriate conduct, or other unprofessional behaviors (see *Journal of Mammalogy* 78:268 [1997]).

### **Information Items:**

(1) The HDC works to promote and support diversity in all aspects of the ASM—in particular, we want to continue the momentum of our recent efforts to promote, encourage, and support diversity related to sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, and gender. We welcome input and ideas to address what the membership views as *its* needs, with regard to diversity. Specifically, we seek to provide more regular programming at the Annual Meeting, in order to encourage conference attendance and to support our attending membership with activities and information that is best presented in a *face-to-face* format. We want to further encourage membership and participation via the use of more extensive *online* programming (via the ASM website); we hope the use of electronically served information and material will support the entire membership of the Society with wider outreach throughout the year, as well as to promote retention and potentially tap into new members.

(2) We seek to have wide general participation in and feedback for our Committee from ASM members. Specifically, at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City, we hope that interested ASM attendees will come to our committee meeting and, therefore, have scheduled it relatively late in the conference to maximize broader participation (*4:30 pm on Monday, 9 June*). Much of what our Committee can accomplish springs from grassroots efforts to understand the needs of members, as well as development of the means to fulfill these needs. Further, in addition to specific objectives, we will continue to monitor and assess diversity within the Society. In accordance with these goals, we seek funds to conduct our fifth quadrennial survey of conference attendees at the 2015 Annual Meeting; we are working to design a corresponding electronic survey of the entire membership to complement the information that we collect at the Annual Meeting.

**Action Items:**

(1) The HDC requests \$150 to cover incidental expenses and printing costs in order to carry out a diversity survey and material to promote diversity at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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## **Informatics Committee**

**Committee Members:** M. E. Hopton (Chair), C. A. Iudica, S. P. Maher, S. B. McLaren, D. K. Odell, B. A. Roberts, B. J. Shaw, B. P. Tanis..

**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.

At the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (2007) in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Board of Directors of the American Society of Mammalogists charged the newly redefined Informatics Committee to explore improvements including a redesign of the Society's web site and to maintain the existing web site during this period.

**Information Items:**



(1) The ASM web site ([www.mammalsociety.org](http://www.mammalsociety.org) and [www.mammalogy.org](http://www.mammalogy.org)) went live on 17 March 2011.

(2) The ASM web site is hosted on a server with InMotionHosting. Annual web hosting fees are \$479.40 per year plus \$11.95 domain name registration.

(3) Informatics paid design firm Acro Media to implement additional changes and fixes to the web site (\$9300). This included a refresh of committee pages, changes to the online submission of grants and fellowships, general support, and work on a mammal database for the Public Education Committee. This work is ongoing.

(4) ASM has a presence on a number of social media including:

Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/American.Society.of.Mammalogists>; 1232 “Likes” as of 1 April 2014)

Google+

(<https://plus.google.com/#s/american%20society%20of%20mammalogists67>; 46 “+1”s as of 1 April 2014)

Twitter

(@Mammalogists; 268 followers as of 1 April 2014)

LinkedIn (<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/American-Society-Mammalogists-4575484>; 67 Members as of 1 April 2014)

Along with the Membership Committee, an “Image of the Week” is posted on the Facebook and Google+ sites, and tweeted via the Twitter account. In general, the Facebook page reaches over 1000 views each week, sometimes exceeding 1700 and Google+ has a number of other societies following us and more than 32,000 views. Announcements regarding issues of *Journal of Mammalogy*, the Annual Meeting, grants and fellowship deadlines, and the monthly ASM Newsletter also have been posted through social media outlets.

(5) Routine maintenance and updates were performed on an as-needed basis, as requested by President Heske and committee chairs. Leadership pages, including changes in Editors, Officers and Elected Directors, were updated following the 2013 Annual Meeting.

(6) Online submission of grants and fellowships administered by the Honoraria and Grants-in-Aid Committees was conducted using the ASM web site. Informatics continues to work with these committees to improve the submission process.

(7) Requests for information, job postings, and announcements submitted to the web site were received by Dan Odell and routed accordingly. Odell received 112 emails June 2013 – April 2014 compared with 150 for June 2012-May 2013.

(8) ASM continues to operate a Members only area for blogging and a community job board. Members request access using their name and Membership ID. The Membership ID is available at the ASM Business Office (<http://psfebus.allenpress.com/ebusasmm/default.aspx>). When you login to the Business Office you will see your ASMM Customer Number. This number is used to verify your active ASM Membership.

(9) Blair Roberts led the effort to create a smartphone app for this year's Annual Meeting. The app provides access to program information (e.g., speakers, abstracts, and event locations) on a mobile device. We used a free platform this year to assess interest and use and gauge the value of paid platforms with additional features for future meetings. Download *Eventbase* from the App Store or Google Play and search for "ASM 2014 Annual Meeting" in the app.

(10) Informatics did not identify a managed hosting solution for the ASM web site (\$8000 was budgeted for this purpose). A number of potential hosts were contacted and none provided acceptable services for the cost. Informatics continues to perform these functions, but will continue to search for the best solution for the Society.

#### **Action Items:**

(1) The sum of \$14,500 is requested from the 2015 budget. Hosting the ASM web site on a virtual private server currently costs \$491.35 (\$479.40 + \$11.95). This is an annual expense, but provides use of a server with sufficient resources to meet the demands of the ASM web site. \$10,008.65 is a placeholder for potential expenses related to the Society's web site upkeep and added functionality. These funds would be used only if the remaining funds from the 2014 budget are not used up by 31 December 2014 and it is decided that additional functionality proposed by the design firm would benefit the ASM membership. A placeholder (\$4000) for a managed hosting solution would be used only if an acceptable solution is identified.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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## **International Relations Committee**

**Committee Members:** R. P. Anderson, B. H. Blake, G. R. Bronner, B. Buttler, G. N. Cameron, J. R. Goheen, E. Gutiérrez, D. A. Kelt, F. A. A. Khan, A. V. Linzey, R. A. Ojeda (Co-Chair), N. Ordóñez-Garza, M. Pinto, K. Rowe, D. A. Schlitter (Co-Chair), A. T. Smith, S. Solari, M. V. Vieira.

#### **Mission:**

The Board of Directors established the International Relations Committee in 1960 to maintain and enhance communication between members of the Society and mammalogists outside North

America. The mission of this committee is to advance the field of mammalogy by encouraging and facilitating international collaboration among members of the ASM and mammalogists from other countries.

### **Information Items:**

#### **(1) On-going initiatives:**

**(a) The Sponsored Membership Program:** This Committee has continued to receive nominations and requests, and has worked towards expanding the geographical distribution of these memberships. Contacting heads of numerous national and regional mammal societies in developing countries, board members of the International Federation of Mammalogists, and colleagues at universities and museums has resulted in another pool of names of deserving young mammalogists. Processing of worthy candidates continues. During the year, emphasis was placed on potential candidates from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere, especially Africa. Eighteen new members from 15 developing countries in Africa, Madagascar, and Latin America were successfully sponsored. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable potential young individuals for sponsored memberships. Multiple-year sponsorship commitments from donating members are always helpful and additional sponsorships by members are especially welcome.

**(b) The Buddy System:** The Buddy System was set up to provide assistance to international authors who are not speakers of English as a first language. The authors are referred to the Buddy System by editors after they have submitted a manuscript to the *Journal of Mammalogy* if the editor thinks that the English writing needs improvement. An *ad hoc* subcommittee for this program continues to work on finding better ways to advertise this service and to coordinate efforts. Barbara Blake, with the assistance of Alicia Linzey, promotes and coordinates this program with the Publications Committee.

The details of the Buddy Program are covered in the Publications Committee Annual Report. See that Annual Report for details of manuscripts that were reviewed by buddies, countries of origin of manuscripts, and an acknowledgement of the buddy reviewers.

In addition, Nicté Ordóñez-Garza, Miguel Pinto, and Eliecer Gutiérrez of the IRC as well as other international members such as Marylène Ricard continue to help the editorial staff of the *Journal of Mammalogy* by proofreading foreign language summaries. For details of this service to the Publications Committee, once again check that Annual Report. Note that Barbara Blake is always looking for additional proofreaders for foreign language summaries. Please contact Barbara Blake directly ([bhblake@uncg.edu](mailto:bhblake@uncg.edu)) if you have such native language skills and are willing to help with this valuable service.

The list of buddy reviewers is constantly being updated and refined so the system works better for contributing authors. It is especially helpful if buddy reviewers will list their area(s) of expertise when offering to serve as reviewers.

**(c) Links to Mammal Societies of the World:** Committee members continue to serve as links with mammal societies throughout the world, providing information on mammal meetings to appear in the *Journal of Mammalogy* and other international publications. A specific subcommittee is working to maintain a list of international mammal societies and their web pages on the ASM website. This is an on-going task that requires constant website up-dating and we are looking for volunteers to assist in this interesting and important task (collecting and maintaining an up-to-date list of links to the mammal societies of the world). Contact the IRC Co-Chairs if you are interested.

For more interactions with international activities, among others, in mammalogy, members are also invited to join Facebook's ASM site at:

<http://www.facebook.com/American.Society.of.Mammalogists?fref=ts>

**(d) International Meetings and the International Federation of Mammalogists (IFM):** A very successful and well attended IMC-11 was held in Belfast, Northern Ireland, 11–16 August 2013 at Queen's University. During the meeting, invitations to host the IMC-12 were received from China and Australia. The invitation from Australia was accepted with IMC-12 scheduled to be held in Perth, Australia, in 2017. During IMC-11, our member William Lidicker, Jr., completed his term as Federation President and was replaced as President by our member Ricardo Ojeda from Argentina, also Co-Chair of IRC. We extend a sincere thank you to Bill for his services to international mammalogy and our congratulations to Ricardo on his election as President.

The IFM maintains a presence on Facebook which can be accessed at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/197157050399156/>. Members are invited to join this site for more information on the Federation's activities.

**(e) ASM-SAREM Student Membership Award:** In 2008 the SAREM (Argentine Mammal Society) and the ASM Board established an annual award for the best student presentation at the SAREM Annual Meeting. The award goes to a student from a developing country and is an online subscription to ASM's publications, *Journal of Mammalogy* and *Mammalian Species*. The IRC was able to endow this award in 2011 through a generous contribution from Jim and Carol Patton, so that henceforth the online membership award will be given to each outstanding student for three years, and the funding of the membership award will no longer come from the general fund budget. The 2013 awardee for best student paper at the annual SAREM meeting is Liu Idarraga Orozco, National Council for Science and Technology fellow (CONICET) at the National Museum of Natural History "Bernardino Rivadavia", Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**(f) African Graduate Research Fund:** This fund has been fully developed and added to the list of other funds found on the Society website and in the membership solicitations. An *ad hoc* Committee has been established for this fund. Details of the progress for the year can be found in their separate Annual Report. Chair of the *ad hoc* committee is Jacob Goheen. If interested in the efforts to establish this endowment fund or to work on its activities, contact Jacob R. Goheen

[jgoheen@uwyo.edu](mailto:jgoheen@uwyo.edu). Starting an endowed research fund is a slow process that requires persistence and patience. Any help with its activities or contributions to this new research fund would be greatly appreciated.

**(g) Endowment Fund for an ASM Student Award for the Colombian Mammal Society.** This initiative is waiting for more progress in the development of the Colombian Mammal Society before efforts begin again on fundraising for a student award.

**(2) New Initiatives:**

**(a) Review of Sponsored Membership Program:** The Sponsored Membership Program is being reviewed at this time, focusing on retention of the newly sponsored members beyond the initial sponsorship effort, finding sponsors who take on a personal relationship with the new members, and encouraging contributions to a pool of funds to pay sponsored dues for selected candidates that will be handled by the IRC. The criteria for which countries are designated as developing countries are based currently on the International Monetary Fund criteria. Currently, to qualify for sponsored membership, an individual must be a citizen of any country except the U.S., Canada, Western Europe, Australia, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, or Taiwan. As new details for this program are developed, they will be posted on the ASM website either under the link to the IRC or the link to the Sponsored Members page.

**(b)** The Committee welcomes new initiatives or ideas from any members. The Co-Chairs would like to thank the support and commitment of all Committee members. Thanks to all!

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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## **Jackson Award Committee**

**Committee Members:** B. H. Blake, H. H. Genoways, G. A. Kaufman (Chair), D. M. (Chip) Leslie, Jr., T. J. (Mac) McIntyre, S. B. McLaren.

**Mission:**

The Jackson Award, established in 1977 by the American Society of Mammalogists, is charged with nominating a candidate for the H. H. T. Jackson Award, which recognizes individuals with a long and outstanding record of service to Mammalogy and the American Society of Mammalogists. To do so, the committee solicits recommendations, and evaluates candidates based on a letter of nomination, letters of support, and curriculum vitae. Ultimately, the Board of

Directors votes on the Committee's nomination, and the award is presented formally at the Annual Banquet of the Society.

**Information Items:**

- (1) The Committee did not receive any Letters of Nomination from members of the Society.
- (2) The Committee had previously prepared a short list of potential nominees in case there were no nominations from the membership, and when we did not receive any we selected our first choice from the list as the nominee. The committee prepared the nomination packet, which was sent to the President to be voted on by the Board of Directors; the formal presentation of the recipient of the Jackson Award will be made at the banquet.
- (3) In 2013, the Committee nominated C. William Kilpatrick, Professor of Biology at University of Vermont, to receive the award.
- (4) The Committee updated the webpage on the ASM website, adding information about the 2013 Award Recipient and adding biographical information on Hartley H. T. Jackson, the award namesake.

**Action Items:**

- (1) \$300 is requested for the award plaque.

**Respectively submitted:**

Barbara H. Blake, Chair  
([bhblake@uncg.edu](mailto:bhblake@uncg.edu))

## **Latin American Fellowship Committee**

**Committee Members:** J. A. Cook, M. M. Diaz, S. T. Álvarez-Castañeda, K. A. Ernest (Chair), M. A. O'Connell, T. E. Lacher, Jr., J. Salazar-Bravo, S. Solari.

**Mission:**

The Latin American Student Field Research Award is made annually to support field research projects by Latin Americans in Latin America. Eligible students must be citizens of Latin American countries (excluding Puerto Rico) and currently enrolled in a graduate program. Projects must be field-oriented investigations of natural history, conservation, ecology, systematics, wildlife biology, biogeography, or behavior. The selection committee, whose membership reflects these diverse fields and has field experience in Latin America, considers each of these areas of research equally important. Five \$1,500 awards are granted each year.

The Oliver P. Pearson Award supports a young professional who holds an academic position in a Latin American institution within 5 years of receiving a Ph.D. or equivalent degree. A single \$5,000 award is granted each year. In addition, up to \$2,000 are offered for the recipient to attend the mammal meetings of the year following the award.

**Information Items:**

(1) In 2013, we reviewed four applications for the Oliver Pearson Award, and selected Dr. Mariana Muñoz-Romo (Venezuela), Associate Professor of Biology and Director of Applied Zoology Lab at Universidad de Los Andes (University of the Andes, Mérida, Venezuela).

(2) In 2013, we received 11 applications for the Student Field Research grants. Each committee member reviewed and ranked all applications. We awarded 3 grants (according to the budget approved) to the applications with the highest average ranks:

Emma Gomez-Ruiz (Mexico): Identifying priority sites for the conservation of the migratory endangered bat *Leptonycteris nivalis* in northern Mexico; Ph.D. program in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Romina Pfoh (Argentina): An experimental approach for exploring the adaptive functions of grooming in social contexts in Tufted Capuchin Monkeys (*Cebus apella nigrinus*); Ph.D. Program in Biological Sciences at National University of Cordoba, Argentina.

Mariel Ruiz-Blanco (Argentina): Puma-guanaco interactions: evaluating the impact of predation on newborn guanacos; Ph.D. Program in Biology at National University of Comahue, Argentina.

(3) Last year’s budget request for 5 Latin American Student Field Research awards was approved, so we anticipate awarding 5 this year.

(4) We have received 21 applications for the 2014 Latin American Student Field Research awards and 2 applications for the Oliver Pearson Award. Committee members are in the process of reviewing applications, and recipients will be announced at the 2014 Annual Banquet in Oklahoma City.

(5) Committee Membership: Former member Eileen Lacey has stepped off the Committee to focus on her other work with the Society as President-elect. We thank her for her service.

**Action Items:**

(1) 2014 budget request

Latin American Student Field Research awards 5 x \$1500	\$ 7,500
Oliver P. Pearson Award (1) award \$5000 + travel \$2000	\$ 7,000
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$14,500</b>

(2) Request to consider moving to an online application process for both Pearson and student field grant awards. This may require additional funds.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Kristina A. Ernest, Chair  
([ernestk@cwu.edu](mailto:ernestk@cwu.edu))

## **Legislation and Regulation Committee**

**Committee Members:** R. T. Bowyer, V. Brack, Jr., R. W. Kays, T. J. McIntyre, D. Odell, T. J. O'Shea, E. A. Rickart, R. Rodriguez, S. R. Sheffield, D. W. Sparks (Chair) W. T. Stanley, C. W. Thompson, E. W. Valdez.

### **Mission:**

The Legislation and Regulations Committee was formed in 1976 to monitor and provide input into the state and federal regulation and legislation process on such issues as endangered species, trapping and harvesting regulations, and the use of animals for experimental purposes. The committee also interacts with the legislative monitoring groups of AIBS.

### **Information Items:**

(1) As with last year, an effective deadlock continues to exist between the US House of Representatives and the White House. As such, there has been much rhetoric on Capitol Hill, but little change in the major environmental laws of the US. One area of particular concern is the development of an *ad-hoc* Committee in the House whose goal is to rewrite the Endangered Species Act. Two areas of more intense efforts included:

- (a) The Committee continued to support the President and systematic collections committees in working with other professional societies to reduce problems related to the transport of CITES-listed species into the United States for legitimate scientific study.
- (b) The Committee identified an effort in the Kansas Legislature to repeal regulations related to the state endangered species and non-game programs. The Committee wrote (and President Heske signed) letters to targeted members of the Legislature. Subsequently this act was dropped from the legislative agenda.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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## Mammal Images Library Committee

**Committee Members:** B. Blood, E. J. Finck (Business Manager), C. P. Groves, L. E. Harding, M. E. Hopton, D. G. Huckaby (Chair), B. Huffman, J. Kulahci, J. A. Lackey, L. L. Master, J. S. Scheibe, B. P. Tanis, B. M. Zinke.

### **Mission:**

The American Society of Mammalogists first established the Mammal Slide Library in 1977 to provide low-cost slides of mammals principally for educational purposes (Gill and Wozencraft, 1994). The name change to Mammal Image Library reflected changes in ways images of mammals are now stored and accessed. The Mammal Images Library is a nonprofit educational program of the American Society of Mammalogists with the goal of providing images of mammals for use in education worldwide. At the start of 2012 the library contained over 1700 digital images representing 28 of 29 orders, 125 of 153 families, and 1038 of 5416 species recognized in Wilson and Reeder (2005). The images also represent all continents. More than 110,000 images are in use in more than 50 countries. In addition to optical projection for nonprofit instruction, many of the images may be employed (with permission) for other purposes, including commercial uses.

### **Information Items:**

(1) The primary focus of the MIL Committee continues to be making available individual images. The table below compares the number of images sent and other information for the past ten years. The numbers of images sent do not include those low-resolution images downloaded directly from the library on the ASM website, of which we have no record. Signed copies of the 2013 Business Report were sent to the ASM Treasurer.

(2) The MIL collection consists both of images digitized from slides at a resolution of 4000 dpi and those taken originally as digital images of various resolutions. A lower-resolution preview of each image of generally 660 x 440 pixels at 150 dpi, suitable for some projection or web use, is available on the MIL web page free of charge and without requiring permission. A copy of the higher resolution image, with or without the label (layer), is available upon request for most of the library, although we usually charge a royalty of \$50 each for commercial usage. We normally charge a \$5 handling fee for each high resolution image sent for non-commercial purposes.

(3) During 2013, we added 140 new images to the MIL collection. Among these are 37 species and 15 genera new to the collection (see third page). They include one genus and three species described new since Wilson and Reeder (2005).

(4) The Committee initiated a program during 2012 of requesting the photographers who supply images for the cover of the Journal of Mammalogy and those used in the Mammalian Species Accounts to contribute them to the library. Some have complied.

(5) Starting in 2012, each week we post a mammal image of the week on Facebook, Google+, and Twitter (search for #WeeklyMammal and #ASM\_image on our social media accounts).

(6) The MIL collection still lacks images of one of the 28 orders, 21 of the 153 extant or recently extinct families, and ca. 80% of the 5416 species (pages 4-8 below) recognized in Wilson and Reeder (2005). We encourage all interested parties to consider contributing their high-quality images to the MIL. Please take a few minutes to review our holdings on the MIL web page to determine if some images from your personal collection could improve the scope and quality of the collection. Anyone interested in submitting images should contact the Committee Chair.

(7) The Committee thanks Fort Hays State University for supporting the Business Office of the Mammal Images Library and for funding student support.

(8) During 2013, R. Larsen and S. K. Lyons left the Committee, and B. Huffman and B.M. Zinke joined the Committee.

(9) On 12 June 2012, the Committee transferred 90% of its funds (\$6400) to the general fund of the ASM. Although in the past the Committee operated somewhat independently from the ASM board, future expenditures will be authorized by the Board of Directors as they are for other committees. The greatly reduced account balance shown below reflects that transfer.

Year	Images Sent	Gross Income	Expenses	Net Income	End of year account balance
2004	322	3045.40	2538.14	321.51	15,251.28
2005	183	566.65	1352.13	-785.48	14,465.80
2006	82	710.00	5975.59	-5265.59	9,200.21
2007	86	0.00	2693.31	-2693.31	6,506.90
2008	16	1280.00	1368.13	-88.13	6,418.77
2009	31	1503.05	25.00	1478.05	7,896.82
2010	18	469.00	0.00	469.00	8,365.82
2011	30	159.00	1399.91	-1240.91	7124.91
2012	19	108	239.36	-131.36	593.55
2013	26	110	235	-125	468.55

## TAXA ADDED TO THE MIL DURING 2013

Those with an asterisk were named new since Wilson and Reeder (2005)

### New genera

1. *Bassaricyon*
2. *Bunopithecus*
3. *Chrotogale*
4. *Dorcatragus*
5. *Hadromys*
6. *Hypsignathus*
7. *Niumbaha*\*
8. *Pardofelis*
9. *Philantomba*
10. *Prezwalskium*
11. *Prolemur*
12. *Pseudoryx*
13. *Sciurotamias*
14. *Scotinomys*
15. *Tamiops*

### New species

1. *Bassaricyon neblina*\*
2. *Bunopithecus hoolock*
3. *Caenolestes sangay*\*
4. *Cephalophus natalensis*
5. *Choloepus didactylus*
6. *Chrotogale owstoni*
7. *Cryptotis mam*\*
8. *Cryptotis tropicalis*
9. *Dorcatragus megalotis*
10. *Felis manul*

11. *Gazella bennettii*
12. *Geomys attwateri*
13. *Hadromys yunnanensis*
14. *Heteromys desmarestianus*
15. *Hypsignathus monstrosus*
16. *Macaca arctoides*
17. *Marmosa mexicana*
18. *Micoureus constantiae*
19. *Niumbaha superba*
20. *Oryzomys couesi*
21. *Ovis ammon*
22. *Pardofelis marmorata*
23. *Peromyscus beatae*
24. *Peromyscus hylocetes*
25. *Peromyscus mayensis*
26. *Philantomba monticola*
27. *Prezwalskium albirostris*
28. *Prolemur simus*
29. *Pseudoryx nghetinhensis*
30. *Reithrodontomys sumichrasti*
31. *Rhinopithecus bieti*
32. *Sciurotamias davidianus*
33. *Sciurus stramineus*
34. *Scotinomys teguina*
35. *Spilogale putorius*
36. *Tamiops swinhoei*
37. *Trachypithecus delacouri*
38. *Urocyon littoralis*
39. *Viverricula indica*

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### MAMMAL IMAGE LIBRARY

### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS

The following taxa are not represented in the library.

## Orders

Order Notoryctemorphia: 1 family, 1 genus, 2 species: *Notoryctes caurinus* and *typhlops*, marsupial moles.

### Families not in that order

The MIL does not have images of any genera in these families:

1. Anomaluridae (Rodentia): scaly-tailed squirrels
2. Calomyscidae (Rodentia): formerly in Muridae or Cricetinae (hamsters): *Calomyscus*, mouse-like hamsters
3. Chaeropodidae (Marsupialia: Peramelemorphia): *Chaeropus ecaudatus*, Pig-footed Bandicoot
4. Ctenodactylidae (Rodentia): gundis
5. Diatomyidae (Rodentia): *Laonastes aenigmamus*, Laotian Rock-rat or Kha-nyou
6. Eupleridae (Carnivora): Madagascaran carnivorans
7. Hypsiprymnodontidae (Diprotodontia): *Hypsiprymnodon moschatus*, Musky Rat-kangaroo
8. Iniidae (Cetacea), iniid river dolphins
9. Mystacinidae (Chiroptera): *Mystacina*, New Zealand short-tailed bats
10. Myzopodidae (Chiroptera): *Myzopoda aurita*, Sucker-footed Bat
11. Nandiniidae (Carnivora): *Nandinia binotata*, African Palm Civet
12. Neobalaenidae (Cetacea), *Caperea marginata*, Pygmy Right Whale
13. Petromuridae (Rodentia): *Petromus typicus*, Dassie Rat
14. Platanthomyidae (Rodentia: ), tree mice
15. Platanistidae (Cetacea): *Platanista*, Indian river dolphins
16. Pseudocheiridae (Marsupialia: Diprotodontia): ring-tailed possums
17. Ptilocercidae (Scandentia): *Ptilocercus lowii*, Pen-tailed Treeshrew
18. Rhinopomatidae (Chiroptera): *Rhinopoma*, mouse-tailed bats
19. Solenodontidae (Soricomorpha): solenodons
20. Thryonomyidae (Rodentia): *Thryonomys*, cane rats
21. Thylacinidae (Marsupialia: Dasyuromorpha): *Thylacinus cynocephalus*, Marsupial Wolf

### Other Genera

Genera not in the order or families above and not in either Rodentia or Chiroptera that are not represented in the MIL. If the genus has only one extant species, its name is given.

1. *Aepyprymnus rufescens* (Marsupialia: Diprotodontia), Rufous Rat-Kangaroo
2. *Allenopithecus nigroviridis* (Primates: Cercopithecidae), Allen's Swamp Monkey
3. *Allocebus trichotis* (Primates: Cheirogaleidae), Hairy-eared Dwarf Lemur
4. *Amblysomus* (Afrosoricida: Chrysochloridae): golden moles
5. *Ammodorcas clarkei* (Artiodactyla: Bovidae), Dibatag (Clarke's Gazelle)
6. *Anathana ellioti* (Scandentia: Tupaiidae), Madras Treeshrew
7. *Anourosorex* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), mole shrews
8. *Arctocebus* (Primates: Lorisidae) angwantibos
9. *Arctogalidia trivirgata* (Carnivora: Viverridae), Small-toothed Palm Civet
10. *Avahi* (Primates: Indridae), woolly lemurs

11. *Bdeogale* (Carnivora: Herpestidae), mongooses
12. *Berardius* (Cetacea: Ziphiidae), beaked whales
13. *Bettongia* (Diprotodontia: Potoroidae), bettongs
14. *Blarinella* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), short-tailed shrews
15. *Brachylagus idahoensis* (Lagomorpha: Leporidae), Pygmy Rabbit
16. *Brachyteles* (Primates: Atelidae), muriquis
17. *Burramys parvus* (Diprotodontia: Burramyidae), Mountain Pygmy Possum
18. *Calcochloris* (Afrosoricida: Chrysochloridae), golden moles
19. *Caloprymnus campestris* (Diprotodontia: Potoroidae), Desert Rat-kangaroo
20. *Caluromysiops irrupta* (Didelphimorphia: Didelphidae), Black-shouldered Opossum
21. *Calypotophractus retusus* (Cingulata: Dasypodidae), Greater Fairy Armadillo
22. *Caprolagus hispidus* (Lagomorpha: Leporidae), Hispid Hare
23. *Carpitalpa arendsi* (Afrosoricida: Chrysochloridae), Arend's Golden Mole
24. *Catopuma* (Carnivora: Felidae), bay and golden cats
25. *Cephalorhynchus* (Cetacea: Delphinidae), dolphins
26. *Chaetophractus* (Cingulata: Dasypodidae), hairy armadillos
27. *Chimarrogale* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), water shrews
28. *Chiropotes* (Primates: Pitheciidae), bearded sakis
29. *Chlorotalpa* (Afrosoricida: Chrysochloridae), golden moles
30. *Chodsigoa* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), shrews
31. *Chrysochloris* (Afrosoricida: Chrysochloridae), golden moles
32. *Congosorex* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), Congo shrews
33. *Cryptochloris* (Afrosoricida: Chrysochloridae), golden moles
34. *Cuon alpinus* (Carnivora: Canidae), Dhole
35. *Cynocephalus volans* (Dermoptera: Cynocephalidae), Philippine Flying Lemur
36. *Cynogale bennettii* (Carnivora: Viverridae), Otter Civet
37. *Cystophora cristata* (Carnivora: Phocidae), Hooded Seal
38. *Dactylopsila* (Diprotodontia: Petauridae), striped possums
39. *Dasyercus cristicauda* (Dasyuromorpha: Dasyuridae), Mulgara
40. *Dasykaluta rosamondae* (Dasyuromorpha: Dasyuridae), Little Red Kaluta
41. *Dendrogale* (Scandentia: Tupaiidae), smooth-tailed treeshrews
42. *Dendrohyrax* (Hyracoidea: Procaviidae), tree hyraxes
43. *Desmana moschata* (Soricomorpha: Erinaceidae), Desman
44. *Diplogale hosei* (Carnivora: Viverridae), Hose's Palm Civet
45. *Diplomesodon pulchellum* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), Piebald Shrew
46. *Distoechurus pennatus* (Diprotodontia: Acrobatidae), Feather-tailed Possum
47. *Dologale dybowskii* (Carnivora: Herpestidae), Pousargues's Mongoose
48. *Dorcopsis* (Diprotodontia: Macropodidae), New Guinean forest wallabies
49. *Dorcopsulus* (Diprotodontia: Macropodidae), New Guinean forest mountain wallabies
50. *Dusicyon australis* (Carnivora: Canidae), Falkland Islands Wolf
51. *Dymecodon pilirostris* (Soricomorpha: Talpidae), True's Shrew Mole
52. *Echinosorex gymnura* (Erinaceomorpha: Erinaceidae), Moonrat
53. *Echymipera* (Peramelemorphia: Peramelidae), New Guinean spiny bandicoots
54. *Episoriculus* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), brown-toothed shrews
55. *Eremitalpa granti* (Afrosoricida: Chrysochloridae), Grant's Golden Mole
56. *Erignathus barbatus* (Carnivora: Phocidae), Bearded Seal

57. *Erinaceus* (Erinaceomorpha: Erinaceidae), hedgehogs
58. *Euoticus* (Primates: Galagidae), needle-clawed bushbabies
59. *Euroscaptor* (Soricomorpha: Talpidae), moles
60. *Feresa attenuata* (Cetacea: Delphinidae), Pygmy Killer Whale
61. *Feroculus feroculus* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), Kelaart's Long-clawed Shrew
62. *Galago* (Primates: Galagonidae), bushbabies
63. *Galemys pyrenaicus* (Soricomorpha: Talpidae), Pyrenean Desman
64. *Geogale aurata* (Afrisoricida: Tenrecidae), Large-eared Tenrec
65. *Glirionia venusta* (Didelphimorphia: Didelphidae), Bushy-tailed Opossum
66. *Gymnobelideus leadbeateri* (Diprotodontia: Petauridae), Leadbeater's Possum
67. *Haplemur* (Primates: Lemuridae), bamboo lemurs
68. *Hemigalus derbyanus* (Carnivora: Viverridae), Banded Palm Civet
69. *Herpestes* (Carnivora: Herpestidae), mongooses
70. *Histriophoca fasciata* (Carnivora: Phocidae), Ribbon Seal
71. *Hydrictis maculicollis* (Carnivora: Mustelidae), Spotted-necked Otter
72. *Hyemoschus aquaticus* (Artiodactyla: Tragulidae), Water Chevrotain
73. *Hyladelphys kalinowskii* (Didelphimorphia: Didelphidae), Kalinowski's Mouse Opossum
74. *Hylomys* (Erinaceomorpha: Erinaceidae), gymnures
75. *Hyperoodon* (Cetacea: Ziphiidae), bottlenose whales
76. *Ictonyx* (Carnivora: Mustelidae), polecats
77. *Indopacetus pacificus* (Cetacea: Ziphiidae), Tropical Bottlenose Whale
78. *Indri indri* (Primates: Indriidae), Indri
79. *Lagenodelphis hosei* (Cetacea: Delphinidae), Fraser's Dolphin
80. *Lagorchestes* (Diprotodontia: Macropodidae), hare-wallabies
81. *Lasiorhinus* (Diprotodontia: Vombatidae), hairy-nosed wombats
82. *Lestodelphys halli* (Didelphimorphia: Didelphidae), Patagonian Opossum
83. *Liberiictis kuhni* (Carnivora: Herpestidae), Liberian Mongoose
84. *Limnogale mergulus* (Afrosoricida: Tenrecidae), Web-footed Tenrec
85. *Lutra* (Carnivora: Mustelidae), otters
86. *Lutrogale perspicillata* (Carnivora: Mustelidae), Smooth-coated Otter
87. *Lyncodon patagonicus* (Carnivora: Mustelidae), Patagonian Weasel
88. *Macrogalidia musschenbroekii* (Carnivora: Viverridae), Sulawesi Palm Civet
89. *Megasorex gigas* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), Mexican Shrew
90. *Meles* (Carnivora: Mustelidae), badgers
91. *Melogale* (Carnivora: Mustelidae), ferret-badgers
92. *Mesechinus* (Erinaceomorpha: Erinaceidae), hedgehogs
93. *Micromurexia habbema* (Dasyuromorphia: Dasyuridae), Habbema Dasyure
94. *Microporyctes* (Peramelemorphia: Peramelidae), bandicoots
95. *Micropotamogale* (Afrosoricida: Tenrecidae), otter shrews
96. *Mirza coquereli* (Primates: Cheirogaleidae), Giant Mouse Lemur
97. *Mogera* (Soricomorpha: Talpidae), moles
98. *Monodon monoceros* (Cetacea: Monodontidae), Narwhal
99. *Moschiola meminna* (Artiodactyla: Tragulidae), Indian Spotted Chevrotain
100. *Murexechinus melanurus* (Dasyuromorphia: Dasyuridae), Black-tailed Dasyure
101. *Murexia longicaudata* (Dasyuromorphia: Dasyuridae), Short-furred Dasyure
102. *Mydaus* (Carnivora: Mustelidae), stink badgers

103. *Myoictis* (Dasyuromorphia: Dasyuridae), dasyures
104. *Nasuella olivacea* (Carnivora: Procyonidae), Mountain Coati
105. *Neamblysomus* (Afrosoricida: Chrysochloridae), golden moles
106. *Nectogale elegans* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), Elegant Water Shrew
107. *Neohylomys hainanensis* (Erinaceomorpha: Erinaceidae), Hainan Gymnure
108. *Neophascogale lorentzi* (Dasyuromorphia: Dasyuridae), Speckled Dasyure
109. *Neophoca cinerea* (Carnivora: Otariidae), Australian Sealion
110. *Neophocaena phocaenoides* (Cetacea: Phocoenidae), Finless Porpoise
111. *Neotetracus sinensis* (Erinaceomorpha: Erinaceidae), Shrew Gymnure
112. *Nesolagus* (Lagomorpha: Leporidae), striped rabbits
113. *Ningauai* (Dasyuromorphia: Dasyuridae), ningauis
114. *Notiosorex* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), gray shrews
115. *Onychogalea* (Diprotodontia: Macropodidae), nail-tailed wallabies
116. *Orcaella brevirostris* (Cetacea: Delphinidae), Irrawady Dolphin
117. *Oryctolagus cuniculus* (Lagomorpha: Leporidae), European Rabbit
118. *Oryzorictes* (Afrosoricida: Tenrecidae), rice tenrecs
119. *Pagophilus groenlandicus* (Carnivora: Phocidae), Harp Seal
120. *Paguma larvata* (Carnivora: Viverridae), Masked Palm Civet
121. *Paracrociodura* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), large-headed shrews
122. *Paracynctis selousi* (Carnivora: Herpestidae), Selous's Mongoose
123. *Paraechinus* (Erinaceomorpha: Erinaceidae), hedgehogs
124. *Paramurexia rothschildi* (Dasyuromorphia: Dasyuridae), Broad-striped Dasyure
125. *Parantechinus apicalis* (Dasyuromorphia: Dasyuridae), Southern Dibbler
126. *Parascaptor leucura* (Soricomorpha: Talpidae), White-tailed Mole
127. *Pelea capreolus* (Artiodactyla: Bovidae), Vaal Rhebok
128. *Pentalagus furnessi* (Lagomorpha: Leporidae), Amami Rabbit
129. *Peponocephala electra* (Cetacea: Delphinidae), Melon-headed Whale
130. *Perameles* (Peramelemorphia: Peramelidae), bandicoots
131. *Peroryctes* (Peramelemorphia: Peramelidae), bandicoots
132. *Phaner* (Primates: Cheirogaleidae), fork-crowned lemurs
133. *Phascogale* (Dasyuromorphia: Dasyuridae), phascogales
134. *Phascolosorex* (Dasyuromorphia: Dasyuridae), marsupial shrews
135. *Phascomurexia naso* (Dasyuromorphia: Dasyuridae), Long-nosed Dasyure
136. *Phocarctos hookeri* (Carnivora: Otariidae), New Zealand Sealion
137. *Piliocolobus* (Primates: Cercopithecidae), red colobuses
138. *Podogymnura* (Erinaceomorpha: Erinaceidae), gymnures
139. *Poecilogale albinucha* (Carnivora: Mustelidae), African Striped Weasel
140. *Poelagus marjorita* (Lagomorpha: Leporidae), Bunyoro Rabbit
141. *Poiana* (Carnivora: Viverridae), linsangs
142. *Potamogale velox* (Afrosoricida: Tenrecidae), Giant Otter Shrew
143. *Presbytis* (Primates: Cercopithecidae), langurs
144. *Prionodon* (Carnivora: Viverridae), linsangs
145. *Procapra* (Artiodactyla: Bovidae), gazelles
146. *Procolobus verus* (Primates: Cercopithecidae), Olive Colobus
147. *Profelis aurata* (Carnivora: Felidae), African Golden Cat
148. *Pronolagus* (Lagomorpha: Leporidae), red rock hares

149. *Pseudantechinus* (Dasyuromorphia: Dasyuridae), false antechinuses
150. *Pseudopotto martini* (Primates: Lorisidae), False Potto
151. *Rhynchogale melleri* (Carnivora: Herpestidae), Meller's Mongoose
152. *Rhyncholeutes prattorum* (Peramelemorphia: Peramelidae), Seram Bandicoot
153. *Rungwecebus kipunji* (Primates: Cercopithecidae), Highland Mangabey
154. *Ruwenzorisorex suncooides* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), Ruwenzori Shrew
155. *Scapanulus oweni* (Soricomorpha: Talpidae), Gansu Mole
156. *Scaptochirus moschatus* (Soricomorpha: Talpidae), Short-faced Mole
157. *Scaptonyx fuscicaudus* (Soricomorpha: Talpidae), Long-tailed Mole
158. *Scutisorex somereni* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), Armored Shrew
159. *Setifer setosus* (Afrosoricida: Tenrecidae), Greater Hedgehog Tenrec
160. *Simias concolor* (Primates: Cercopithecidae), Simakobou
161. *Solisorex pearsoni* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), Pearson's Long-clawed Shrew
162. *Soriculus nigrescens* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), Himalayan Shrew
163. *Sotalia fluviatilis* (Cetacea: Delphinidae), Tucuxi
164. *Sousa* (Cetacea: Delphinidae), humpbacked dolphins
165. *Steno bredanensis* (Cetacea: Delphinidae), Rough-toothed Dolphin
166. *Strigocuscus* (Diprotodontia: Phalangeridae), cuscuses
167. *Surdisorex* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), mole shrews
168. *Sylvisorex* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), forest shrews
169. *Tasmacetus shepherdi* (Cetacea: Ziphiidae), Shephard's Beaked Whale
170. *Tlacuatzin canescens* (Didelphimorphia: Didelphidae), Gray Mouse Opossum
171. *Urogale everetti* (Scandentia: Tupaiidae), Mindanao Treeshrew
172. *Uropsilus* (Soricomorpha: Talpidae), shrew moles
173. *Urotrichus talpoides* (Soricomorpha: Talpidae), Japanese Shrew Mole
174. *Viverra* (Carnivora: Viverridae), civets
175. *Vormela peregusna* (Carnivora: Mustelidae), Marbled Polecat
176. *Wyulda squamicaudata* (Diprotodontia: Phalangeridae), Scaly-tailed Possum
177. *Zaedyus pichi* (Cingulata: Dasypodidae), Pichi
178. *Zaglossus* (Monotremata: Tachyglossidae), long-beaked echidnas
179. *Ziphius cavirostris* (Cetacea: Ziphiidae), Cuvier's Beaked Whale

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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## **Marine Mammals Committee**

**Committee Members:** R. L. Brownell, Jr., C. M. Callahan, K. Dudzinski, J. P. Dines (Chair), H. H. Edwards, J. Lapsertis, T. J. McIntyre, D. K. Odell, T. J. O'Shea, C. W. Potter, and S. Sheffield.

**Mission:**



The marine mammals committee was formed in 1921 and Chaired by E. W. Nelson. It is the longest-standing active committee of the American Society of Mammalogists. Its mission is to maintain and encourage interest in marine mammals in the ASM, to provide the Society membership with information about marine mammalogy, including conservation and legislative issues, to spearhead resolutions and legislation involving marine mammals, and to serve as a liaison between ASM and the Society for Marine Mammalogy (SMM). Members of the Marine Mammals Committee are frequently active in both ASM and SMM.

### **Information Items:**

(1) Members of the Committee have monitored and communicated with each other over the course of the year on issues pertinent to the conservation of marine mammals.

#### **(2) Japanese Whaling**

At the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in 2001, the American Society of Mammalogists adopted a resolution stipulating that Japan's research whaling program provides no major advances in scientific understanding of whales and called on Japan to cease said scientific whaling. On 31 March 2014, the International Court of Justice issued a decision on Japan's whaling program in Antarctica. Japan has been making use of the scientific permit exception to continue whaling since the moratorium on commercial whaling under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling. The Court concluded that Japan's activities were not legitimate "scientific research," as claimed, but was actually impermissible commercial whaling.

#### **(3) Panel Discussion on Captive and Free-living Killer Whales**

The Society for Marine Mammalogy held a panel discussion entitled "Scientific Studies of Captive and Free-living Killer Whales" on 12 December 2013 in Dunedin, New Zealand during the Society's 20th Biennial Conference. More information is available on the website of the Society for Marine Mammalogy: <http://www.marinemammalscience.org>.

#### **(4) Proposed California Legislation to Ban Killer Whales in Captivity**

California Assembly Bill 2148, introduced in early 2014, proposes to make it unlawful to hold in captivity, or use, a wild-caught or captive-bred orca for performance or entertainment purposes within the State of California. The bill has since been placed on hold for further study and won't likely be addressed until 2015. The text of the proposed law can be found at: [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201320140AB2140](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB2140)

#### **(5) Marine Mammal Anatomy and Pathology Library**

Developed as an online training and reference tool, the Marine Mammal Anatomy and Pathology Library (MMAPL - [www.mmapl.ucsc.edu](http://www.mmapl.ucsc.edu)) is a collaborative effort to construct a visual library of normal anatomy and common pathologies encountered in marine mammals. In addition to high quality annotated images of Otariid (California sea lion) and Cetacean (harbor porpoise) anatomical structures, the website includes sections on basic stranding response, safety precautions, and post-mortem examination of marine mammals. More taxa will be added to the library in the future.

## **(6) Beaked Whale Strandings in Southern Greece**

Five Cuvier's beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris*) were stranded near Southern Crete, Greece on 1–6 April 2014, apparently in association with NATO naval exercises occurring at the same time and place. The US Navy was a participant in the NATO exercises and low frequency active sonar was likely deployed. At least two of the stranded beaked whales died. The Marine Mammal Committee monitored the stranding event and considered drafting a letter on behalf of the Society asking the Secretary of the US Navy to clarify if the US Navy's Marine Mammal Mitigation Program applies to training operations that include the US Navy but occur outside of US territory. The Committee subsequently learned that the US Navy's mitigation measures were in effect at the time of the beaked whale strandings. The committee continued to monitor the stranding event but no action was taken.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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## **Membership Committee**

**Committee Members:** G. N. Cameron, A. E. Cheeseman, J. Duggan, J. Eggleston, E. J. Finck (Chair) A. Ferguson, S. Maher, S. Mech, K. Thibault, B. Tanis, T. Tomasi, J. Yunger.

### **Mission:**

The Membership Committee tracks current membership trends in the Society and is involved with both membership recruitment and retention. In addition, the committee works with Allen Press to correct membership bookkeeping problems that arise.

### **Information Items:**

**(1)** We were charged to attempt to stop the loss of membership and increase communications with members and potential members. We are working in concert with Allen Press to do such. We also were involved in the increased exposure on Facebook and Twitter, and the beginning of a monthly communications from President Heske, and the ASM Newsletter.

#### **(a) Recruitment**

We developed a membership benefits poster ([http://www.mammalsociety.org/uploads/ASM\\_Benefits\\_Poster\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.mammalsociety.org/uploads/ASM_Benefits_Poster_FINAL.pdf)). We also developed a pamphlet about membership that was used at the International Mammalogical Conference and other meetings. We participated in a recruitment competition initiated by President Heske.

#### **(b) Retention**

In conjunction with Allen Press and President Heske, the Committee sent 1247 e-mail letters to lapsed members. We sent 123 e-mail letters to first time attending non-student members and 235 first time attending student members for the upcoming meeting in Oklahoma City.

(2) The Committee is concentrating efforts along with the Graduate Students and Education Committee to make first-time attenders at the ASM meeting more welcome. We have been active on the ASM Facebook page.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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## **Merriam Award Committee**

**Committee Members:** R.T. Bowyer, K. Holekamp, G. Michener, R. Ostfeld, F.A. Smith (Chair), M. Willig.

### **Mission:**

The responsibility of this Committee is to solicit and evaluate nominations for the C. Hart Merriam Award and to select a recipient of the award to be announced at the Annual Banquet. The recipient is invited to present a plenary lecture at the meeting of the following year. As per a 1996 amendment of the originally defined award by the Board of Directors, the Merriam Award currently represents a focus on recognition for outstanding research contributions to mammalogy.

### **Information Items:**

(1) The Committee discharged its duty according to schedule. The recipient of the 2014 Merriam Award will be announced by the Chair of the Committee at the Annual Banquet.

### **Action Items:**

(1) Budget Items: \$50 for engraving and mounting of bison statue given to the Merriam Award recipient plus \$1500 travel expenses to the 2015 Annual Meeting, for \$1550 total.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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## Nomenclature Committee

**Committee Members:** J. Diaz-N, J. L. Eger, A. L. Gardner, H. H. Genoways, K. M. Helgen, R. W. Norris (Chair), M. McDonough, R. H. Pine, C. M. Pinto, D. M. Reeder, S. Solari, and P. Velazco.

### **Mission:**

Established in 1928, the Nomenclature Committee provides advice to Society members on problems regarding taxonomy and nomenclature.

### **Information Items:**

(1) The Committee has been assisting the Editor of the Journal of Mammalogy with manuscripts involving new species descriptions and those with extensive revisions.

(2) The Committee along with the Nomenclature Committee of the International Federation of Mammalogists continues to review nomenclature for Mammalian Species.

(3) In 2013, the Journal of Mammalogy published its first Fast Track article, an electronic publication. The Committee assisted the Publications Committee in ensuring the manuscript complied with the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, especially regarding those changes that became effective in 2012 concerning electronic publication.

(4) The Committee continues to receive requests for information from the Publications Committee and via the ASM website.

### **Action Items:**

(1) Request renewal of \$250 in support of the AAZN.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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## Program Committee

**Committee Members:** K. Bell, B. Blood, J. Braun (Chair), B. Coyner, M. Hamilton, L. Helgen, S. Loeb, K. Mabry, D. Odell, M. Revelez, M. Schadler, C. Thompson, P. A. Zollner.

### **Mission:**

The Program Committee is responsible for the solicitation and acceptance of proposals for symposia and workshops, for advertising the meeting to other scientific societies, for soliciting

bids to host meetings, and assisting meeting hosts in preparing for annual meetings. [In 2011, the committee was charged with venue selection, organizing the annual meeting, the solicitation and acceptance of proposals for symposia and workshops, and advertising the meeting to other scientific societies.]

### **Information Items:**

(1) The Chair of the Program Committee, Janet Braun, tendered her resignation as Chair to the ASM officers 15 April 2013, but indicating that she would remain as Chair through the 2014 meeting. President Elect Lacey agreed to manage arrangements for the 2015 meeting as well as the site selection process for the 2016 venue until a new chair has been appointed.

#### *(2) Sponsors and Exhibitors*

2014—The Sponsorship and Exhibitor brochure was revised for 2014. Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities increase support and participation in the Annual Meeting by businesses, companies, organizations, and agencies. Sponsors and exhibitors continue to indicate that they are very positive about the change in venue for the Annual Meeting. Some sponsor categories include a discount for 2015 for participation in 2014. For 2014, 23 individuals, organizations, and businesses provided sponsorship or advertising; several are new for 2014 and several have not attended an ASM meeting in a number of years.

Four museums provided complimentary admission to all meeting participants (Sam Noble Museum and Museum of Osteology) or a limited number of complimentary admissions (Oklahoma History Center and Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum).

2015—Several businesses and companies have indicated an interest in the 2015 meeting. The committee will continue to develop the sponsor and exhibitor base, and continue to explore acquiring corporate sponsorships. The short version of the 2015 brochure will be distributed to sponsors and exhibitors at this year's meeting along with a thank you letter signed by the ASM President. **Requests for sponsorship and advertising at the 2015 meeting should begin no later than late summer of 2014 as many companies already will be determining their advertising and exhibition schedules.**

#### *(3) Registration*

2014—Begun in 2013, registration cost for non-members was increased by at least the cost of membership. Registration rates for retirees, guests and spouses, and one-day meeting participation again were offered for 2014.

The committee is aware that there may be a need to add registration rates for Virtual Participants, K-12 Professionals, High School Students, and Developing Country Participants at future meetings.

#### *(4) Travel and Lodging*

2014—The mechanism for finding roommates, which was added in 2012, was used again in 2014, as was the email link for non-US attendees to request a confirmation letter for visa applications (6 requests).

**(5) Abstract Submissions**

2014—The mechanisms and logistics for submitting abstracts, as well as submitting revisions continues to work smoothly. For abstracts submitted by recipients of a previous year's award (24 in this year's program for the years 2010-2013), submitters again were requested to add an acknowledgment statement to the end of their abstract. This not only acknowledges recipients of awards in the program, but also provides information about meeting attendance of award recipients.

An “evite” to send to colleagues to attend the meeting, guidelines for poster presentations, and an invitation to deposit presentations with F1000Posters (an open access repository) again were made available on the meeting website.

As in the last 2 years, the majority of abstracts are submitted within 72 hours of the deadline and a number are submitted after the deadline.

Brandi Coyner managed abstract submissions, including formatting and revisions. Meredith Hamilton and Brad Blood edited oral presentation and poster abstracts, respectively. Presenter letters were handled by Kayce Bell and Janet Braun.

**(6) Program Highlights**

2014—Speakers for the capstone speaker, plenary sessions, symposia, workshops, and thematic sessions were highlighted on the meeting website. Three workshops, two teacher workshops, and two field trips were offered.

**(7) Receptions and Socials**

2014—The Student Mixer was moved to later in the meeting at the request of the Education and Graduate Student Committee. A reception for new members/new attendees hosted by the Membership Committee will be held before the Opening Social. The donor reception, hosted by the Development Committee, will be held before the Opening Social rather than before the banquet. Invitations to the donor reception were handled by Lauren Helgen. The Banquet and Awards Presentation will be held on the last evening, and a Banquet Program will be distributed to all attendees.

**(8) Auction and Run for Research**

2014—A pdf of the auction item donation receipt was available on the meeting website. Cody Thompson assisted with the solicitation of items for the auction.

**(9) Media and Public Relations**

2014—Media and public relations activities (press releases and blog) were facilitated by the staff of the Sam Noble Museum. Press releases were added to the website for access by media sources. The Annual Meeting Media Policy was revised and a Media Contact/Public Information

Officer (President Heske) was designated for the 2014 meeting. The policy was posted on the meeting website.

**(10) Website**

2014—The meeting website was live in fall 2013 with additional information added as it became available. Links from the meeting website to the ASM Grants & Awards and ASM Homepage again were available from the meeting website.

**(11) Social Networking**

2014—The Committee will continue to explore increasing the use of social media for the 2015 meeting in coordination with the Informatics Committee. The Informatics Committee is developing a meeting app for the 2014 meeting based on the meeting program.

**(12) Virtual Meeting**

2015—The Committee will continue to explore the use of live stream or post videos of plenary and symposia presentations, including the opportunity for virtual posters—presentations by individuals that are not able to attend the meeting at a special registration rate.

**(13) Planning for Future Meeting Activities**

The Committee is working with other committees to plan for symposia, workshops, social events, and activities for future meetings.

**(14) Meeting Venues for 2014 and 2015:**

2015: The 2015 Annual Meeting will be held 12-16 June at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront in Jacksonville, FL. This information is currently posted on the ASM website, with updates to follow as planning progresses. An update on the meeting will be presented to the membership (Eileen Lacey).

2016: Proposals will be presented for the 2016 Annual Meeting, to be held in the north-central region of the US.

2017: The 2017 Annual Meeting will be held in the western region of the US. Persons interested in submitting a proposal to host the 2017 meeting should speak with a member of the Program Committee.

**Action Items:**

(1) The Program Committee requests approval of the following budget items, which will support workshops and symposia to be held at the 2015 Annual Meeting:

**WORKSHOP:** Publishing a Peer-reviewed Paper from Start to Finish (Fairbanks and Merrick)

**REQUEST:** \$ 0

**SYMPOSIUM:** Advanced Tools for Collections-Based Mammalogy (Leslie and Pinto)

**REQUEST:** \$ 4223

**SYMPOSIUM:** The Last Remaining Caribbean Mammals: Conservation Priorities and the Historical Context of Extinctions in an Island Biodiversity Hotspot (Upham and Lim)

**REQUEST:** \$ 4500

**CAPSTONE SPEAKER (TBD)**

**REQUEST:** \$ 1500

**TOTAL REQUEST:** **\$10,223**

(2) The Program Committee requests approval of the budget requested to support expenses associated with site visits for the selection of future Annual Meeting venues.

**REQUEST: \$8000**

(3) The Program Committee requests approval of the budget requested to support the costs associated with society administrative activities that take place during the Annual Meeting (e.g., Board of Directors meetings, Members Meeting).

**REQUEST: \$4000**

(4) The Program Committee requests approval of the budget requested to support expenses associated with the 2015 Annual Meeting.

**REQUEST: \$8000**

(5) The Program Committee requests approval for the use of 2014 meeting residual funds to support expenses associated with the 2015 Annual Meeting, particularly relating to keeping registration affordable and funding requests for support of meeting activities and speakers submitted after the meeting budget has been finalized.

**REQUEST: TBD**

**TOTAL REQUEST:** **\$30,223**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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## Public Education Committee

**Committee Members:** L. C. Arias, K. Bell, G. Feldhamer, D. Ginnett, A. Joachim (deceased), V. Mathis, M. Merrick, D. K. Odell, J. R. O'Neill, P. Owen, V. Naples, B. D. Sasse, L. Schlitter, B. J. Shaw (Chair), S. Sheffield, K. K. Thorington, and J. Varner.

### **Mission:**

Established as a standing committee by the Board of Directors in 1993, the Public Education Committee seeks to make education about mammals accessible to grades K-12. Committee members foster outreach projects to raise awareness about mammals for students in their formative years. The committee coordinates its efforts with the assistance of other ASM committees, sister societies as well as elementary and high school science teachers.

### **Responsibilities:**

The Public Education Committee conducts several activities including the Public Education Partnership (PEP) that is an initiative to encourage activity and visibility of ASM members in their local K-12 classrooms. This initiative was launched at the 1995 Annual Meeting at the University of Vermont with 64 charter members.

### **Information Items:**

#### **(1) State Lists of Mammals:**

One of the PEC's long-term projects is to provide a State List of Mammals for all 50 states.

**MSW: A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference (3rd ed; MSW) was published in 2005, and the state mammals lists are aligned to this taxonomic system.** Members of PEC completed 25 State Mammal Lists prior to 2005. An additional 4 states were completed in 2005 but were not posted online. None of these state lists have been updated with **the 2005 MSW, and all states need either writing or revising to reflect those changes.**

At the 2009 Annual Meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska, the Committee determined that the most reasonable course of action was to completely revise the way state lists are written. In place of the individual state spreadsheets, we developed a single database of all species found within the United States. In our initial discussions, we considered that, at the very least, we would be working with a single list and extracting the needed information. When Reeder and Helgen publish the next edition of MSW, we would only have one list, rather than up to 50 to edit. Not only would we be able to produce all 50 state mammal lists, but the turn-around time to revise them would be manageable. We discussed the potential of the Society developing an online mammal database, making it possible to extract different information than just a state list, and making this information more powerful for the website visitor.

After much discussion how to best make this database K-12 student and teacher friendly, we incorporated additional information anticipating the types of data teachers and students would find interesting and useful: biomes, IUCN status, diet, and introduced. The Mammal Species

database will have a direct link to mammal species accounts and images from the mammal image library.

In 2012, PEC also included “zoonotic diseases” as a category, however no one on the committee feels competent to manage this information. We will have this field inserted into the online database program. It will, however, remain blank until we successfully recruit someone from the membership to manage that field.

The final aspect of this new database is to provide students, teachers, and the general public a clearinghouse of citizen scientist mammal projects available to join. We are currently debating how best to incorporate citizen scientists projects into this database. Some projects could be identified by species or state, and that citizen scientist project would be included whenever a project species or state is pulled into the search parameters. Other citizen scientist projects, however, are defined by other criteria. At this time, we are considering flagging those projects that can be identified within the database, and sending the person inquiring to a linking page that lists all available citizen scientists’ projects. For more information, please see below on the Citizen Scientist section.

Two fields are currently being finished by PEC: IUCN status and biomes. We have incorporated two other fields: 1) state specific information about a species and 2) citations about each species by state. These fields are for ASM membership to notify PEC of up-to-date published information that we can include into the system. It is the PEC intent that this database system becomes one way that the scientists of ASM can communicate directly about their research with the public.

Working with the Informatics Committee, PEC requested and was awarded the funds to develop the online database system, and the money transferred to Informatics budget. Over the past year, Acro Media began work on building the database system. We have received the first visualization and submitted our comments. For more details about the online development, please see the Informatics Committee report.

In April 2014, we exported all 50 states mammal lists to Excel spreadsheets from the mammal species database (Special thanks to D. K. Odell). Wilson and Reeder’s 2005 MSW was the major guide for the information incorporated in the mammal species, and each species has been double checked against that information. As of this report, PEC is working with the Informatics Committee to post by the Annual Meeting all 50 states online to the State-Specific Lists of Indigenous Mammals: (<http://www.mammalsociety.org/mammals-list>).

PEC needs your expertise to make this database accurate, precise, and current. We respectfully request ASM members to scrutinize each list for omissions, erroneous inclusions, correction of any misinformation, and incorporate current notes and citations. All corrections need to be sent to the chair, Barbara Shaw, [barbara.shaw@colostate.edu](mailto:barbara.shaw@colostate.edu).

While membership is correcting the information, PEC continues to work with the Informatics Committee and Acro Media, preparing the online database available to any visitor. We need to link all the images of each species available to the mammal species lists and correct and edit

information as it comes in from the membership. The database design is K-12 student/teacher friendly, using specific terms as pull down menus, including “State,” “Diet,” “Habitat,” “IUCN Status,” “Order,” and “Family.” In addition, we will have a box to type in searches, like “bat” or “Colorado.”

Our goal for 2014-15 is to complete the review by membership of the state lists developed from the database, and working with the Informatics Committee and Acro Media, go live with the Mammal Species Database. Our final goal is to incorporate mammals of Canada and Mexico, completing the North American Mammal Species database.

### **(2) Science Fair Certificates:**

The Public Education Committee provides recognition to students participating in Science Fairs with a project related to mammals by awarding a Certificate of Achievement. Certificates were requested this year for the Blue Ridge Highlands Regional Science Fair, and 6 certificates were awarded to the participants. We would like to remind the membership to request the Certificate of Achievement if you participate in a science fair, for any student who conducts research on mammals. Please email the Chair.

### **(3) Clearinghouse for K-12 Teachers:**

This program connects classroom teachers with mammalogists but is not used. We had no requests this year. We anticipate that this will change as the PEC is able to utilize the newly upgraded website through its multiple ongoing projects.

### **(4) Citizen Science:**

One of the challenges of education through modern technology is how to get folks off of the computer looking at and exploring the natural world. At the 2013 Annual Meeting, K.K. Thorington, J. Varner, and B. Shaw developed and presented a poster to engage membership in this discussion about how ASM can promote science to everyone, primarily through citizen scientists’ projects. In general, members indicated that PEC could act as a clearinghouse for citizen scientists’ projects throughout North America. This would provide one place for the public looking to participate in mammal projects, and in turn increase traffic to the ASM website. PEC discussed options to provide this service, including incorporating projects into the online database system (when that goes live). In addition, PEC is proposing to maintain a separate page on the project, with start and end dates, and post this list a minimum of once a year, but we are targeting twice a year – at the end of winter and at the end of summer, with the date prominently displayed of when the last posting occurred.

To begin this project, PEC would request groups working on citizen scientists’ projects involving mammals to contact the ASM PEC to post their project on our website, including their beginning and ending dates. We would post their project on our Citizen Scientist webpage (to be developed). If possible, we would also link the information to the mammal species database. That way, if someone pulls up information on a species or state that has a project, the visitor would be informed that they can get more information and even participate.

PEC is incorporating Citizen Scientists’ Projects as a field in the database, anticipating the development of this service. Our goal for 2014-15 is to continue work on this program, develop

an announcement to our fellow scientists, requesting they include us when advertising for participants. We are still in initial stages of this project, but with the mammal species database in the final stages before going live, we can divert more attention to this project this year.

Teacher Workshop (G. Feldhamer (lead), A. Joachim, V. Mathis, V. Naples, B. J. Shaw, and J. Varner)

PEC is presenting a 7 hour teacher workshop this year at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History on 7 June. Feldhamer, and Varner are presenting the Middle School/High School (MS/HS) session on field sampling using yellow taxi cabs and green pick-up trucks, then incorporating mathematical programming for data analysis. Their program was developed by Feldhamer, Mathis, and Varner. Shaw is presenting the elementary session on mammal detectives – using clues to identify mammals. This program was developed by Joachim, Owen, Schlitter, and Shaw. Bell is working with the collections department to provide additional, hands-on ideas for visitors during the ASM meeting. The development of these workshop sessions is a basic format can be presented year to year for the teachers of the state in which we hold our ASM Annual Meeting.

PEC is beginning negotiations with the Museum of Science and Nature in Jacksonville for the 2015 meeting.

#### **(5) Conservation Education:**

Initial steps have been taken to work with the Conservation Committee to develop resources for K-12 educators, informal educators, and the general public on conservation issues. This project will be under discussion at this year's PEC meeting.

Andrew Joachim was an active and vital member of ASM's PEC. He died 16 July 2013. His wife wrote, "ASM was very important to him. He was very happy the meeting was in Philadelphia and spent a great deal of time preparing material to share with Education Committee." Andy will be greatly missed.

#### **Action Items:**

**(1)** In preparation for the teacher workshop in 2015, the Public Education Committee requests funds to develop and purchase the materials for presentation (\$200), and copying curricula (\$100) to deliver the ASM educator workshop to teachers at Jacksonville's Museum of Science and Nature. We therefore respectfully request a \$300.00 budget to cover these costs.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Barbara J. Shaw, Chair

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## Publications Advisory Board<sup>1</sup>

**Committee Members:** K. B. Aubry, H. Beck, B. H. Blake, J. Cigard (Managing Editor), M. J. Hamilton (*Mammalian Species* Editor), J. M. Harris, L. D. Hayes, S. A. Jansa, D. A. Kelt (Publications Director), C. W. Kilpatrick, B. K. Lim, C. R. Maher, M. Matocq, J. F. Merritt (*Journal* Editor), P. L. Meserve, R. W. Norris, R. A. Ojeda, J. Ortega, P. R. Owen, C. R. Pavey, R. A. Powell, I. S. Prange, E. A. Rickart, V. Sánchez-Cordero, L. A. Shipley, W. P. Smith, M. A. Steele, R. D. Stevens, B. J. Swanson, J. A. Thomas, M. V. Vieira, N. Woodman, D. A. Zegers.

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<sup>1</sup> The name of this committee was changed at the 2013 Annual Meeting from the Publications Committee to the Publications Advisory Board.

### **Mission:**

The Publications Advisory Board oversees the Society's publications, including the *Journal of Mammalogy* and *Mammalian Species*. The Board sets editorial policy for the Society and nominates editors for approval by the Board of Directors. The Board typically is composed of current editors, who are involved in reviewing and accepting papers and the technical production of the publications.

### **Information Items:**

(1) Since 2010, the ASM has contracted with Allen Press Publishing Services and Allen Press Association Management to publish the *Journal of Mammalogy* and *Mammalian Species* and to manage ASM memberships, respectively. Both of these contracts will end in December 2014. In 2012, President Heske established an ad hoc committee to solicit proposals for new publishing and membership management contracts. The ad hoc committee contracted with Kaufman, Wills, Fusting & Company (KFW – Baltimore, MD) to assist us in soliciting proposals and interfacing with potential publishers and association managers. It is worth emphasizing that the assistance of KWF was instrumental in the success of this RFP.

Publishing Contract. At the 2013 ASM meeting in Philadelphia the Board of Directors received proposals from three groups wishing to publish the *Journal* and *Mammalian Species* as of 1 January 2015. The Board voted to accept a bid from Oxford University Press for a 5-year contract (2015-2019), and through the fall and winter of 2013/14 the ad hoc committee worked with KWF to finalize this contract. We reached a mutually agreeable contract in March 2014, and this will take effect as of 1 January 2015.

The Publications Advisory Board extends its sincerest thanks to Allen Press for many years of productive, constructive, and collegial collaboration. Personal relationships have developed with many Allen Press employees, and we thank Karen Ridgway, Melanie Dolechek, Rita Janssen, Jane Cigard, Emily Mueller, Whitney Lohrenz, Kristi Bailey, Elizabeth Garrett, Cristi Classi, and all other AP staff who have helped us to convey our passion for the Science of Mammalogy.

Membership Management Contract. The Board of Directors entertained two proposals for membership management at the 2013 meeting in Philadelphia. Provisionally the Board agreed to defer a decision on this contract while the ASM Secretary-Treasurer worked with representatives

at Allen Press to resolve and streamline issues of concern. As of late April 2014, Society Officers continue to discuss the best option for membership management, and further discussions are likely to be held at the 2014 meeting in Oklahoma.

(2) In 2010 the Society established a Fast Track option for rapid online publication of new taxa. In 2013 we received our first submission for Fast Track publication. This was published online in December 2013.

(3) The most visible products of the ASM are the *Journal of Mammalogy* and *Mammalian Species*. The success of these is a direct reflection of the efforts of the editors for both journals, who comprise the bulk of the Publications Advisory Board. We excel through the dedication and efforts of these members, and they continue to display passion for mammalogy and for helping authors present their work as efficiently and effectively as possible. I encourage all Society members to thank members of this board in person.

This year, we are sad to accept the resignation of 6 AEs from the *Journal of Mammalogy*. These include Burton Lim (7 years), Victor Sánchez-Cordero (5 years), Lisa Shipley (3 years), Winston Smith (3 years), Michel Steele (4 years), and Neal Woodman (3 years). These retirements represent a combined 25 years of editing service to the *Journal* and the Society. Additionally, *Mammalian Species* has operated well with 5 AEs, but this year we are compelled to accept the resignation of Eric Rickart (8 years).

(4) Under President Heske's leadership the Society has implemented a practice of electronic voting to allow for more rapid decision-making on key societal issues, while also helping to streamline the annual Board of Director's meeting. Online voting in March 2014 approved the following incoming class of 7 Associate Editors for the *Journal of Mammalogy*: Leslie Carraway (Oregon State University), Jake Esselstyn (Louisiana State University), Tereza Jezkova (University of Nevada-Reno), Kevin Monteith (University of Wyoming), Duke Rogers (Brigham Young University), John Scheibe (Southeast Missouri State University), and Pat Zollner (Purdue University). Terms for these AEs will commence at the end of the Annual Meeting.

Simultaneous with the online vote for JM editors, the Board approved Robert Rose (Old Dominion University) as an incoming Associate Editor for *Mammalian Species*. Dr. Rose's tenure will commence at the end of the Annual Meeting.

(5) In 2013 we did not publish a compilation of *Mammalian Species* accounts as we had only 7 accounts ready for publication. This year we published 60 copies of Vol. 44 and 45 (accounts 890-904) in a combined package; 28 of these were sent to archival libraries, and 32 are available for purchase. A flyer to announce the availability of these accounts was included in the April issue of the *Journal of Mammalogy*.

(6) Publication statistics for the *Journal of Mammalogy* between 1 April 2013 and 23 March 2014. Readers are invited to note the monotonic decrease in handling times over the past 2 years:

**Volume 94, No. 3; 19 Feature articles<sup>2</sup>**

**Volume 94, No. 4;** 20 Feature articles, 2 book reviews

**Volume 94, No. 5;** 20 Feature articles, 1 book review

**Volume 94, No. 6;** 26 Feature articles, 1 book review

**Volume 95, No. 1;** 22 Feature articles, 3 book reviews

**Volume 95, No. 2;** 20 Feature articles, 4 book reviews

<sup>2</sup>Attentive readers may note that the 2013 Publications Committee report listed 22 feature articles and 1 book review for Vol. 94, No. 3. Subsequently, 3 articles and the book review were deferred to Vol. 94, No. 4.

**Manuscripts submitted, accepted, and rejected, including comparable data for 2 preceding years:**

	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
Number of manuscripts submitted	415	394	483	380
Number of manuscripts accepted	129	117	154	83
Number of manuscripts rejected	177	172	218	210
Rejection rate	58%	59%	58%	72%
Total Final Decisions (accepted + rejected)	306	289	372	n.a.

**Handling times:** Data for Vol. 93(5-6) and 94(1-3) were reported in 2013; these are provided here to highlight increasing efficiency of manuscript processing.

Volume 93, Nos. 5-6

Submission to acceptance: 220 days (7.2 months)

Acceptance to publication: 191 days (6.2 months)

Total time: 412 days (13.5 months)

Volume 94, Nos. 1-3

Submission to acceptance: 206 days (6.7 months)

Acceptance to publication: 188 days (6.1 months)

Total time: 389 days (12.7 months)

Volume 94, Nos. 3-6

Submission to acceptance: 178 days (5.8 months)

Acceptance to publication: 175 days (5.7 months)

Total time: 354 days (11.6 months)

Volume 95, Nos. 1-2

Submission to acceptance: 160 days (5.2 months)

Acceptance to publication: 155 days (5.0 months)

Total time: 315 days (10.3 months)

**Geographic distribution of accepted manuscripts:**

Vol. 93, Nos. 5-6: 50.0% U.S., 10.0% Canada, 16.6% Latin America, 23.3% other countries ( $n = 30$ )

Vol. 94, Nos. 1-3: 48.5% U.S., 5.9% Canada, 17.6% Latin America, 27.9% other countries  
(*n* = 68)

Vol. 94, Nos. 3-6: 42.7% U.S., 14.7% Canada, 20.0% Latin America, 22.7% other countries  
(*n* = 75)

Vol. 95, Nos. 1-3: 51.4% U.S., 8.1% Canada, 18.9% Latin America, 21.6% other countries  
(*n* = 37)

(9) Publication statistics for *Mammalian Species* between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014, including comparable data for 2 preceding years:

	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Total number of accounts published	8	7	18	27
Accounts in proof, scheduled for release in May (pre-2014) or June/July (2013-14) <sup>a</sup> .	6	3	1	4
Accounts with Editor	21 <sup>b</sup>	15	17	15
Total number of accounts with Associate Editors	56 <sup>c</sup>	55	30	35
Number of new accounts submitted and assigned to Associate Editors	23 <sup>d</sup>	24 <sup>e</sup>	12	25
Number of new species accounts assigned to authors	18	23	26	42
Total number of accounts in preparation	266 <sup>f</sup>	314 <sup>g</sup>	371 <sup>h</sup>	394 <sup>i</sup>

<sup>a</sup> In previous years we released MS accounts in 2-month batches; we now release them as they are ready, and the 6 accounts in proof are scheduled for release in June or July.

<sup>b</sup> Four inactive.

<sup>c</sup> 21 inactive.

<sup>d</sup> 21 have been assigned to AEs; 1 is waiting for assistance from the Buddy System, and 1 will be assigned once some figures have been revised.

<sup>e</sup> 18 were assigned, and 6 were pending quality control issues (have since been assigned).

<sup>f</sup> 189 overdue

<sup>g</sup> 203 overdue

<sup>h</sup> 170 overdue

<sup>i</sup> 220 overdue



**Action Items:**

(1) Request \$1250 (decrease of \$250) to cover the cost of printing and distributing archive copies of *Mammalian Species* to our 28 library partners.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Douglas A. Kelt, Chair  
[dakelt@ucdavis.edu](mailto:dakelt@ucdavis.edu)

## Resolutions Committee

**Committee Membership:** N. G. Dawson, A. F. Janicki, T. J. McIntyre, B. R. McMillan, S. R. Sheffield, D. W. Sparks, J. A. Yunger (Chair).

**Mission:**

The Resolutions Committee of the American Society of Mammalogists (ASM) was established in 1956 to provide a mechanism for the Society to share relevant science and express views on issues that involve mammals. The Resolutions Committee also writes the Host Resolution for the Annual Meeting of the ASM.

**Information Items:**

(1) The Resolutions Committee did not receive proposed resolutions during the past year.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
John Yunger, Chair  
[jyunger@govst.edu](mailto:jyunger@govst.edu)

## Systematics Collections Committee

**Committee Members:** J. E. Bradley, R. D. Bradley, L. N. Carraway, J. P. Carrera E., C. J. Conroy, B. Coyner, J. R. Demboski, C. W. Dick, R. C. Dowler (Chair), K. Doyle, J. Dunnum, J. A. Esselstyn, J. D. Hanson, P. Holahan, T. Holmes, C. A. Iudica, D. A. Kelt, B. K. Lim, S. B. McLaren, B. McLean, N. D. Moncrief, N. Ordóñez, E. A. Rickart, D. S. Rogers, W. T. Stanley, C. W. Thompson, N. Upham, P. M. Velazco.

**Mission:**

The Systematic Collections Committee advises curators worldwide in matters relating to collection administration, curation, and accreditation, and maintains a directory of mammal collections. The Committee also surveys existing collections approximately once each decade

and maintains a list of curatorial standards for managing a collection-accreditation program under the auspices of the Society.

**Information Items:**

(1) Bill Stanley stepped down as Chair after serving for many years. The Committee Members thank Bill for his long run as Chair. Other changes to the Committee included Scott Burt, Bill Gannon, Mark Hafner and Steve Hooper also stepping down. The Committee thanks them for their years of contribution to the Committee. In particular, both Bill Gannon and Mark Hafner played an important role in organizing the survey of collections. Cody Thompson was the only addition to the Committee this year.

(2) Personnel at two collections, the Museo de Historia Natural, UNMSM in Peru and the University of Central Oklahoma Vertebrate Collections (UCOVC) requested an inspection of their mammal collection for ASM accreditation. Plans are underway to make these inspections if possible.

(3) Most of the Committee activities involved preparing for the next survey of mammal collections of the Western Hemisphere. The survey is set to begin in May 2014. Curators of mammal collections should be aware that members of the Committee will be contacting them soon and will work to quickly provide information for the survey.

(4) A paper published this year by Baker, Bradley, Garner and Bradley, “Door to drawer” costs of curation, installation, documentation, databasing, and long-term care of mammal voucher specimens in natural history collections, will be posted on the Systematic Collections Committee website.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Robert C. Dowler, Chair  
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## **IV. ad hoc Committees**

### ***ad hoc* African Graduate Student Fund Committee**

**Committee Members:** B. Buttler, A. Ferguson, J. Goheen (Chair), L. Helgen, A. Hodge, A. Linzey, M. McDonough, P. Moehlman, R. Norris, B. Patterson, R. Rose, D. Schlitter, P. Webala.

**Mission:**

The African Graduate Student Fund committee grants awards to African nationals pursuing graduate degrees, in the form of \$1500 grants and an online membership to the ASM. Eligible students must be citizens of African countries and currently enrolled in a graduate program.

**Information Items:**

(1) The African Graduate Student Fund Committee is an *ad hoc* committee formed in 2013. Currently, thirteen members comprise the Committee. We are particularly interested in additional members who are from African institutions, and additional members who are fluent in French. Please contact Jake Goheen if you are interested in serving on this Committee.

(2) In 2012, the Committee began collecting contributions towards an endowment fund that would support this program in perpetuity. The balance of this fund stood at \$16,681 as of May 2014, still far short of the amount needed to fund an award on interest income as soon as the principal balance reaches \$35,000. ASM members interested in contributing to this fund should earmark their donations to ASM with the notation “African Graduate Student Fund.”

(3) Through the generosity of Alicia Linzey and her husband, the Committee’s spending fund received \$3000 to make two awards in 2014. We received 46 applications for an African Graduate Student grant; applications were submitted from 32 institutions of higher learning from citizens of 12 African countries. The budget for the African Graduate Student Fund was set at \$3000 for 2014; we awarded 2 grants of \$1500 in 2014.

(4) Recipients of the 2014 research awards will be announced at the Annual Banquet.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Jacob R. Goheen, Chair  
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***ad hoc* ASM Publication and Association Management Proposal  
Review Committee**

**Committee Members:** H. C. Lanier, D. A. Kelt (Chair), D. M. Leslie, Jr., S. McLaren, R. Van Den Bussche.

**Mission:** This Committee was established with 2 related and sequential purposes. First, to solicit bids from consulting agencies with expertise in professional societies and publication. Second, to work with the successful bidder in developing a request for proposals from multiple organizations to manage publications for ASM and, separately, to manage ASM membership.

**Information Items:**

(1) Competing bids for association management and for publication were presented to the Board of Directors at the 2013 ASM meeting in Philadelphia. It was agreed that we would not seek a new association management contract pending resolution of communication issues with Allen

Press Association Management. Our current association management contract ends 31 December 2014 so it will need to be renewed or extended unless the Society decides to pursue further options.

(2) With advice and approval of the Board, this Committee worked closely with the consulting firm Kaufman Wills Fusting & Co. to develop an acceptable publishing contract with Oxford University Press; this contract was approved by the Board and the Society is currently working with OUP to ensure a smooth transition by the end of the year.

(3) With these end products the ad hoc committee has been disbanded.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Douglas A. Kelt, Chair  
([dakelt@ucdavis.edu](mailto:dakelt@ucdavis.edu))

## V. Affiliates

### **AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) Affiliation**

**AAAS Liaison:** Michael A. Mares (acting)

The American Association for the Advancement of Science is an international non-profit organization dedicated to advancing science for the benefit of all people.

#### **AAAS Mission**

The AAAS seeks to "advance science, engineering, and innovation throughout the world for the benefit of all people." To fulfill this mission, the AAAS Board has set the following broad goals:

- Enhance communication among scientists, engineers, and the public;
- Promote and defend the integrity of science and its use;
- Strengthen support for the science and technology enterprise;
- Provide a voice for science on societal issues;
- Promote the responsible use of science in public policy;
- Strengthen and diversify the science and technology workforce;
- Foster education in science and technology for everyone;
- Increase public engagement with science and technology; and
- Advance international cooperation in science.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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## **AAZN (American Association for Zoological Nomenclature) Affiliation**

**AAZN Liaison:** A. L. Gardner

### **Mission of the AAZN:**

AAZN establishes and maintains the relevancy for taxonomy and nomenclature serving as a foundation for systematics, ecology, and biology in resolving real world issues in organismal diversity and by promoting appreciation, knowledge, and understanding of the biosphere.

### **Information Items:**

The AAZN Annual Meeting was postponed from November 2013 to 7 January 2014. President is Stephen Gaimari, a systematic entomologist at the Plant Pest Diagnostic Center of the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The position of President elect is open, Neal Woodman is Secretary, and Gardner is still the temporary Treasurer. Note the URL for the AAZN web site (<http://aazn.org/>).

The primary reason for postponement of the AAZN Annual Meeting was to learn the results of the November 2013 meeting of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN) held at the National University of Singapore (NUS). In addition to its regular business, the commission voted on 15 resolutions (not all yet public), including separating itself from the International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature (ITZN, founded in 1947 to support the ICZN). The ICZN will be headquartered at the NUS for the next three years with the University providing support of one person to perform the functions of the Executive Secretary. Support for the editor of the Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature will continue to be provided by The Natural Museum of London (formerly the British Museum).

Previously the AAZN supported the ITZN. Now the AAZN will support an initiative by the NUS to establish an endowment fund to support the Secretariat of the ICZN. The NUS has pledged to match all donations in the creation of this fund. The AAZN is independent of the ICZN and dues and contributions received are tax deductible.

The latest AAZN Newsletter, which includes a list of available books, is available upon request (email: [gardnera@si.edu](mailto:gardnera@si.edu)).

### **Copies of the Code available for courses on nomenclature**

The AAZN will provide free copies of the Code for students in classes emphasizing zoological nomenclature, provided recipients pay the cost of shipping. Contact Gardner if interested.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Alfred L. Gardner

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## **AIBS (American Institute of Biological Sciences) Affiliation**

**AIBS Liaison:** David M. Leslie, Jr.

### **Information Items:**

AIBS represents nearly 160 member organizations and is dedicated to advancing biological research and education for the welfare of society. AIBS works to ensure that the public, legislators, funders, and the community of biologists have access to and use information that will guide them in making informed decisions about matters that require biological knowledge. AIBS was founded in 1947 as part of the National Academy of Science and became an independent voice of the biological sciences in the 1950s.

ASM has a tradition of supporting student internships to work with AIBS. Along with serving as ASM Representative, I am a member of the Editorial Board of *BioScience*, Chair of the AIBS Publications Committee, and on the AIBS Board of Directors as an elected Institutional Representative.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**

David M. Leslie, Jr.  
([cleslie@usgs.gov](mailto:cleslie@usgs.gov))

## **NSCA (Natural Science Collections Alliance) Affiliation**

**ASM Representative:** Michael A. Mares

The Natural Science Collections Alliance is a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit association that supports natural science collections, their human resources, the institutions that house them, and their research activities for the benefit of science and society. **Members** are part of an international community of museums, botanical gardens, herbariums, universities, scientific organizations, and other institutions and organizations that house natural science collections and utilize them in research, exhibitions, academic and informal science education, and outreach activities. NSC Alliance acts as a source of information and influence on governmental issues that relate to collections or research on collections, including interactions with the Congress, White House, and government departments and agencies.

**Membership** in the NSC Alliance links an organization into a network of institutions, professional societies, scientists and other professionals in North America through which one can share news, information and common concerns - and help shape the future of the natural science community.

During the past year the NSC Alliance has worked across many political and scientific areas (below), in support of museums, research collections, and field science.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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## **Report of the ASM delegation to the International Federation of Mammalogists**

The ASM continues to be very actively involved in the International Federation of Mammalogists. The current President of the Board is Ricardo Ojeda, an ASM member. Because of the large size of the ASM membership, the ASM has three members on the IFM Board. Currently, Eileen Lacey, the ASM President Elect, Duane Schlitter, Co-Chair of the International Relations Committee, and Douglas Kelt, ASM Publications Director, are members of the IMF Board of Directors.

Last August, the Federation hosted IMC-11 at Queens University in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The conference was a well-attended, stimulating, and collegial event. At the conference, it was decided that IMC-12, scheduled for late July of 2017, will be held in Perth, Australia. Information regarding the conference will be posted on the IFM website (<http://www.mammalogyinternational.org>) as it becomes available. Current IFM President Ricardo Ojeda maintains a very active Facebook group (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/197157050399156/>) that uses social media to share recent news stories and information about mammals. If you have not joined this group, you should check it out!

Finally, the ASM delegates wish to extend our sincere appreciation to IFM Past President (and ASM Past President) Bill Lidicker, whose service to IFM and, more generally, the Discipline of Mammalogy, is greatly appreciated.

**Action items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Eileen A. Lacey  
Duane Schlitter  
Douglas A. Kelt

(ASM delegates to IFM)

## **VI. Ombudspersons**

**Ombudspersons:** F. A. Smith, R. W. Thorington, Jr.

**Charge:** The members of the Office of Ombudsperson are appointed at the discretion of the President to hear and respond appropriately to complaints of unprofessional behavior by any member of the ASM at its annual meeting or in the governance of the ASM through its committee structure. All issues brought before either (or both) of the appointed individuals are resolved as discreetly as possible. The Ombudspersons are entrusted to deal with each situation as they best see fit.

### **Information Items:**

**(1)** In the past year, several members of the Society consulted the Ombudspersons for advice; no acts of unprofessional behavior were reported.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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