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Committees, Affiliates, and Ombudspersons

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I. Secretary-Treasurers Report

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Fellow Mammalogists,

In 2010 the Society has had a decrease in net membership. The membership figures are summarized and presented in Table 1.

The number of nominees, **240** (Table 2), has increased compared to the total from last year, **235**, and the number of reinstated members **71** (Table 3), has increased compared to the **60** that were reinstated during 2009.

The names of the **15** members reported to have died during the past year are listed 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 their contributions to the Society.

There were **420** dropped delinquents from the Society in 2010 (Table 5).

The past year has brought no new Patron Members. The Society welcomes **8** (Table 6) new Life Members. Thank you for your support and lifelong commitment to the Society.

Today there are **634** Life Members and **59** Patron Members who make up 27% of our organization and are instrumental in the success of the Society.

Over the course of the year, the Society's general operating account took in revenues of **\$400,586.99** and had expenditures of **\$359,176.14**. The timing of the revenues and expenditures of the Society made it necessary for the trustees to transfer \$ **\$101,039.59** from the reserve account.

The **Future Mammalogist's Fund** received contributions of **\$12,964.16** this year. This remains a very beneficial fund for the Society and all contributions are welcome.

The **Latin American Student Field Research Fund** received contributions of **\$12,305.00**. The Society will continue to provide awards from the LASFRF, so continued contributions from the membership would be greatly appreciated.

The **Oliver Pearson Fund** received contributions totaling **\$1,625.00** during the past year. The **ASM General Contribution Fund** received **\$1,127.30** in donations and the **ASM Century Club** received **\$1,150.00** in donations.

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.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Van Den Bussche
Secretary-Treasurer

Membership Figures - Table 1

Membership	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Nominees	207	239	297	335	343	304	291	235	240	(Table 2)
Reinstated	4	14	1	12	8	12	19	60	71	(Table 3)
Deaths Reported	-16	-15	-9	-9	-5	-13	-7	-9	-15	(Table 4)
Resignations	-28	-16	-18	-6	-1	0	0	-3	0	
Dropped Delinquents	-176	-134	-209	-242	-308	-268	-260	-467	-420	(Table 5)
Net Change	-9	88	62	90	37	35	43	-184	-124	

Status of Members	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Honorary	14	14	11	13	16	16	17	17	16
Patron	64	64	64	65	65	64	63	60	59
Life	635	643	650	658	655	654	655	617	629
Emeritus	160	160	158	158	158	154	147	114	114
Annual	2722	2807	2904	2653	2986	3049	3429	1853	1723
Total	3595	3688	3787	3547	3880	3937	4311	2661	2546

Subscriptions	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Active	1122	1055	970	931	846	781	709	629	532

Mailing Lists	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total Membership	3595	3683	3788	3547	3880	3937	4311	2661	2546
Members Not Receiving the Journal	-716	-672	-834	-571	-877	1087	1834	-548	-584
Members Receiving the Journal	2886	3011	2954	2975	3003	2850	2477	2113	1962
Active Subscriptions	1146	1055	970	931	846	781	709	629	532
Total	4032	4066	3924	3906	3849	3631	3186	2742	2494

Nominees-Table 2

Anang S. Achmadi	Matthew J Fuxjager	David Oehler
Amanda Adams	Susan Gallagher	Reed Arden Ojala-barbour
Tanya Roxanne Ridell Aldred	Guido Gerding	Miguel Angel Ordenana
Nathan Blake Alexander	Anthony J. Giordano	Marcy Ostroff
Dylan James Allen	Amanda Goldberg	Rucha Vinod Pendke
Jessica Amanzo	Gislene Lopes Goncalves	Maria Eugenia Periago
Todd Atwood	Robin Annie-michele Graham	Brian Prochazka
Kyle Robert Axe	Ashley Gramza	Diana J Raper
Vickie Bakker	Aurora Grandal-d Anglade	Joseph Lyle Reeve
Meghan Anne Balk	Christopher R Gray	Juan Reppucci
Brannon N Barr	Meeghan Gray	Jamie Revell
Molly June Bechtel	Laura Grieneisen	Richard E Richards
Calah B. Beckwith	Daniel Joseph Grout	Adriana Rico Cernohorska, PhD
Michael J. Bender	Luke Hacker	James Michael Robins
Bridgett Marie Benedict	Nyeema Harris	Torrey Wells Rodgers
Candace Danielle Bennett	Matthew Jerome Hasenjager	Jessica Taylor Rodkey
Leah Berkman	Charles Hauser	Alicia Rodriguez
Wade Blanchard	Brandon Hawkins	Keely Tolley Roen
Kevin Blecha	Kenny David Garrett Hayes	Gretchen Roffler
Beatriz Del Socorro Bolivar Cime	John A Heiser	Danny Rojas
Andrew Booms	Samuel Hirt	Katherine Rollins
Charles S Borrego	James Hodson	Mikael Romich
Natalia D Borrego	Glynnis Hood	Meredith Root-bernstein
Elizabeth Dawn Braaten	Chun-Chia Huang	Gabrielle A Russo
Jenna Elise Brightmire	Katrina Huck	Christie Sampson
Kim Briones	Matthew Paul Ihnken	Peter Sandbol
Amber S Brooks	Jake Ivan	Brice Andrew James Sarver
Katherine Claire Brooks	Suellen A Jacob	Alec Schmidt
Casey Lynn Brown	Brandy Kay Jacobsen	Misti Schriener
Sarah Brownlee	Chelsea Jones	Ikuo Sekine
Chelsea Butcher	Phillip Nathaniel Jordan	David L Sempek
Cibele Gomes De Sotero Caio	Michael James Joyce	Lizette Karla Siles Mendoza
Ela Sita Carpenter	Maharadatun Kamsi	Eduardo Silva
Riccardo Castiglia	Silka L F Kempema	Edward Silvestri
Lisa Maree Cawthen	Nicholas Kerhoulas	Alexander Silvis
Amanda Richelle Chappell	Kimberly Nicole King	Tyler Smith
Stephen Gregory Benson Chester	Marcelo Javier Kittlein	Moira Susana Sombra
Fi Choate	Megan Klosterman	Kristin Speros
Hilary Christensen	Andrew B. Kniowski	Monica Stewart
Sarah Christopher	Kevin D Kohl	Kelly J. Stoner
Valerie J Clarkston	Luci Kohn	Kathryn Diane Stuart
Sieara Clarice Claytor	Charles Kontos	Hilary Margaret Swain
Mark Clementz	Jennifer Krauel	Alexandra Burchard Swanson
Tyler Cochran	Bill Kronland	Maressa Takahashi
Rita R Collins	Amy Kuczynski	Katherine Marie Talbott
Natalia Cortes-Delgado	Christopher Lee	Daniel Garrison Taub
Aaron Daniel Craft	Meghan J Leiper	John William Taucher, III
Sarah Ainsworth Crawford	Frederico Gemesio Lemos	Kanchan Thapa

Nominees-Table 2 Cont.

Amy Suzanne Cross
Todd Bartholomew Cross
Rachel Crowhurst
Abigail Ann Curtis
Laura D'acunto
Abby Elizabeth Davis
Casey Day
Debra De La Torre
John Richard Demboski
Catherine Dominique Depeine
Jill Christine Devine
Juan F Diaz-nieto
Andrew Dosmann
John Doudna
Samuel Dupre
Jared F Duquette
Markus Dyck
Christopher Effken
Jana Faith Goloff Eggleston
Eric Gregory Ekdale
Morgan Elfelt
Aidee Vargas Espinoza
Katy Jo Estill
Bronwyn Fancourt
Lesley Jane Farrow
Karla L Flores
Aaron M. Foley
Adam Thomas Ford
Kent A Fricke
James Anthony Friend
Sarah R Fritts
Nathan W Fuller

Jesse Lewis
Nikhil Lobo
Michael James Lough-stevens
Lynn Lucas
Joshua Brandon Lucero
Jolanda Andrea Luksenburg
Naghma Mohammad Malik
Hugo Mantilla-meluk
Nicholas Marra
Keri Mcfarlane
Julie Meachen-samuels
Daniel Emmet Meade
Rachel A Menegaz
Rachel Meyers
Anne g. miller
Jennifer Jean Miller
Les Misch
Derek Moon
Robert Moore
Meghan Moran
Heather More
Rachel Ann Morgan
Cyndi J. Mosch
Kasey M Moyes
Robert L. Murray
Tyler Alan Musselman
Paul J Mysliwicz
Robyn Madeline Nadolny
Karin Nilsen
James D Noneman
Mauricio Manuel Nunez Regueiro
Lisa Renee O'bryan

Leigha Tingey
Susumu Tomiya
Lloyd Winston Towers
Eric Lee Triezenberg
Sara Trubac
Chiachun Tsai
Stephanie Tsepelis
Danielle M Tufts
Kim Lisa Valenta
Marianela Velilla
Ana Laura Villalba
Eduardo Vivas
Rachel Walsh
Judith Wan
Yiwei Wang
Scott Watson
Suzanne M Watts
Sarah Rae Welborn
Brandi Welch
Amanda Wendt
Janet Elizabeth Whaley
Rachel Wheat
Aryn Pearce Wilder
Jeremy E Wilkinson
Elizabeth Williams
Christian Simon Willisich
Daniel Matthew Wolcott
Bonnie Amelia Woods
Kian Peen Yeo
Roman Alexandrovich Zhitelew
Jelle Sjoerd Zijlstra
Erin Rae Zylstra

Reinstated Members- Table 3

Clarence L. Abercrombie
Adam Ahlers
Douglas S Allen
Paulo Celio Alves
Lily Arias
Amanda Barnett
Maddalena Bearzi
Todd Bowsher
Carl Brandon
David Broussard
Bradley Joseph Burkholder
Christopher M. Callahan
Fernando A. Cervantes
Luis Guevara Chumacero
Richard L Cifelli

Jonathan L. Dunnum
Kristina Ernest
Laura E Farrell
Ronald Gaby
Philip S. Gipson
Danielle Marie Grant
John Hanson
Sharon A. Jansa
Tammi L Johnson
Dr. Blaise Kadjo
Kimberly L Kanapeckas
Karry Ann Kazial
Kenneth F. Kellner
Brandon Kilbourne
Richard H. Lambertsen

Richard Ostfeld
Karla Pelz-Serrano
Michael Petriello
Joseph Andrew Poissant
Jessica Quinn
Jennifer Eve Ramirez
Alexandra M Ramos Bezerra
Jan M Reber
Trina Ellis Roberts
Andrea Romero
Robert J. Russell
Gary Santolo
Dino Scaravelli
Brenda Schrecengost Wasler
Linda Lee Searles

Reinstated Members-Table 3

Cont.

Darren Clark	Dale Leeds	Rita L Seger
Christopher A. Conrod	Elaine F. Leslie	Lee H Simons
Barbara Maria De Andrade Costa	Kathleen M. Lo Giudice	Beth Ann Siro
James M Crum	Lucia Luna	Seiki Takatsuki
Ana Desiree Davidson	Daniel R MacNulty	Erik Terdal
Amy Dechen Quinn	Karl J Martin	Timothy R Van Deelen
Gregory E Demas	Cindy Mathiasen	Randall G. Wolfe
Michael D Dixon	Karen Munroe	Jeffrey D Wright
Peter Dunlevy	John Noel	

Deaths Reported- Table 4

Rolin H. Baker, Patron Member	Mary Etta Hight, Patron Member	Richard G. Miller, Life Member
E. Lendell Cockrum, Life Member	Everett W. Jameson, Jr.	William O. Pruitt, Jr., Life Member
Paul B. Dunaway	Dr. Ralph Kirkpatrick, Life Member	Zdzislaw K. Pucek, Honorary Member
Erich Follman	Devra Kleiman	John Schoenher, Emeritus Member
Bryan P. Glass, Life Member	Timothy Lawlor	Gerald E. Svendsen, Life Member

Dropped Delinquents- Table 5

Peter James Adam	Antonio Guillen	Edward Opiyo Ouko
Bernard Risky Agwanda	Mahesh Kumar Gurung	Allysia Park
Timothy Algeo	Catherine Haase	Andrew Park
Kelly E. Allen	Christopher W. Habeck	Aida M Parkinson
Oscar Miguel Alvarez-soto	Bradley James Haley	Laurel Peelle
Phillip Alviola	Eric Hancock	Jennifer L Penner
John Jude Andersen	Andrea Harbin	Matthew K Perlik
Chelsea E Anderson	Mark David Harbin	Jean Perry
Paul K. Anderson	Kenneth Wayne Hardin, Jr	David Person
George C Argyros	Alton S Harestad	Mark E Peterson
Bryan Arnold	Elizabeth Mari Harp	Radmila Petric
Lisa Aschemeier	E.J. Harrington	Erin L Pfeffer
Mohsin Sadiq Awan	Christopher Matthew Harris	LTC Richard M. Pitts
Shelley Baird	Yukihiko Hashimoto	M. Michael Poole
Robyn Barbiers, DVM	David F Hatler	Paul Porneluzi
Michael Barbour	Stephanie Anne Hauver	Kevin B Potts
Dominic Barrett	Paul James Haverkamp	Devon Power
James Beasley	Lyndon Robert Hawkins	Nathan Lee Pratt
Jason D Beck	Patrick L Hawkins	Jeffrey A. Prendergast
Sean Michael Beckmann	Cris Hein	Angela D. Price
Annaliese Karen Beery	Francis Henry	Mary Beth Prondzinski
Sabine Begall	Kyndall Blake Perkins Hildebrandt	Sebastien Puechmaille
Diana Helen Belanger	Scott Hill	Danielle Marie Purdy
Juan F. Beltran	Tim Hiller	Rachel Pyles
Steve H. Best	John Hisey	Vanessa S Quinn
Allison Bidlack	Samantha Hopkins	Dr. Eitimad Rahman
Cindy D Biggs	Angela M Horner	Ryan L. Rehmeier
Sarah Christine Blakeslee	Jay Bradley Hubert	Michael S. Rentz
Megan Kathleen Bles	Jane Hurst	Donald H Rhodes
Karen Maria Blejwas	Thomas Paul Husband	Kristy Rickert
Emily Lauren Blizzard	Sarah J. Hutchinson	Brett Riddle

Dropped Delinquents-Table 5 Cont.

Christina M. Booher	Yea Fuh Hwang	Evelyn Rios
Trenton Douglas Botkin	Yeen Ten Hwang	Clarisse Rocha
David Maxiner Bouchard	Robin Innes	Leslie B Rodman
Sarah Elizabeth Bowe	Allison L Ivancovich	Alison Rogers
Ken Oscar Bowman	Pablo S. Jarrin	Ashley Kay Rolfe
Lee Boyd	Carolyn Jaslow	Victor Pablo Romero
Douglas M Boyer	Megan K Jennings	Russ C Romme
Justin Boyles	Tereza Jezkova	Brenda Kay Rone
Gerald Braden	Jaime E. Jimenez	Christine Roth
Jeffrey E. Bradley	Robert E. Johnston	James D. Roth
Stephen Brandebura	Melanie A Jonas	Innocent Rwego
Adriana Bravo	Bob L. Jones	Brad Ryan
Cheryl Shaffer Brehme	Shannon Kachel	Ms. Marcia Rybak
Jessica Briggs	Jennifer Michelle Kanine	Sergio Leonardo Saba
Todd J Brinkman	Paul M Kapfer	Richard Sage
Miguel Angel Briones-Salas	Rachel Kappler	Terrell Salmon
Danielle Desiree Brown	Fanuel Kebede	Josh Salsbury
Robin F. Brown	Rebecca A Kelley	Jose W Santos
Michael R Buchalski	Edward B Kenney	Chris Schoneman
Lindsay Bullock	Devon Kersten	Rebecca Lynn Schreurs
Ernest S Burch Jr	Julia Kilgour	Zachary Schwenke
Catherine E. Burns	Jason Lee Kindall	Daniel Gustavo Scognamillo
Joseph E. Burns	Ronan Kirsch	Michael G. Scott
John Byers	Jay Kiser	Katherina Searing
Michael D Caby	Jackson Kiumo	Kari Searl
Richard Cadenillas	Tracy L. Klotz	Ashley Winn Seifert
Michael Calkins	Eva Kneip	Stephanie Seto
Judy Call	James Christopher Knowles	Brent J Sewall
Timothy Lee Campbell	Ann Kohlhaas	David Shindle
Juan M Campos	Sara K Krause	Andrea Joy Shipley
Ryan Cannon	Dr Noga Kronfeld-Schor	Julia Kristine Shonfield
Marisa Cardoso	Philip H Krutzsch	Quinn Rodney Shurtliff
James E Cardoza	Pawan Kumar, FLS	Timothy James Sichmeller
Lance M. Carpenter	Michael Lodge Lackey	Chuck Siegel
Frank R Castelli	Shawn E. Larson	Claudio Sillero-zubiri
Michael Jeffrey Chamberlain	Thomas R Laurion	Nova Oreen Simpson
Ryan R. Chambers	Richard G Legg	Amy Skibiell
Adrian S Chesh	Stephanie Ann Linde	Graham James Slater
Cheryl Chetkiewicz	Emily Leigh Lindsey	Gina Slusinski
Peiting Chong	Jeffrey S Line	James L David Smith
Derek Cluck	James Michael Logan	Jennifer Smith
Melissa Morales Cogan	Gordon Luikart	Martin E. Smith
Scott L Collins	Nadine Stewart Lysiak	Wayne E Smith
Christopher Eden Comer	Meredith Allyn Magnuson	Michael J Somers
Catherine Comis	William Magnusson	Cynthia Soria
Bridget Conneely	Gopinathan Maheswaran	J Angel Soto-Centeno
Clay Cooper	Michel Mairey	Marsha A. Sovada
Jeanette Cordero	Mary Beth Manjerovic	Jim Sparks
Fabio Munch Correa	Stephanie Grace Manka	Keir B Sterling

Dropped Delinquents-Table 5 Cont.

Aron Keith Costello
Jamie Crait
Joanne C Crawford
David Jon Daitch
Philip D'antonio
Lauri Lynn-torgerson Das
Arthur Davenport
Natalie G Dawson
John C. Delfino
Johanna Delgado-Acevedo
Stacy Lynn Deruiter
Juan Fernando Diaz Nieto
Ian Dickson
James M. Dietz
Diana L Dishman
Joan M Dixon
Kandai Doi
Terry J. Doonan
Jeffrey Brandon Doty
Aziza Lena Doumani
Lee Droppelman
Lara A. Duran
Yvonne Dzal
David Austin Eads
Cathleen Early
Desiree Amber Early
Daniel J. Eckstein
William D. Edge
Haley L Edwards
Holly H Edwards
Dawn J Eichenberger
Sara Emerson
Yadeeh Escobedo
Marcela Fernandez
Caterina Ferrari
Raul Alves Fonseca
Michael Phillip Forthman
Lucja Fostowicz Frelik
Karen Francl
Kiera A Freeman
Laurie Ann Freeman-Gray
Steven H. Fritts
Timothy M. Gabor
Mourad W Gabriel
Nadia Gallardo-romero
Lynne Gardner-Santana
Colin Garroway
Thomas Michael Gehring
Leah R. Gerber

Lindsey Mann Dehmlow
Stacy Mantooth
Jon Marcus
Victor Maribong
Shauna R. Marquardt
Jenny Elise Martaugh
Daniel Jonathan Martin
Jessica Taylor Martin
Stephanie Martin
William M Masters
Yolanda Matamoros
Aidan Robert Matunis
Matthew Ryan Mauldin
Jody Mays
Melissa J McCarthy
Timothy S. McCay
Jennifer Mccreight
Eve Mcculloch
Mary Brooke Mceachern
William McLellan
Anne Merchant
Ian Henry Merrick
Hillary Claire Metz
Neil Ewen Middleton
Antonio A. Mignucci-giannoni
Bruce W. Miller
Sophie D L Miller
Dr George J Mitchell
Jake Mitchell
Akinori Mizuno
Prof. Ara Monadjem
Anthony J. Monatesti
Christopher Moore
Mora Manuel Mora
Laura Torres Morales
Toni Lyn Morelli
John R. Morgart
Ian Morrow
Rosa A. Moscarella
John Mugaas
Shomen Mukherjee
Adrian Munguia-Vega
Trisha Muni
Karen Munroe
James Murdoch
Ian W Murray
Samuel L Murray
Fabio Oliveira Nascimento
Brady Yeo Neiles

Monica Lynn Stewart
Anita Stone
Jeremy B. Stout
Eric Johnston Stromgren
Mekala Sundaram
Christine Sutter
James K Swingle
Hiroshi Tanaka
Michael G Tannenbaum
Hoyet L Taylor
Michael Terrazone
Rebecca C Terry
Pamela Thompson
Daniel Harry Thornton
Jennifer Timmer
Scott Tremor
Mogens Trolle
Robert G Trujillo
Tracy James Truman
Greg Turner
Kristy Tuttle
Amber Tyler
Wilson Uieda
Amber Marie Vallera
Blair Van Valkenburgh
Jacques Veilleux
Jennifer Verdolin
Jacqueline A. Vernot
Vincent Alexander Viblanc
Marcus Vieira
Jeffrey T Villepique
Vanessa Rebeca Von Biela
Arielle Hopkins Waldstein
Rebecca Walker
W. Walter
Shuo Wang
Alyssa Beth Ward
Lochlan Weatherford
Allyson L. Webb
Dawn Michelle Weber
Bruce A Weisman
Greta Wengert
Don D. White JR.
Dr Robert G. White
Clare Whittaker
Brittany Leann Wilemon
Kimberly Williams-Guillen
Craig Willis
Janna Willoughby

Dropped Delinquents- Table 5 Cont.

Kevin W. Gibbs	Alycia Nelson	Steve K Windels
Lauren Gilpatrick	Thomas E. Ness	Lawrence E. Wineski
Jeffrey R. Glaid	Kay Nicholson	Steven M. Wing
Enrique Gonzalez	Arthur Kasina Nyangor	Megan Wright
Michael Goodyear	Allan Francis O'Connell	Megan Wyman
Ty Michael Gosnell	Ms Susan A Oehlers	Sarah D. Yarwood
Daniel Uriah Greene	Jose Ohana	Kim Yeoman
Andrew J Gregory	Anthony Jay Olejniczak	Adrian Young
Milagros Salazar Gross	Hernani Fernandes Magalhaes Oliveira	Jinping Yu
Troy Grovenburg	Isabella Bandeira Oliveira	Dan Zeh
Lisa M Guidi	Juan C. Opazo	Marlon Zortea

Members Completing Life Memberships- Table 6

Anang S. Achmadi	William D. Hendricks	Yasuaki Niizuma
Lois F. Alexander	Maharadatun Kamsi	Peter M. Waser
Aidee Vargas Espinoza	Barry Nichols	

II. ASM Board of Trustees

Members: Phil Sudman (Chair) and Ron Van Den Bussche

The Trustees of ASM invest Life and Patron Membership payments, contributions to the Society, and other revenues collectively in an account known as the Reserve Fund. The initial goal of these investments was to facilitate publication of the Journal of Mammalogy during recessions or at other times when membership payments were inadequate for this purpose. Over the years, the Reserve Fund has assumed many more responsibilities, including funding student awards, making up for a lifetime of lost revenue from Life and Patron Members, and balancing the budget. While doing these things, the Reserve Fund is expected to grow at a rate exceeding the rate of inflation to enable growth of Societal expenditures.

The past year has seen a continued increase in market value. The market continues to surge and contract due to numerous international and environmental factors. Instability in the Middle East, the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and other factors have affected the economy, and hence the markets. On 31 December 2009 the market value of the reserve account was \$2,818,096.64. On 31 December 2010 the net market value had increased to \$3,121,629.95, an increase of \$303,533.31, or 10.77%, which compares favorably with the 11.02% increase for the Dow Jones Industrial Average and 12.79% increase for the S&P 500 during the same period. It should be noted that this represents the net gain, including both deposits and allocations. The actual market return on the Reserve Fund was 10.76%.

As noted in the 2008 report, the ASM Reserve Fund reached its high point of \$3,738,275 in October of 2007. With a year-end net value of \$3,121,629.95, the Reserve Fund was still -16.5% below the historic high. The table below compares year-end values over the past 3 years.

STATUS OF ASSETS	31 DEC 2008		31 DEC 2009		31 DEC 2010	
	Market value	%	Market value	%	Market value	%
Cash and MM Funds	161,226.01	7.1	134,083.18	4.7	103,243.09	3.3
Stocks	725,450.50	32.5	1,043,273.58	36.9	1,332,225.02	43.0
Corporate Fixed Income	168,448.50	7.5	50,562.50	1.8	0	0
Mutual Funds	1,100,700.21	49.1	1,538,815.33	53.5	1,572,032.97	50.7
Unit Investment Trusts	83,861.61	3.8	87,200.09	3.1	91,362.65	3.0
TOTAL	2,239,686.83	100	2,812,807.96	100	3,098,863.73	100
Life/Patron Payments	8,131.00		12,731.13		12,065.38	
Meeting Residuals	51,081.22		0		65,667.47	
Received from Allen Press	31,275.54		30,884.95		43,851.36	
Royalties	1,647.80		1,672.60		2,221.60	
GROSS VALUE	2,331,822.39		2,858,096.64		3,222,669.54	
Allocation to Operations	63,737.80		40,000.00		101,039.59	
NET PRINCIPAL	2,268,084.59		2,818,096.64		3,121,629.95	

Although the Trustees pool the individual accounts listed below for investment purposes, they are tracked separately. Their year-end value is calculated by adding the value of donations to the total for the previous year and then adding or subtracting the percent increase or decrease of the Reserve Fund as a whole. As of 31 December 2010, those funds were allocated as follows:

RESERVE FUND INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS

FUND	31 Dec 2008 MARKET VALUE	31 Dec 2009 MARKET VALUE	31 DEC 2010 MARKET VALUE
Future Mammalogists Fund	344,040	444,834	505,706
J. A. Allen Fund	313,108	393,229	435,580
L Amer Stud. Field Res. Fund	38,872	55,607	73,901
Pearson Fund	140,619	177,820	198,596
ASM Fellowship Fund	22,090	27,743	30,731
Century Club	2,223	4,550	6,190
SAREM	0	0	5,538
Unspecified contributions	2,075	24,966	96,671

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.

STATUS OF ASSETS	ANNUAL SUMMARY		
	2008	2009	2010
Value as of 1 January	\$59,520	\$36,853	\$41,127
Plus Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less Income Dispersement	(\$3,146)	(\$1,741)	(\$1,945)
Gain (Loss) Due to Market Performance	(\$19,521)	\$3,640	\$5,697
Value as of 31 December	\$36,853	\$41,127	\$44,879
Change in Value for Year	(\$22,667)	\$1,899	\$3,770
% Yield	5.3%	4.7%	4.7%

III. Standing Committees

Animal Care and Use Committee

Committee Members: 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. Olsen, S. Rissing, R. S. Sikes (Chair), R. M. Timm, S. A. Trewhitt, and J. E. Whaley.

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) The 2007 version of the *Guidelines of the American Society of Mammalogists for the Use of Wild Mammals in Research* has received more than 480 citations in more than 50 indexed journals as of 15 April 2011.
- (2) The 2011 revision of the *Guidelines* was published in the February 2011 issue of the *Journal*. This publication has been widely distributed as an open access document with copies sent to the various U.S. agencies charged with oversight of animal use. Reprints with covers were acquired and will be distributed to local IACUCs and at appropriate professional meetings.
- (3) Over the past year the Committee provided comments to local IACUCs and investigators on a variety of issues including marking techniques for small mammals, interpretation of USDA reporting requirements, and release of captive animals. The Committee provides comments and opinions to ASM members, IACUCs, and other interested parties seeking expertise on non-laboratory species.
- (4) The Committee was represented in an August meeting at the Centers for Disease Control and provided comments regarding handling precautions for individuals working with wild rodents.
- (5) The Committee was represented in a September meeting organized by The Wildlife Society and the American Bird Conservancy regarding the efficacy of Trap-Neuter-Release programs for feral house cats.
- (6) The Committee provided written comments to the National Research Council (NRC) on proposed text for the edition of the *Guide for the care and use of laboratory animals*. We also provided written comments to AAALAC International (Association for the Assessment

and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care) regarding adoption of the NRC *Guide* as a resource and to the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Care (OLAW) regarding adoption of the NCR *Guide* as a standard.

- (7) The Committee provided written comments on field euthanasia of mammals to the working group charged with revising AVMA Euthanasia Guidelines.
- (8) The Committee Chair co-hosted a breakout session on IACUC oversight of wildlife protocols at the annual PRIM&R (Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research) IACUC conference held in Chicago in March 2011.
- (9) The ACUC Chair, in collaboration with Ellen Paul, Executive Director of the Ornithological Council, Jeanne Fair (Los Alamos National Laboratory), and Janet Whaley (USDA APHIS and ASM ACUC member), has organized a 3 day workshop that includes the well-known IACUC 101 on the first day and is followed by 2 days of wildlife focused scenarios and discussion. The meeting will be held in Albuquerque, NM in late October 2011. Thus far we have \$50,000 in funding pledged from various agencies including: NSF, NIH-OLAW, the U.S. Forest Service, NOAA/NMFS, USDA-APHIS, and the New Mexico Consortium.
- (10) After consultation with President Mares, we have initiated steps for the ASM to become a member organization of AAALAC International and thus to have voice and vote on matters relating to accreditation and wildlife-related matters for this voluntary accreditation organization.
- (11) Committee members have searched for internet links to previous version of the ASM's guidelines for animal use and have alerted webmasters to the publication of the 2011 revision.

Action Items:

- (1) The Committee moves that the ASM annual budget be modified to include annual dues for membership organization status in AAALAC International in the amount of \$100, and \$1000 for travel expenses for an ASM representative to attend the annual meeting of the AAALAC Board of Trustees in September. (NOTE – the figure of \$1000 is based upon an estimate of \$450 for travel (airfares, shuttle, parking) and \$550 for hotel expenses (3 nights) in Washington DC).
- (2) The Committee moves that a representative and alternate be named to serve on the AAALAC International Board of Trustees to represent the interests of the ASM on animal care issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Sikes, Chair

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Archives Committee

Historian: R. M. Timm (Chair)

Archivist: A. L. Gardner

Information Items:

- (1) President Mares appointed Timm as the Historian and Chair.
- (2) All of past president Robert S. Hoffmann's correspondence that remained at the University of Kansas has been transferred from KU to the Smithsonian Institution. Thus, Hoffmann's entire correspondence for his professional career is now together in the Smithsonian's archives.
- (3) The professional materials from Jerry R. Choate's estate were sorted. Documents that belonged with Fort Hays State were deposited in their archives. The ASM-related materials are assembled together and ready to forward to the Archivist.
- (4) The obituary for Robert S. Hoffmann was prepared and is published in the April issue of the *Journal*.
- (5) The obituary for Jerry R. Choate was prepared and will appear in an upcoming issue of the *Journal*.
- (6) The web page for the Archives Committee was reworked as part of the ASM's new, improved web presence. The reorganized page has a number of new documents and some photographs to better document the ASM's history. We anticipate adding a number of documents to the web page this upcoming year.
- (7) Worked with the Honorary Membership Committee to produce the medallions for their awards and with the Grinnell Award Committee to produce the award.
- (8) Archivist Gardner continued to sort, process, organize, and prepare material for transfer to the Smithsonian Archives.
- (9) There was considerable discussion as to what materials should be included on the committee's web page and we are ready to add new documents when we are approved to move forward.

Action items:

- (1) Funds will be needed in the future for scanning historical photographs from the archives for use on other committee's web pages but that project awaits decisions by the web page committee and the ASM President.

Respectively submitted,

Alfred L. Gardner, Archivist

Robert M. Timm, Historian (Chair)

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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, C. A. Woods.

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 4,170 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 of MSW was edited by D. E. Wilson and D. M. Reeder (1993) and published by Smithsonian Institution Press. The second edition recognized 4,629 species, including 172 species newly described since the first edition.

(3) The third edition of MSW, 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, 2,200+ 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 (~ 9,400 references) and an index of scientific names (~ 32,000 valid names and synonyms). MSW3 recognizes 5,416 species and is currently available online at www.bucknell.edu/msw3. This fully searchable and downloadable database went online 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 corresponding NMNH collection records.

(4) The checklist committee is currently working on MSW4, which we anticipate will be produced both in hard copy and as a searchable database.

Action items: none

Respectfully submitted,
DeeAnn M. Reeder, Chair
(dreeder@bucknell.edu)

Conservation Committee

Committee Members: B. S. Arbogast, B. J. Bergstrom (Chair), A. D. Davidson, N. Dawson, A. W. Ferguson, A. J. Giordano, T. J. Jessen, R. J. Larsen, R. A. Medellin, A. Morzillo, R. A. Ojeda, L. A. Randa, S. R. Sheffield.

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 4th 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) The CC welcomed new members Ana Davidson, Anthony Giordano, Timothy Jessen, Roberto Medellin, and Ricardo Ojeda in 2010-2011. The following members rotated off the committee in the past year, and we thank them for their service: Michael Barbour, Kris Helgen, Daryl Howell, Andy Joachim, Charles Long, Stephanie MacDonald, Suzie Prange, Bob Rose, Margaret Schadler, Wes Sechrest and Julie Young; Terry Doonan and Sacha Vignieri continued to serve on the committee until mid-year.

(2) Activities of the ASM CC during 2010-2011:

(a) As of this writing, committee members are researching and drafting a position letter urging a more science-based approach to wildlife conflict management by USDA's Wildlife Services. This is a continuation of ASM's long history of action on behalf of

threatened and over-exploited mammals, particularly predators. This is a follow-up to an ASM Resolution in 1999 addressing the same agency.

(b) Committee members also are researching the question of whether to recommend that ASM take a position in favor of listing the African Lion (*Panthera leo*) as endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA). On 1 March 2011, several NGOs petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to list lions, citing importation of trophy animals as a contributing factor to the decline of their global population.

(c) In March 2011, USFWS proposed to renew incidental take permits for Polar Bear (*Ursus maritimus*) during oil and gas exploration and production in Alaskan waters. Following a 2007 ASM Presidential position letter urging ESA protection of Polar Bear and also cautioning against take by oil and gas activities, the species was listed as threatened in 2008. CC and ASM's Marine Mammal Committee discussed preparing a response to this proposal, but did not pursue it further, as a short deadline would have precluded an official Society response.

(d) CC continues to monitor developments in the recovery of the Northern Rocky Mountain (NRM) Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*), the Mexican Wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*), and the Jaguar (*Panthera onca*), all of which CC and ASM has actively supported, and any of which may warrant action in the near future.

(3) Follow-up on Previous Issues:

In 2008, CC drafted a position letter opposing the delisting of the NRM Gray Wolf in Idaho and Montana, which President Sue McLaren sent to the Bush Administration in November 2008, and also to the Obama transition team. Wolves were delisted in those 2 states effective May 2009, and 255 animals were killed by hunters during the 2009-2010 season (270 additional wolves were killed by state and federal wildlife agents conducting control actions during the same period). In August 2010, U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy restored ESA protection to NRM gray wolves, overturning the the two-state delisting rule (excluding Wyoming) as "arbitrary and capricious." Despite no legal hunting during the 2010-2011 season, 226 wolves were killed by USDA Wildlife Services control actions. Earlier this year, a proposed settlement agreement between the USFWS and 10 conservation NGOs, intended to forestall congressional efforts to legislatively delist the NRM gray wolf, was rejected by Judge Molloy on 9 April. But later that month, a rider to the federal budget bill passed by Congress and signed by the President removed wolves from the endangered species list not only in Montana and Idaho, but also in Washington and Oregon, where dispersers have established small populations, and in Utah, which has no resident wolves. This is the first time in the 37-year history of the ESA that a species has been delisted by legislation.

On 26 October 2010, the U.S. Geological Survey released a study that concluded that the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) contained only 1/10 as much oil as a 2002 study indicated. A 2003 ASM Presidential position letter criticized the draft EIS for oil and gas leasing as inadequate and a serious threat to several of the most valuable mammalian wildlife habitats within the 9.5 million ha reserve, the same year that a National Research Council report

concluded irreversible damage would be done to NPR-A ecosystems. In 2004, U.S. Department of Interior opened all but 17% of the area to oil and gas leasing, but those leases were blocked in 2006 by the U.S. District Court in Anchorage.

In December 2010, USFWS announced that Wolverine (*Gulo gulo*) warranted ESA protection, due to threats from climate change, but listing was precluded in favor of higher priority species. An ASM Presidential position letter urging ESA protection of Wolverine was sent in 2000. Federal District Judge John Roll was killed in the 8 January 2011 shooting rampage in Tucson, AZ; this was the judge who ordered USFWS in 2009 to prepare a recovery plan and designate critical habitat for the endangered Jaguar, as an ASM Resolution and follow-up presidential letter requested they do. Roll rejected the government's argument that the Jaguar was primarily a "foreign" species.

On 12 April 2011, the Interagency Bison Management Plan group announced Bison (*Bison bison*) from Yellowstone National Park would be allowed to range through the 30,000-ha Gardiner Basin, MT, in winter; after more than a decade of efforts, a cattle-free corridor for seasonal migration to lower elevation habitat was finally secured, which should reduce the need for the nearly annual winter culling of the herd as they left the park. A 1997 ASM Resolution had urged this result.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Bergstrom, Chair
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Conservation Awards Committee

Committee Members: T. Bower, P. D. Moehlman, K. M. Helgen, T. E. Lacher, Jr., W. P. Smith, T. J. O'Shea, V. Sánchez-Cordero (Chair).

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 two nominations submitted for the Hornaday Award, and two nominations submitted for the Leopold Award. Nominations for both

Awards were received and evaluated by the committee. The Committee supported the nomination of one of the nominees for the Hornaday, and for the Leopold Awards unanimously, and it was forwarded to the ASM Board of Directors for their consideration. The Awards will be presented at the banquet at the 2011 Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

Action Items:

(1) Budget request of \$300.00 for the Leopold Award plaque and \$300.00 for the Hornaday Award plaque.

Respectfully submitted,
V́ctor Sánchez-Cordero
Chair, Conservation Awards Committee
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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 2011 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)

Development Committee

Committee Members: R. J. Baker, J. Kenagy, A. V. Linzey, D. J. Schmidly, M. R. Willig (Chair), and D. E. Wilson.

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.

Information Items:

(1) The Committee Chair collaborated with the President and Secretary-Treasurer to ensure improved communications with donors and potential donors. Donors to the Society are now formally acknowledged for their generosity; for recognition of 2010 donors, see *Journal of Mammalogy* 92:491. As a policy, the Secretary-Treasurer and the President write letters of gratitude to donors. In the coming year, the Committee will initiate a number of development activities to increase support to the Society and its important activities in research, education, and outreach.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Willig, Chair
(Michael.willig@uconn.edu)

Education and Graduate Students Committee

Committee Members: C. P. Bloch, B. S. Coyner, A. J. Edelman, W. S. Fairbanks, E. J. Finck (chair), H. C. Lanier, R. J. Larsen, B. R. McMillan, and I. I. Tapia.

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 student presentations continues to be an extremely popular program among students. At the 2010 Annual Meeting in Laramie, 113 student presenters were evaluated by 59 evaluators. We expect a similar number of requests for student evaluations at the 2011 Annual Meeting in Portland. Elmer Finck will continue with the arduous task of assigning evaluators to

each presentation, and Brock McMillan will compile and send the evaluations back to the students.

(2) The “Meal with a Mammalogist” program is currently being organized by Christopher Bloch. The program is in its 17th year and continues to be popular among both students and scientists. We thank all the scientists who have participated in this program over the years. At last year’s meeting our scientists included: Steve Buskirk, Brent Danielson, Kritofer Helgen, John Hoogland, Sharon Jansa, Helene Marsh, Gail Michener, Christy McCain, Brock McMillan, John Orrock, Rick Ostfeld, Rob Voss, and Sam Wisely. We encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to spend time with these scientists. Each year, members of the E&GS Committee nominate scientists to be part of the program and we welcome and encourage nominations from all ASM members, particularly students.

(3) This is the 17th year the Committee will sponsor a luncheon hosted by the President of the Society for Plenary Session speakers.

(4) The Committee also hosts an Annual Social for student attendees at the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the mixer is to allow student attendees at the meeting to meet other students (future colleagues) and establish networks of collaboration and support.

(5) Elmer Finck continues to coordinate the distribution of the “Careers in Mammalogy” brochure, “The Science of Mammalogy” brochure, and the general information brochure.

(6) Our committee also is looking into the possibility of offering a writing seminar and other professional development workshops targeting our student members and coordinated with annual meetings.

(7) After three years as Chair, Christy McCain is stepping down following the Laramie meeting.

Action Items:

(1) The Education and Graduate Students Committee requests \$300 to 1) pay for meals of scientists participating in the *Meal with a Mammalogist Program* that do not have the meal plan and 2) to cover the expenses of the Student Social/Mixer at the 2011 Annual Meeting. This requested support has been provided for the past several years.

Respectfully submitted,
Elmer J. Finck, Chair
(efinck@fhsu.edu)

Grants-in-Aid Committee

Committee Members: J. Boyles, M. Brigham, B. Butler, L. N. Carraway, C. J. Conroy, T. L. Derting, J. W. Drago, C. W. Edwards, J. Esselstyn, K. Galbreath, S. D. Gehrt, J. Goheen, G. D. Hartman, L. D. Hayes, G. Hayssen, C. Himes, S. Hooper, D. M. Kaufman, J. L. Koprowski, C.

W. Kilpatrick (Chair), H. Lanier, J. Light, S. Loeb, K. Mabry, G. Marcello, M. Matocq, M. L. McKnight, B. McMillan, R. W. Norris, E. Oaks, D. K. Odell, D. Post, A. W. Reed, D. Reeder, T. E. Roberts, R. Rose, K. Rowe, B. Schooley, P. Stapp, R. D. Stevens, K. D. Stone, H. Thomas, M. Worrell.

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) The deadline for applications for Grants-in-Aid was set at 1 March, and that for fellowships was set at 1 May. A temporary system for on-line application of Grants-in-Aid worked well whereas the fellowship applications were received via our new web site.

(2) Membership on the committee is currently 43 individuals. John Kie left the committee during the last year and we thank John for his dedicated service. John Koprowski returned to the committee this year and two new members were added (Hayley Lanier and Diane Post). Two members have informed me that they will be resigning from the committee this year so we are looking for additional members. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on this committee.

(3) One hundred and thirteen Grants-in-Aid applications were received for 2011, a little above the average of approximately 100 applications received over the past few years. One application was withdrawn after being submitted and a second was not reviewed because of the lack of any letters of recommendation. The budget for Grants-in-Aid was set by the Board at \$49,500 for 2011. The committee ranked the 111 proposals that were reviewed and 37 were selected for support based on average ranking score. ASM membership was verified for the 37 approved applications and 27 were funded at the requested funding level (max \$1,500). Two applications have been approved for funding or partial funding but will not be funded until after the fellowship awards are decided as both applicants have applied for the ASM and Shadle Fellowships. Nine Grants-in-Aid applications have been approved for partial funding, at about 72% of the requested funding level. However, these nine applications will not be funded until the fellowships recipients are decided as the funding level may change depending on the Fellows selected. 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 18 to 19 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 or have been approved to receive a 2011 grant-in-aid are attached to the end of this report.

(4) The recipient of the 2011 Elizabeth Horner Award for the best Grant-in-Aid proposal is Adam Ferguson (Texas Tech University).

(5) In 2010, 14 fellowship applications were received and reviewed. The 2010 ASM Fellowship recipient was Peter Larsen (Texas Tech University). The Shadle Fellowship recipient was Bret Pasch (University of Florida). We have received 11 fellowship applications for 2011. The fellowship applications received have been distributed to committee members electronically and nominees will be selected during a closed session of the Grants-in-Aid Committee at the Annual Meeting. The amount of the American Society of Mammalogists Fellowship in Mammalogy will be \$12,500 and for the Albert R. and Alma E. Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy will be \$4,345 for 2011.

Action items:

(1) 2012 Budget Request

Grants-in-Aid of Research 35 x \$1,500	\$52,500
Horner Award	\$500
ASM Fellowship	\$15,000
Banquet tickets for GIA recipients (10 X \$30)	\$300
Total Request	\$68,300

(2) 2011 ASM Grants-in-Aid Recipients

Adam W. Ferguson, Department of Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University, **\$1,500 + Elizabeth Horner Award (\$500) = \$2,000**;
Phylogeography of the American Hog-nosed Skunk (*Conepatus leuconotus*).

Ana Laura Almendra, Department of Biology, Brigham Young University, **\$1,200**;
Testing Biogeographic Hypotheses for Mesoamerican Small Mammals with Focus on the *Handleyomys alfaroi* Species Group and Related Genera (Rodentia: Sigmodontinae).

Carolyn Bauer, Biology Department, Tufts University, **\$1,055**;
Does plural breeding with communal care buffer post-natal stress in the caviomorph rodent, *Octodon degus*, and seasonal stress profile of the wild degu, *Octodon degus*.

Katherine Brooks, Committee on Evolutionary Biology, University of Chicago, **\$1,500**;
The benefits of group living in Belding's ground squirrels.

Erin Clancey, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Idaho, **\$1,500**;
Female dominance and sex ratio bias in pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana*): implications for a mechanism.

Andreas Chavez, Department of Biology, University of Washington, **\$1,500**;
The Effects of Environmental Heterogeneity on the Evolution of Pine Squirrels (Genus *Tamiasciurus*) in the Pacific Northwest.

Anna Czapryna, Department of Biology (Ecology and Evolution), University of Illinois at Chicago, **\$1,055**;
Ecology and Demography of Domestic Dogs, *Canis familiaris*, in Villages Near Serengeti National Park, Tanzania.

Andy Dosmann, Committee on Evolutionary Biology, University of Chicago, **\$1,500**;
Multidimensional plasticity and the evolution of flexible traits in Belding's ground squirrels (*Urocitellus beldingi*)

Mallory Eckstut, School of Life Sciences, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, **\$1,055**;
Biogeographic history of the Great Basin Pocket Mouse, *Perognathus parvus*: Miocene divergence across the Columbian Plateau and population responses to late Pleistocene climate change.

David Gary Flagel, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Notre Dame, **\$1,055**;
Deer fear: Evaluating prey behavioral changes in response to wolf predation risk.

Adam T. Ford, Department of Zoology, University of British Columbia, **\$1,500**;
Mechanistic responses of African mammalian herbivores to landscape change.

Gislene Lopes Goncalves, Department of Genetics, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), **\$1,055**;
Evolution of spiny hairs in rodents: a role for Edar?

Francois D. H. Gould, Center for Functional Anatomy and Evolution, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, **\$940**;
Morphological indicators of locomotor specialization in distal femoral articular surfaces and the evolution of cursoriality in ungulates.

Rebecca Green, Department of Ecology, University of California, Davis, **\$1,500**;
From birth to death: the role of trees and forests in the life of a rare carnivore.

Patricia L. Jones, Department of Integrative Biology, University of Texas at Austin, **\$1,470**;
When to consume novel prey: social learning strategies in a Neotropical bat.

Stephen Nyaga Kinyua, Department of Wildlife Management, Moi University, Kenya, **\$1,500**;
Ungulate extinction and trophic cascades along productivity gradients in a savanna ecosystem.

Patrice Kurnath, Department of Biology, University of Utah, **\$1,500**;
Turning Up the Heat: Investigating Effects of Climate Change on Liver Function in Herbivores.

Justin Lack, Department: Zoology, Oklahoma State University, **\$1,500**;
Shifts in bat diversity inferred from sequencing of ancient DNA from 8,000-year old guano.

Eryn McFarlane, Department Integrative Biology, University of Guelph, **\$1,500**;
Mechanisms Maintaining Additive Genetic Variance of Fitness in a Red Squirrel Population.

Matthew R. Mauldin, Department of Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University, **\$1,500**;
A novel approach to mammalian hybridization studies: Woodrats (*Neotoma*) as a model.

Sara Parsons, Zoology Department, Miami University of Ohio, **\$1,500**;
Influence of Vasopressin Receptor Gene Polymorphism on Social Attachment and Mate Fidelity in Free-Ranging Male Prairie Voles (*Microtus ochrogaster*).

Lorelei E. Patrick, Department of Biological Sciences, Louisiana State University, **\$1,500**;
Phylogenetic Community Structure and Morphological Overlap of Western North American Bats.

Diana J. Raper, Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society, Oregon State University, **\$1,055**;
Carrion is a Missing Link in Our Understanding of Food Web Dynamics.

Katelyn I. Schumacher, Department of Biology and Marine Biology, University of North Carolina Wilmington, **\$1,500**;
Conservation Genetics of the northern flying squirrel, *Glaucomys sabrinus*, in the spruce-fir sky-islands of the Appalachians: Cryptic subspecies, population genetic structure, and pro-active adaptive management.

Juliana Senawi, Department of Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University, **\$1,500**;
Response of insectivorous bats assemblages to land-use change in Peninsular Malaysia.

Amy Skibiell, Department of Biological Sciences, Auburn University, **\$1,500**;
Impacts of maternal energy expenditure during lactation on maternal and offspring survival in the Columbian ground squirrel.

Mariano Soley-G., Biology Department, City College and The Graduate Center, The City University of New York, **\$1440**;
Effects of Quaternary climatic oscillations on the evolution of small rodents in the highlands of Costa Rica and western Panama.

Matt V. Talluto, Department of Zoology & Physiology, Program in Ecology, University of Wyoming, **\$1,500**;
Spatial heterogeneity in selection on serotiny from red squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*) predation on lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta*).

Brian Tanis, Department of Biological Sciences, Fort Hays State University, **\$595**;
Ecological impacts of wind turbines on mammalian Mesocarnivores.

Courtney Thomason, Department of Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University, **\$1,055**;
An Experimental Approach to Uncovering the Consequences of Parasite Co-infection.

Cody W. Thompson, Department of Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University, **\$1,500**;
The utility of a Y-linked marker and AFLPs in a hybrid zone with two mitochondrial-introgressed species of ground squirrels (genus *Spermophilus*).

Danielle M. Tufts, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, **\$1470**;
High Altitude Adaptations in North American Mammals (*Ochotona* and *Marmota* spp.).

Kimberly VanderWaal, Animal Behavior Graduate Group, University of California – Davis, **\$1,500**;
Identifying pathogen transmission pathways in wild giraffe (*Giraffe camelopardalis*).

Johanna Varner, Department of Biology, University of Utah, **\$1,000**;
Too hot to trot? Factors promoting pika survival in a time of global climate change.

Yiwei Wang, Environmental Studies Department, University of California at Santa Cruz, **\$1,500**;
Displacing top predators: Examining how human development may alter the traditional relationship between mountain lions and mesopredators.

Leah Yandow, Department of Zoology & Physiology, University of Wyoming and WY Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, **\$1,500**;
Habitat and climate influences on American pika (*Ochotona princeps*) abundance in the face of climate change.

Christine Zolnik, Biology Department, Fordham University, **\$1,000**;
Influence of host community structure on disease dynamics in blacklegged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*) using molecular identification of bloodmeal sources.

Respectively submitted,
C. William Kilpatrick, Chair
(C-William.Kilpatrick@uvm.edu)

Grinnell Award Committee

Committee Members: M. Brigham, T. L. Derting, M. S. Hafner, S. Jansa, S. Mech, P. Myers, D. J. Schmidly (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 received four nominations for the Joseph Grinnell Award. The committee unanimously and enthusiastically supported the nomination of one of the nominees and it was forwarded to the ASM Board of Directors for their consideration. The award will be presented at the banquet at the 2011 Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

Action Items:

(1) Budget request of \$350.00 to produce the Grinnell Award.

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Schmidly, Chair
(unmpres@unm.edu)

Honoraria Committee

Committee Members: L. Dizney, V. Hayssen (Chair), S. Jansa, M. C. Kalcounis-Ruppell, J. Light, M. Matocq, J. Merritt, J. Reichard, T. Roberts, R. Rowe, J. Smith, P. Stapp, K. Thorington, S. Vignieri.

Mission:

The committee's mission is to select students to be honored for their research in Mammalogy.

Information Items:

(1) From 16 applications, the Honoraria Committee awarded 3 graduate honoraria, each for \$1000: the Anna M. Jackson Award to Julie Woodruff, University of California-Berkeley; the Elmer C. Birney Award to Chris Habeck, University of Wisconsin-Madison; and the A. Brazier Howell Graduate Student Travel Grant to Tereza Jezkova, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

(2) From 9 applications the Committee awarded 2 undergraduate honoraria of \$500 each to Emily Scobie, University of Arizona and Reed Ojala-Barbour, Pacific Lutheran University.

(3) The Committee thanks Joseph Merritt for many, many years of service.

Action Items:

- (1) \$3000 3 * \$1000 for graduate travel awards (AM Jackson, B Howell, E Birney)
\$1000 2 * \$500 for undergraduate travel awards
\$4000 Total budget

Justification: All funds requested are for the awards.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Hayssen
(Vhayssen@email.smith.edu)

Honorary Membership Committee

Committee Members: G. Cameron, T. H. Kunz, S. McLaren, B. D. Patterson (Chair), 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 Honorary Membership Committee is composed of the 5 most recent past presidents and is chaired by the second-most senior one.

(2) Election as 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. This year, the committee considered several nominations and forwarded two for Board approval.

(3) Last year at the Annual Meeting in Laramie, Alfred Gardner (National Museum of Natural History) was elected to Honorary Membership in ASM.

(4) The Honorary Membership Committee welcomes nominations from the membership. Please direct nominations to the Chair.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce D. Patterson, Chair
(bpatterson@fieldmuseum.org)

Human Diversity Committee

Committee Members: L. J. Dizney, C. M. T. Himes, D. M. Kaufman (Chair), D. W. Kaufman, I. M. Ortega, K. C. Rowe, 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 continues its efforts to promote and support diversity in all aspects of the ASM. At this year's meeting, we will conduct a survey of the Annual Meeting attendees. The purpose of this survey is to track the basic demographic information of attendees and to relate ASM participation patterns to overall diversity information. (This survey is comparable to those completed in 1999, 2003, and 2007.) We are pursuing efforts to automate assessments of diversity of meeting attendees (as part of the Annual Meeting registration) and of the general membership (via membership information from Allen Press).

(2) In concert with this year's survey, we will present information about diversity in the ASM as a poster at the Annual Meeting ("The changing face of American mammalogy: the history and status of human diversity"). This poster is based on results from previous meeting surveys, as well as demographic data related to diversity in the general membership and those serving in the governance of ASM. This will serve to present new aspects of changing diversity patterns in the ASM over the last two decades, as well as to update information published fifteen years ago in the 1996 "Women in Mammalogy" Special Feature in the *Journal of Mammalogy*.

(3) With the new, redesigned ASM website coming online this spring, we can now proceed with our efforts to provide a clearinghouse website that will serve as a storehouse of information related to diversity. The aim of this webpage will be to provide information, data, and approaches to address the value, support, recruitment, and retention of human diversity in science and mammalogy. We hope to make this informational clearinghouse available (via the ASM website) yet this summer.

(4) We continue to invite involvement and to maintain a dialogue to assess the goals and objectives of this committee and seek feedback from those who have specific suggestions for approaches and activities to continue to increase the opportunities for and participation of those under-represented in the ASM. We also would like to recognize Natalia M. Belfiore, Clara B. Jones, Deanna L. Martinez, Karen McBee, Jorge Ortega, Oliver R. W. Pergams, Justin R. St. Juliana, Robert G. Trujillo, Corey K. Welch, Dou-Shuan Yang, and Claire A. Zugmeyer for their input and years of service on the HDC.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn M. Kaufman, Chair
(dkaufman@jsd.claremont.edu)

Informatics Committee

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

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 87th 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) On 3 April 2009, the Informatics Committee received a re-worked proposal for a 3-phase web site re-design process from Acro Media that would accommodate the fiscal cutbacks taken by the ASM Board in March 2009. Phase 1 involved the creation of new Information Architecture, which represents the backbone of the redesign process and was completed in August 2009 at a cost of \$4,246.45. In June 2009, the Board approved a line item of \$40,000 in

the 2010 budget to apply to the remaining two phases of the redesign. Phase 2, the “visible” part of the redesign, was completed at a cost of \$23,191.30, and will be followed by a third phase that will increase functionality of the ASM web site. Due to the workflow from Acro Media and testing of various aspects of the new website, \$16,808.70 from the 2010 budget was unspent by the end of 2010. This amount will be carried forward and combined with 2011 funds budgeted for Phase 3 of the redesign. [Note: Details of the work accomplished before 2009 can be found in the 2010 Annual Report.]

(2) The ASM web site was moved to a dedicated server to attempt to address issues with online submission of grants and fellowships. The one-month cost of a dedicated server was \$69. Informatics hired a consultant to try to get online submission working. After 13 hours of effort (billed for 2.5 hours; \$280), the consultant was unable to get online submission working. In the interest of cost, we decided to forgo online submission until the new web site was in place and live.

(3) Phase 2 of the redesign was completed and the new ASM web site (www.mammalsociety.org and www.mammalogy.org) went live on 17 March 2011. Informatics is currently requesting suggestions for added functionality for Phase 3 of the redesign.

(4) The redesigned ASM web site is hosted on a new server and web hosting company to better meet the needs of the new web site. The increased specifications resulted in an increase in annual web hosting fees from \$144 to \$468 per year.

(5) For the past ~12 years, AIBS was the official registrar of both ASM web site domain names. Informatics is working on making American Society of Mammalogists the official registrant (i.e., owner) of both domain names (mammalsociety.org and mammalogy.org) and the process should be complete by June 2011.

(6) Routine maintenance and updates were performed on an as-needed basis, including posting of Open Access articles published in the *Journal of Mammalogy* and *Mammalian Species*. Committee pages and membership listings were updated, as requested by President Mares. Leadership pages, including changes in Editors, Officers and Elected Directors, were updated following the 2010 Annual Meeting.

(7) Online submission of fellowships administered by the Honoraria and Grants-in-Aid committees was interrupted due to difficulties with the old web site. The later occurring fellowships were able to utilize the new web site for online submissions.

(8) Requests for information, job postings, and announcements submitted to the web site were received by Dan Odell. More than 120 requests were made between June 2010 and April 2011; many were requests to post job announcements, but once the new web page was launched a number of requests dealt with where to find membership information (ASM Business Office), the membership directory (ASM Business Office), and questions about the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Action Items:

(1) A budget of \$8,468 is requested from the 2012 budget. Hosting the ASM web site on a virtual private server currently costs \$468. This is an annual expense but would provide use of a server with sufficient resources to meet the demands of the new web site. Of the total, \$8,000 is for additional expenses related to the Society's web site redesign. These funds would be used only if the remaining funds from the 2011 budget are spent and it is decided that additional functionality proposed by the design firm would benefit the ASM membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew E. Hopton

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International Relations Committee

Committee Members: B. H. Blake, S. R. Carroll, J. Goheen, D. A. Kelt, W. Z. Lidicker, Jr., A. V. Linzey, I. Martinez-Serrano, R. A. Ojeda (co-Chair), K. Rowe, D. A. Schlitter (co-Chair), A. T. Smith, S. Solari, R. G. Trujillo, J. A. Wilson, S. M. Wisely.

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:** At the last annual meeting, the Membership Committee turned over the sponsored membership program to the IRC. This Committee has continued to receive nominations and requests, and has worked towards expanding the geographical distribution of these memberships. As a result of the co-chairs contacting heads of numerous national and regional mammal societies in developing countries, board members of the IFM, colleagues at universities and museums in developing countries, a large pool of names of deserving young mammalogists was generated. After review, suitable candidates were selected to fill any unfilled opening for sponsored positions. During the year, 31 sponsored memberships were filled as follows: Philippines (1 full), Tanzania (2 full), Ethiopia 1 online), Peru (4 full), Uruguay (1 full), Bolivia (2 full, 1 online), Chile (1 online), Argentina (2 full, 4 online), Kenya (1 full, 1 online), Guatemala (1 full), Costa Rica (1 full), Viet Nam (1 full), Mexico (2 full), Nicaragua (1 full), China (1 full), India (1 full), Brazil (1 full), and Swaziland (1 full). We have been unable to fill the sponsored membership for a Russian student even though

we have solicited help from numerous Russian colleagues including those on the IFM Board. We are currently working to fill one full membership and two online memberships. We have numerous names of worthy students from various countries and desperately need more donations from members. Multiple year commitments from donating members would be helpful.

- (b) The Buddy System:** The Committee has worked with the Publications Committee in using a "buddy system" to help international authors prepare their manuscripts for submission to the *Journal of Mammalogy*. An *ad hoc* subcommittee for this program continues working in finding better ways to advertise this service and to coordinate efforts. Barbara Blake, with the assistance of Bill Lidicker and Alicia Lindsey, promotes and coordinates this program. In 2010, five manuscripts were reviewed by "buddies" and one was accepted for publication. Seven buddies reviewed manuscripts. Geographically, one manuscript was from Latin America, two were from Europe and one from Asia. So far in 2011, four manuscripts are in the review process. Three of these manuscripts are from Latin America and one is from Asia.
- (c) Links to Mammal Societies of the World:** Committee members have continued 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 as well. A specific subcommittee is working to maintain a list of international mammal societies and their web pages. An initial list with links has been submitted to be posted on the newly developing web page for the Society. This is an on-going task 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 interested.
- (d) International Meetings and the International Federation of Mammalogists (IFM):** Bill Lidicker continues as IFM President and will report on IFM activities. The IMC-11 is scheduled for Belfast in August 2013. For more details, please see the separate report of the IFM representatives on the ASM website.
- (e) ASM Student Membership Award:** In 2008, the SAREM (Argentina Mammalogist Society) and the ASM Board established an annual award for the best student presentation at the SAREM Annual Meeting. The award is "a student - developing country – online only" for the ASM's publications. The IRC was able to endow this award this year 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.

(2)- New Initiatives:

The Committee welcomes new initiatives from any members as new task forces may develop in the future. The co-Chairs would like to thank the support and commitment of all Committee members. Thanks to all!

- (a) **African National's Graduate Research Fund:** A developing initiative involves a group of members with an interest in supporting African mammalogy led by Jake Goheen and Duane Schlitter who are attempting to establish an African National's Graduate Research Fund. The development of this fund was approved by the board at the last meeting. Approaches are being made to ASM members, corporations, foundations, societies, clubs and individuals. It is a slow process that requires persistence and patience. If interested, please contact any member of the IRC for directions on how you can help solicit contributions to this new research fund.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jackson Award Committee

Committee Members: R. Baker, B. Blake, G. Cameron (Chair), A. Gardner, H. Genoways, G. Kaufman.

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 received and reviewed one completed application for the Jackson Award.
- (2) The committee recommended this individual, and forwarded the name and supporting documents to President Mares for consideration by the Board.
- (3) The results of the Board's deliberations will be presented at the Annual Banquet.

Action Items:

- (1) Funds (\$150) are requested to produce the Jackson Award plaque.

Respectively submitted:

Guy N. Cameron, Chair

(g.cameron@uc.edu)

Latin American Fellowship Committee

Committee Members: J. A. Cook, M. M. Diaz, S. T. Álvarez-Castañeda, K. A. Ernest (Chair), G. J. Kenagy, E. A. Lacey, E. P. Lessa, M. A. O'Connell, T. E. Lacher, Jr.

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) We received 19 applications in 2011 for the Latin American Student Field Research awards and 3 for the Oliver Pearson award. Winners will be announced at the 2011 Annual Banquet in Portland, OR.

Action Items:

(1) A 2011 budget request for \$10,500 to cover 7 Latin American Student Field Research Awards and \$7,000 (\$5000 award, \$2000 travel) for The Oliver P. Pearson Award. The request to increase field grants by two is to help promote more research in Latin America where funding (especially for field research) can be quite challenging.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina A. Ernest, Chair

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Legislation and Regulation Committee

Committee Members: A. Abuzeineh, P. K. Anderson, T. Bowyer, R. W. Kays, A. Krevitz, T. J. McIntyre, S. B. McLaren, D. Odell, T. J. O'Shea, E. A. Rickart, S. R. Sheffield, M. J. Smolen, D. W. Sparks, (Chair), W. T. Stanley, V. J. Swier, C. W. Thompson, R. M. Timm.

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: No Report Submitted.

Mammal Images Library Committee

Committee Members: J. Bowman, B. D. Chepko-Sade, E. J. Finck (Business Manager), J. H. Harris, M. E. Hopton, D. G. Huckaby (Chair), J. A. Lackey, R. Larsen, S. K. Lyons, C. G. Mahan, R. L. Rehmeier, J. S. Scheibe, B. P. Tanis, J. O. Whitaker, Jr.

Mission:

The Mammal Images Library (MIL) maintains a collection currently totaling >1700 images of mammals representing >800 species. High-resolution images are available at a nominal charge for educational purposes. Most images in our collection may be used as illustrations for non-profit or commercial purposes depending on restrictions specified by contributors. Additional information about the MIL, including contact information for contributors, ordering information, and a complete listing of holdings, is available on the MIL section of the ASM web site at: <http://www.mammalogy.org/imagelibrary/index.html>.

Information Items:

- (1) The primary focus of the MIL Committee continues to be making individual images available. The table below compares the number of images sent and other information for the past six years. The numbers of images sent does not include those low-resolution images downloaded directly from the MIL website, of which we have no record. Signed copies of the 2010 business report were sent to the ASM treasurer.

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	8365.82

(2) The MIL consists, at present, of images digitized from slides at a resolution of 4000 dpi. A lower-resolution of generally 700 x ca. 469 pixels at 300 dpi preview of each image, suitable for 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, is available upon request for most of the library, although we charge a royalty generally of \$50 each for commercial usage. We charge a \$3 handling fee for each high resolution image sent.

(3) During 2010 the committee concentrated on updating the taxonomy and nomenclature of the library, based on Wilson and Reeder (2005) and rewriting its charge. The committee also began transferring the library's archive from a simple document file format to a spreadsheet format to improve management of the library. Although the archival copy is now an electronic spreadsheet stored on the Chair's computer, all committee members get a copy. The spreadsheet was used to build the image library database for the new web site. All this work took considerable time on the part of many of the committee members.

(4) No new images were added to the library during 2010 because we wanted to wait until after we had updated the library. We have a number of potential contributions, some of which were donated more than five years ago, and expect to add them to the library during 2011.

(5) The MIL lacks images of two of the 28 orders, 32 of the 153 families, and ca. 82% of the 5,416 species recognized in Wilson and Reeder, 3rd. Ed. 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 web page to determine if some images from your personal collection could improve the scope and quality of the MIL. Anyone interested in submitting images should contact the committee chair.

(7) The grant program for educational institutions in developing countries is not currently serving anyone. The committee intends to revisit this issue during 2011.

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

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Huckaby, Chair
(dhuckaby@csulb.edu)

Marine Mammals Committee

Committee Members: R. L. Brownell, Jr., C. M. Callahan, J. P. Dines (Chair), S. C. Eaton, H. H. Edwards, J. M. Lapsieritis, I. Martinez-Serrano, S. L. McDonald, T. J. McIntyre, D. K. Odell, T. J. O'Shea, M. Ostroff, C. W. Potter, S. Sheffield, R. J. Small, and J. A. Thomas.

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:

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.

(1) The Committee considered preparing a statement in conjunction with the Conservation Committee regarding a proposal by USFWS to issue permits for the non-lethal “take” of polar bears and walrus during oil and gas development activities in the Beaufort Sea, but postponed action until the Committee gathers for the Annual Meeting in Portland. The Committee is staying alert to issues having potential impacts on the polar bear, walrus, and other marine mammal species.

(2) Summary of actions by the USFWS regarding the management of marine mammals

Pacific walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*)

In a proposed rule dated February 2011, the USFWS found that listing of the Pacific walrus as Endangered or Threatened is warranted but declined to do so, citing the need to focus resources on higher priority species. Instead, the Pacific walrus has been added to the Candidate Species list.

Polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*)

In December 2010, USFWS designated critical habitat for the polar bear population in the United States, which was listed as threatened in 2008. Critical habitat includes 484,734 km² located in Alaska and adjacent waters.

(3) Summary of actions by the NOAA/NMFS regarding the management of marine mammals.

Beluga Whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*)

NOAA/NMFS announced a final ruling on the designation of critical habitat for the Cook

Inlet Beluga Whale Distinct Population Segment under the Endangered Species Act. Two areas encompassing 7,800 km² (3,013 miles²) of marine habitat were designated. This rule will become effective on 11 May 2011.

North Atlantic Right Whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*)

A 90-day finding and a 12-month determination to revise the critical habitat for the North Atlantic Right Whale found substantial scientific information indicating that the requested revision may be warranted. The petition sought to revise the existing critical habitat by expanding the areas designated as critical feeding and calving areas and include a migratory corridor. NOAA/NMFS intends to continue the ongoing rulemaking process with the expectation of a proposed rule to be submitted to the Federal Register for publication in the second half of 2011.

Gray Whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*)

A petition was filed by the California Gray Whale Coalition requesting a status review to designate the Eastern North Pacific stock of Gray Whales as depleted. NOAA/NMFS found that the petition did not provide substantial evidence to indicate the ENP Gray Whale stock is below its Maximum Net Productivity Level and determined that the petition action was not warranted.

False Killer Whale (*Pseudorca crassidens*)

NOAA/NMFS proposed to list the Hawaiian Insular False Killer Whale as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. A comprehensive status review was conducted in response to a petition filed by the Natural Resources Defense Council and substantial evidence indicates the Hawaiian Insular population to be a Distinct Population Segment that qualifies as a species under the ESA. NOAA/NMFS determined the DPS is declining and although critical habitat is not designated at this time, information is being solicited to inform the development of the final listing ruling and designation of critical habitat in the event the DPS is listed. Comments were solicited through 15 February 2011.

Fin Whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*)

NOAA/NMFS announced the adoption of an Endangered Species Act Recovery Plan for the Fin Whale. The revised recovery plan presents a recovery strategy to address the potential threats based on the best available science and presents guidance for use by agencies and interested parties to assist in the recovery of the Fin Whale.

Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*)

Effective beginning 28 May 2010, NOAA/NMFS issued a permit for a period of three years to authorize the incidental, non-intentional taking of individuals from the Central North Pacific stock of Humpback Whales by Hawaii-based longline fisheries. NOAA/NMFS concluded that incidental mortality and serious injury will have a negligible impact on CNP Humpback Whales based on a rate of 5.4 whales per year (26.5 percent of the stock's Potential Biological Removal level).

Killer Whale (*Orcinus orca*)

NOAA/NMFS issued a final ruling effective 16 May 2011 prohibiting vessels from approaching Southern Resident Killer Whales within 200 yards (182.9 m) and from parking in the path of whales when in inland waters of Washington State. The purpose of this final rule is to protect Killer Whales from interference and noise associated with vessels, which have been identified as potential contributing factors in the recent decline of this population.

Sperm Whale (*Physeter catodon*)

NOAA/NMFS announced the adoption of an Endangered Species Act Recovery Plan for the Sperm Whale. The revised recovery plan contains revisions solicited by the public as well as independent peer-reviewers. The revised recovery plan presents a recovery strategy to address the potential threats based on the best available science and presents guidance for use by agencies and interested parties to assist in the recovery of the Sperm Whale. NOAA/NMFS concluded that the recovery plan meets the requirements of the ESA.

Steller Sea Lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*)

Petitions were filed by the states of Washington, Oregon and Alaska to delist the eastern Distinct Population Segment of Steller Sea Lion under the Endangered Species Act. NOAA/NMFS found substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. Public comments were solicited through 11 February 2011 and NOAA/NMFS is currently reviewing whether the delisting of the eastern DPS of Steller Sea Lion under the ESA is warranted.

Hawaiian Monk Seal (*Monachus schauinslandi*)

NOAA/NMFS announced its intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the environmental impacts of implementing specific management actions and administering the associated research and enhancement programs for Hawaiian Monk Seals in the northwestern and main Hawaiian Islands. This notice begins the official public scoping process that will help identify alternatives and determine the scope of environmental issues to be considered in the PEIS.

Bearded Seal (*Erignathus barbatus*)

NOAA/NMFS announced completion of a comprehensive status review of the Bearded Seal under the Endangered Species Act and announced a 12-month finding on a petition to list the Bearded Seal. The agency issued a Proposed Rule to list the Beringia and the Okhotsk Bearded Seals as threatened species.

Ringed Seal (*Phoca hispida*)

NOAA/NMFS announced completion of a comprehensive status review of the Ringed Seal under the Endangered Species Act and announced a 12-month finding on a petition to list the Ringed Seal. The agency issued a Proposed Rule to list the Arctic, Okhotsk, Baltic, and Ladoga subspecies as a threatened species.

Spotted Seal (*Phoca largha*)

A Final Ruling effective 22 November 2010 listed the southern Distinct Population Segment of the Spotted Seal as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. Critical habitat will not be designated for the southern DPS because it occurs outside the United States.

(4) *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico

(a) The fire and explosion on the *Deepwater Horizon* drilling platform on 20 April 2010 killed 11 workers and released an estimated 5 million barrels of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico over a 3 month period. Determining the true impact this ecological disaster has had on marine mammals is complicated by the fact that unusually high numbers of bottlenose dolphins were washing ashore dead for several months prior to the oil spill. Since February 2010, more than 400 bottlenose dolphins have stranded in the region affected by the oil spill. An unknown number of cetaceans were additionally affected but never recovered; one study estimates a true mortality rate of 50 times the reported number. With a spike in dolphin deaths beginning in February 2011 and continuing to present, NOAA/NMFS declared an Unusual Mortality Event retroactive to February 2010. All cetacean deaths are part of the ongoing investigation and are part of the criminal case against the parties found responsible for the oil spill. Some marine mammal researchers, including many who respond to these strandings, have expressed frustration at Federal rules that hamper the publication of Gulf stranding data. The next information item explains the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program (NRDA) and why data are seemingly “locked up” as a result of this legal process.

(b) *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill and the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program (NRDA)

The Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program (NRDA) was established by the Department of Interior (DOI) to provide a series of laws, regulations, statutes, and guidelines that form the foundation to restore natural resources injured from oil spills or other hazardous substance releases into the environment. Actions taken by the Restoration Program are done with the goal of restoring injured natural resources for the American public (see <http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/about/nrda.html>). There are three phases to natural resource damage assessment: pre-assessment, restoration planning, and restoration implementation. Please see the links below for more details.

Following the *Deepwater Horizon* MC252 oil spill, trustees (e.g., NOAA, DOI USFWS, DOI National Park Service, states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida) representing the public were tasked with demonstrating the causality between the release of oil and potential injury to natural resources, and the loss of public use of those resources. Data collected by the trustees as part of the NRDA process are used to determine whether impacts to natural resources have occurred. According to NRDA, for there to be an injury it must be determined that there was exposure, a pathway, and an adverse change to the natural resource. It is the responsibility of NRDA to determine the

extent of the injury and to recommend actions based on the data provided by the trustees. NRDA is a legal process and therefore, data collected as part of that process must be able to withstand scrutiny in a court of law, and are considered part of the chain of custody (evidence) in any legal action that arises from the oil spill. Consequently, the trustees were required to handle the data in a manner that avoids allegations of tampering or misconduct (e.g., upload data directly to the agencies tasked with holding the data), and to use the data in ways that do not compromise the NRDA process. Although this has given the appearance to some that data are not available, NOAA is currently posting pre-assessment data and it looks like they will continue to do so as data quality are checked. For more information about NRDA data, the NRDA process, and information about some of the wildlife studies funded please see the links below.

<http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/about/nrda.html>

<http://www.noaa.gov/deepwaterhorizon/data/nrda.html>

<http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.doi.gov/oepc/response/a01.htm>

<http://www.bp.com/sectiongenericarticle800.do?categoryId=9036685&contentId=706778>

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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Membership Committee

Committee Members: G. Cameron, S. Carroll, E. Finck, M. Gannon (Chair), J. Hanson, M. Haynie, D. Rogers, R. Stevens.

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) Recruitment

This committee has been examining both recruitment and retention for a number of years. At present, our recruitment numbers seem stable. We are bringing in about the same number of new members, year to year, as we have in the past. We are not seeing a great change in these numbers over multiple year periods. Many of these individuals are student members, recruited by current members bringing in their own graduate and undergraduate students and exposing them to what the Society can offer in terms of such things as research and professional development.

(2) Retention

We are, however, seeing a reduction in members of the Society in terms of retention. While there always has been a certain amount of turnover, we are now experiencing loss of a higher number of current members than previously experienced.

Our assessment indicates that active Society members, those who attend the annual meetings each year and are involved in committee work and the Governance of the Society, are not at significant risk for loss. They understand the intangible benefits of membership in ASM. These include a first rate meeting where contacts are made, ideas exchanged, new relationships established, the roll the Society plays in the Scientific Community and how they, as individuals, contribute as members of ASM. This includes somewhere between 20 and 25% of our current members.

Information gathered from those who are leaving reveals several reasons for the decision. These include A) members who come to the meetings occasionally or not at all and want to know what it is they are paying for with their dues, or B) members who were subscribers to the Journal who can now get it elsewhere for free, or C) a combination of A and B.

Those individuals point out that they feel they are getting little for their membership that they cannot get elsewhere for free. For example, anyone can attend our meetings and non-members pay exactly the same registration fees that members pay. At the meeting, non-members can do most everything members can do except vote at the Members Meeting or hold office. This includes making contacts, forging relationships, attending papers, and exchanging ideas.

This Committee undertook the task of attempting to identify the tangible benefits that a member receives from ASM. At present, the list of tangible benefits of membership exclusive to members includes:

1. Eligible to hold office and/or serve on committees in the Society.
2. Eligible to vote in elections (only if you attend the annual meetings).
3. Eligible to be nominated for Society awards (although some are open to non-society members).
4. Student members can apply for various grants in aid.

(3) Recommendations

We recommend that the Society assemble a complete list of membership benefits that we can promote to both potential and current members demonstrating the benefits that accompany membership dues. In addition to this benefits list, establishing other tangible benefits may go a long way in both recruiting and retention of members.

We urge the Board to consider the following points as potential member benefits that could be offered:

Annual non-member registration fees for the ASM meetings that are greater than the rate for members, by at least the cost of regular membership dues.

Provide an **easy** mechanism for all members to participate in both the nomination and election of officers.

Consider increased page charge costs for nonmembers in the Journal of Mammalogy, and wave them for ASM members. At least one author would have to be an AMS member to request that page charges be waved.

Make better use of current technology to communicate with our members. This includes timely updates to web pages, and incorporating the use of Twitter and Facebook for communication. Other societies, such as The Wildlife Society, the Society for Conservation Biology, and the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation make use of these outlets for regular communication with members. Members of those societies that also belong to the ASM have indicated they are very pleased with receiving communications through those outlets, and in fact would rather receive them through this medium than email. Such communications would allow the ASM to reach a large number of our members quickly and on a regular basis, and may also have use in publicity and exposure for the Society. An examination of the followers of these societies on Twitter, for example, shows that they are being viewed by individuals connected to news outlets.

Lastly, we feel that getting members to annual meetings and involved in ASM goes a long way to keeping them as members. Many individuals we approached indicated they do not go to annual meetings often because meetings are in locations that are out of the way, costly to travel to, and have little interest for other family members. We feel that holding meetings at destinations attractive to members and their families for vacation as well as attending the ASM Annual Meeting would be of significant benefit in retention.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Gannon
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Merriam Award Committee

Committee Members: R. T. Bowyer, G. Ceballos (Chair), K. E. Holekamp, S. A. Jansa, E. A. Lacey, T. E. Lacher, R. S. Ostfeld, M. R. Willig, D. E. Wilson.

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) One incomplete application was received. No candidate was recommended for this award this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nomenclature Committee

Committee Members: J. L. Eger (Chair), A. L. Gardner, H. H. Genoways, M. S. Hafner, K. M. Helgen, R. W. Norris, J. L. Patton, R. H. Pine, 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 reviewing the nomenclature of manuscripts with new species descriptions and those with extensive revisions for the Editor of the Journal of Mammalogy. In 2010-11, the committee reviewed 9 such manuscripts.

(2) The Committee along with the Nomenclature Committee of the International Federation of Mammalogists continues to review nomenclature for Mammalian Species (6 accounts reviewed, 1 in review).

(3) The Committee continues to receive requests for information via the ASM website.

Action Items:

(1) To continue working with the Editor of the Journal and the Editor of Mammalian Species and chairs of other committees as is necessary.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Eger, Chair
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Planning and Finance Committee

Committee Members: E. J. Heske (Chair), D. M. Leslie, Jr., A. V. Linzey, S. B. McLaren, R. M. Timm, R. Van Den Bussche, M. R. Willig.

Mission:

The Planning and Finance Committee was formed to develop the Annual Budget as a planning tool rather than as a spending plan. The original charges to this committee included: 1) Developing a philosophy and guidelines for use of the Reserve Fund, including the overall purpose, goals with regard to our Annual Budget, and guidelines defining how we will arrive at spending limits for each year (document approved by the Board in 1999); 2) Determining the cost of insuring officers and the Society to protect against legal action (has become a part of the Annual Budget); 3) Examining how the Society can become more relevant in terms of what it offers members through its publications. This latter charge and the development of the annual budget, on behalf of the President, are now the ongoing duties of this committee.

Information Items:

(1) The preliminary, proposed 2012 budget for the American Society of Mammalogists will be circulated to all Board members prior to the Annual Meeting.

Action Items:

(1) At the upcoming Board Meeting in Portland, Oregon, the proposed budget for 2012 will be presented along with supporting documentation, reviewed, and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward J. Heske, Chair
(eheske@illinois.edu)

Program Committee

Committee Members: J. Braun (Co-Chair), L. Flaherty, J. Hoffman, E. Lacey, P. A. Larsen, S. Loeb, K. Mabry, D. Odell, D. Post, S. R. Pugh, M. Revelez, L. Ruedas, M. Schadler, B. Shaw, R. Sikes, W. Smith, N. Solomon, T. Tomasi (Co-Chair), 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.

Information Items:

(1) Committee Organization:

The committee is organized into two sub-committees and various special assignments:

Pre-Meeting Preparation: T. Tomasi (Chair), M. Schadler, R. Sikes, N. Solomon

Symposia and Workshops: D. Odell (Chair); A. Fairbairn, J. Hoffman, E. Lacey, S. Loeb, K. Mabry, D. Post

Special Activities:

- 2011 ASM-AMS Joint Meeting: Winston Smith
- Run for Research: Patrick Zollner
- Advertising: Stephen R. Pugh
- Vendors: Marcia Revelez

(2) Subcommittee Activities:

Symposia and Workshops:

One symposium proposal was received and reviewed. We recommend this symposium for 2012 (financial details below under Action Item):

- Title: *Interactions between mammals and their pathogens*
- Organizer: Richard Ostfeld
- Speakers:
 - Patricia Conrad (UC-Davis) Sea otter parasites
 - Anna Jolles (Oregon State U) Cape buffalo parasites
 - Eric Schaubert (Southern Illinois) White-tailed deer & chronic wasting
 - Denise Dearing (U of Utah) Hanta Virus

Pre Meeting Preparation:

Revisions have been made to update, organize and edit the Guide for Annual Meetings, and additional editing/addition is planned.

(3) Future Meetings:

2012 – A report on preparation for the 2012 meeting in Reno at the Peppermill Hotel and Casino will be presented to the membership (Tom Tomasi).

2013 –Bids will be presented for hosting the 2013 meeting in Philadelphia or Baltimore (Janet Braun).

Action Items:

(1) The Program Committee requests approval of the budget requested to support expenses associated with the following symposium at the 2012 ASM meeting:

Title: *Interactions between mammals and their pathogens*

Organizers: Rick Ostfeld

Requested Budget:

Registration: (\$260 x 3)	\$780
Housing: (\$275 x 3)	\$825
Meals: (\$250 x 3)	\$750
Travel (airfare, shuttle) for Dr. Jolles:	\$350
Travel (car mileage) for Dr. Conrad:	\$100
Travel (airfare, shuttle) for Dr. Dearing:	<u>\$250</u>
REQUEST:	\$3055

A second symposium and/or a workshop will be solicited for the 2012 meeting if time permits.

Requested Budget for second symposium:

Registration: (\$260 x 3)	\$780
Housing: (\$275 x 3)	\$825
Meals: (\$250 x 3)	\$750
Travel	<u>\$700</u>
REQUEST:	\$3055

TOTAL REQUEST: \$6110

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Education Committee

Committee Members: G. Feldhamer, D. Ginnett, A. Joachim, R. Larsen, M. Merrick, D. K. Odell, J O'Neill, B. D. Sasse, B. Shaw (Chair), S. Sheffield, K. K. Thorington, and M. Wolf

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 State Lists of Mammals for all 50 states. *Mammal Species of the World: A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference* (3rd ed; MSW) was published in 2005, and the state mammal lists are aligned to this taxonomic system. Members of PEC completed 25 State Mammal Lists prior to 2005. In addition, 4 states were completed with information before 2005 and therefore, were not posted online. None of these state lists have been updated with the 2005 MSW, and therefore, 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 documents, we are developing a single database of all species found within the United States. Once the database of species has been compiled, the individual state lists can be built by simply selecting the state field for the mammals found there. We set a three-year deadline, with the completion of the database set for the ASM meeting in 2012.

There are multiple benefits to this system.

- With the completion of the database, all 50 states are essentially completed.
- When the *Mammal Species of the World: A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference* is revised to the 4th edition, it will be a matter of making the appropriate species changes in the database (one time rather than 50 times for each state), and the list will be current within a matter of weeks (rather than years) after publication.
- The new ASM internet website can support a searchable database system. In that case, mammal species of the United States can become a flexible tool for searching not only state mammal lists, but also individual species, genera, or families throughout the United States. This becomes a powerful tool for further PEC projects and programs.

We have completed the following Orders: Artiodactyla, Carnivora (A. Joakim), Chiroptera (R. Larsen), Didelphimorphia, Cingulata, Perissodactyla, and Sirenia (B. Shaw); and the families Sciuridae (M. Merrick), Aplodontiidae, Erethizontidae, Myocastoridae, Castoridae (B. Shaw) in Rodentia, the family Ochotonidae in Lagomorpha.

We are targeting the completion of the following groups by this time next year: Order Cetacea, Rodentia families Geomyidae, Heteromyidae, Cricetidae, Muridae; Lagomorpha family Leporidae; and Soricomorpha family Talpidae. Soricidae has been assigned, but not completed. We are asking for anyone interested in helping us prepare the North American mammal groups

to please contact B. Shaw (email on the ASM website). We especially need someone familiar with Cetacea to work on that group.

(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. Three certificates were requested this year. 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.

(4) Other Projects: 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. Now that Phase 1 of the upgrade is completed, we can begin to develop this collaboration for K-12 and the public and the ASM Conservation Committee's projects.

(5) The committee has discussed several projects to engage formal educators, informal educators, and the public in general, but we were limited until the new website became available.

Action Items:

(1) In coordination with the Informatics Committee, we respectfully request a budget of \$5,000 for fiscal year 2012 to incorporate a searchable database system into Phase 2 of the website upgrades.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Shaw, Chair

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Publications Committee

Committee Members: R. E. Barry (Journal Editor), H. Beck, B. H. Blake, E. R. Dumont, W. L. Gannon, M. J. Hamilton (MS Editor), J. M. Harris, D. S. Jacobs, J. A. Jenks, M. Kalcounis-Rueppell, D. M. Leslie, Jr. (Chair), B. K. Lim, C. Maher, E. A. Mueller, M. K. Oli, P. R. Owen, W. F. Perrin, R. A. Powell, J. L. Rachlow, D. L. Reed, E. A. Rickart, V. Sánchez-Cordero, P. T. Stapp, M. A. Steele, R. D. Stevens, B. J. Swanson, D. H. Van Vuren, C. C. Voigt, S. Wisely, D. A. Zegers.

Mission:

The Publications Committee oversees the Society's publications, including the *Journal of Mammalogy*, *Mammalian Species*, and Special Publications. The Committee sets editorial policy for the Society and nominates editors for approval by the Board of Directors. The Committee is

typically composed of current editors, who are involved in reviewing and accepting papers and the technical production of the publications.

Information Items:

(1) Highlights of the activities of the Publication Committee include (a) the development and establishment of a Fast Track option for naming new species, genera, etc. in online supplemental papers to the *Journal of Mammalogy*, through the hard work of Barbara Blake, Ed Heske, and Karen Ridgway, (b) arranging for the printing and distribution of the 2010 *Mammalian Species* Archive book, (c) permitting the first updates of old *Mammalian Species* accounts, the least shrew (no. 43) and the ringtail (no. 327) and pondering permitting updates of accounts on the snow leopard (no. 20) and bharal (no. 278), and (d) recruiting, arguably, the largest class of Associate Editors for the *Journal of Mammalogy*. At 2010 Annual Meeting, the Publication Committee discussed, at length, the matter of page charges and failed to reach a consensus; however, most felt that some mandatory page charges were appropriate for all authors.

(2) Critically, Journal Editor Ron Barry asked to step down after 2 years of service, which added an unexpected challenge to editorial recruitment this year. The Publications Committee also lost one AE shortly after last year's meeting (Fritz Geiser, 3.2 years) and will be losing 6 more in June—their combined service to ASM equals just over 22 years! Those AEs stepping down after our meeting this year are Betsy Dumont (3 years), David Jacobs (4 years), Jon Jenks (2 years), Bill Perrin (4 years), Janet Rachlow (3 years), and David Reed (3 years). Finally, we operated 1 AE short of the Board-approved level of 22 AEs. Therefore, we sought replacements for the Journal Editor and 8 AEs for the *Journal*.

(3) Publication statistics for the *Journal of Mammalogy* between 1 April 2010 and 31 March 2011:

Volume 91 Nos. 1–6; 144 manuscripts published; 1 Special Feature with 4 papers.

Volume 92 Nos. 1–5; 94 manuscripts scheduled to be published as of 10 April 2010; 25 manuscripts including 1 Special Feature with 8 papers published in No. 1; 69 manuscripts including 1 Special Feature with 8 papers scheduled for publication in Nos. 2–5 as of 10 April 2009.

Number of manuscripts submitted: 380 (compared to 356 last year).

Number of manuscripts accepted: 83 (compared to 86 last year).

Number of manuscripts rejected: 210 (compared to 181 last year).

Rejection rate: 72% (compared to 68% last year).

Handling times:

Volume 91, Nos. 1–6

Submission to acceptance: 184 days (6.0 months).

Acceptance to publication: 208 days (6.8 months).

Total time: 392 days (12.8 months).

Volume 92, Nos. 1–5

Submission to acceptance: 220 days (7.2 months).
Acceptance to publication: 184 days (6.0 months).
Total time: 404 days (13.2 months).

Geographic distribution of accepted manuscripts:

Vol. 91, Nos. 1–6: 51% U.S., 6% Canada, 15% Latin America, 27% other countries ($n = 144$).

Vol. 92, Nos. 1–5: 51% U.S., 7% Canada, 18% Latin America, 23% other countries ($n = 94$).

(4) Publication statistics for *Mammalian Species* between 1 April 2009 and 31 March 2010:

Total number of accounts published = 27 (23 last year).

Accounts in proof, scheduled for release in May = 4.

Accounts with Editor = 15.

Total number of accounts with Associate Editors = 35.

Number of new accounts submitted and assigned to Associate Editors = 25.

Number of new species accounts assigned to authors = 42.

Total number of accounts in preparation = 394 (220 overdue).

Action Items:

(1) New Editors: The Committee seeks Board approval of Joseph Merritt as Editor and Brian Arbogast (University of North Carolina–Wilmington), Peter Evans (Sea Watch Institute and University of Wales, Bangor), Loren Hayes (University of Louisiana at Monroe), Ricardo Ojeda (Centro Científico Tecnológico Mendoza, Argentina), Suzanne Prange (Ohio Division of Natural Resources), Lisa Shipley (Washington State University), Winston Smith (U.S. Forest Service, retired), and Neal Woodman (U.S. Geological Survey at the Smithsonian) as Associate Editors of the *Journal of Mammalogy*.

(2) Request an increase in Journal Editor's budget from \$30,000 to \$55,000 this year and, in principle, to \$70,000 next year.

(3) Re-instate the stipend of \$2,000 (from \$1,000) for the Editor for *Mammalian Species*.

(4) Request \$1,400 (increase of \$200) to cover the cost of printing and distributing archive copies of *Mammalian Species* to our 28 library partners.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Leslie, Jr., Chair

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Resolutions Committee

Committee Membership: N. G. Dawson, M. R. Gannon, E. J. Heske, A. F. Janicki (student member), D. A. Kelt (Chair), T. J. McIntyre, D. M. Reeder, S. R. Sheffield, D. W. Sparks.

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 revised and refined its responsibilities and clarified the process for submission of resolutions. This was distilled in a 2-pg document that was emailed to all Society members and has been posted on the ASM website (see “Files” tab on the Resolutions web page).

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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Systematics Collections Committee

Committee Members: J. E. Bradley, R. D. Bradley, S. Burt, L. N. Carraway, C. Conroy, B. Coyner, J. R. Demboski, C. W. Dick, R. C. Dowler, K. Doyle, J. Dunnam, J. A. Esselstyn, W. L. Gannon, M. S. Hafner, J. D. Hanson, P. Holahan, T. Holmes, S. R. Hooper, C. A. Iudica, B. K. Jacobson, D. A. Kelt, E. A. Lacey, B. K. Lim, S. B. McLaren, N. D. Moncrief, E. A. Rickart, D. S. Rogers, W. T. Stanley (Chair), 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) The Collection of Mammals at Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology (MWFB) at the University of California, Davis was inspected and accredited.

(2) The Collection of Mammals at the Mote Marine Laboratory was recently inspected. The evaluation for accreditation is on-going.

(3) The Museo de Zoología-Mamíferos at the Pontifica Universidad Católica del Ecuador has asked to be reviewed and this will be done in late May of this year.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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IV. ad hoc Committees

***ad hoc* Committee for ASM-AIBS Graduate Student Public Policy Internship**

Committee Members: G. Barrett, R. Gropp (AIBS), W. Lidicker, A. Linzey (Chair)

Mission:

The goal of the ASM-AIBS Public Policy Internship is to provide an opportunity for a student to gain hands-on experience in public policy at the national level that relates generally to biology and specifically to matters of interest to ASM. The purpose of the *ad hoc* committee is to develop policies and procedures for this internship, to solicit applications, and to recommend a suitable candidate for approval by the ASM Board of Directors.

Information Items:

(1) In previous years, the student internship holder was required to be enrolled in a graduate program during the internship semester. The requirements were changed to read “The internship is open to ASM members who are currently enrolled in a graduate program or who have completed a graduate degree no more than one semester prior to the starting date of the internship, and who are engaged in research that will contribute to our understanding and conservation of mammals.

(2) Due to budget restraints, the internship was not funded for 2009 and 2010. Funding was restored for fall 2011. The Committee will bring a recommendation for the 2011 Internship to the Board of Directors meeting in Portland.

(3) Rob Gropp from AIBS passed along some news about our first intern Judsen Bruzugul. In the intervening years, he has completed his degree, completed a AAAS Fellowship at the Department of State, and just recently started a position as Climate Change Adaptation Analyst at the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Action Items:

(1) Board of Directors approval of student intern for 2012.

(2) Budget request for \$6,500 (\$6,000 for internship and \$500 to AIBS to defray costs of hosting student).

Respectfully submitted,
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V. Affiliates

AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) Affiliation

AAAS Liaison: Oliver Pergams

Information Items: No report submitted.

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: No Report Submitted.

AIBS (American Institute of Biological Sciences) Affiliation

AIBS Liaison: Alicia V. Linzey

Information Items:

(1) The ASM representative to AIBS (currently Alicia Linzey) attends AIBS Council meetings (either in person or via webinar), which occur in conjunction with the annual meeting, and reports back to the ASM Board and membership. In a break with past tradition, the 2011 Council Meeting was not held in May. Plans are still being developed, but it is likely that the 2011 Council Meeting will be in the fall (probably November or December).

General Information Items:

(1) The organizational activities are fully described on the AIBS website (aibs.org), but the following items are among those that may be of particular interest to ASM members:

- ActionBioscience.org is an AIBS resource created to promote bioscience literacy. The web site provides articles by scientists, science educators, and science students on issues related to environment, biodiversity, genomics, biotechnology, evolution, new frontiers in science, and bioscience education.
- The AIBS Legislative Action Center continues to be a one-stop shop for legislative activity, including updates on legislation, links to your congressmen, a mechanism for sending email to your representatives, etc. See <http://capwiz.com/aibs/home>.
- AIBS continues to sponsor the Coalition on the Public Understanding of Science (COPUS), a communication and collaboration network building bridges between science and society. See <http://www.copusproject.org> for more information.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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IUCN (The World Conservation Union) Affiliation

IUCN Liaison: J. G. Kie

Information Items: No Report Submitted.

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

- Helped raise the profile of natural science collections in the federal science policy discourse.
- Has continued to pursue a national campaign to secure a Presidential executive order for the preservation and use of scientific collections. [At least 17 scientific societies and natural science collections have endorsed the proposed executive order.]
- In collaboration with AIBS, launched a letter writing campaign that generated many letters to the President about the importance of scientific collections for research and education.
- Met with senior staff from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and Office of Management and Budget about the proposed executive order.
- Interacted through Board members on the writing of a new collections digitization initiative for the National Science Foundation.
- Briefed committee staff for House of Representatives about the proposed order and requested that Congress consider acting on the issue of collections.
- Produced a new series of special reports that takes an in depth look at scientists and institutions who are using scientific collections. The first two reports in the series were created in partnership with the United States Geological Survey (USGS). One report, "Museum Specimens in the Service of Science: USGS and Smithsonian Partner to Advance Science" features USGS scientists who work at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. The USGS' Biological Survey Unit has stored its specimens at the museum since 1889. The second report, "Bees Are Not Optional: To Know How Bees Fare, You Must Know Who They Are" focuses on an effort led by the USGS to create an online identification guide for North American bees.

- Provided congressional testimony in support of increased federal funding for the National Science Foundation and the United States Geological Survey.
- Published timely updates, reports and announcements to the NSC alliance website (www.nscalliance.org).

Action Items. None.

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

The ASM is well represented on the Board of the International Federation of Mammalogists. The current President of the Board is William Lidicker, Jr., of the Society. And because of the large size of the membership, the ASM President, Michael Mares, and co-chairs of the International Relations Committee, Ricardo Ojeda and Duane Schlitter, are members of the Board.

The IFM is between international meetings at this time. The next scheduled international meeting (IMC-11) will be held in Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK, in August 2013. Preliminary information will be available shortly. It is not too early to begin making travel and participation plans.

Two main items of business were addressed by the IFM Board during the year. Petitions for membership in the IFM are an ongoing process as new societies are formed or older ones decide to participate. The Taiwanese Mammal Society petitioned the Board for membership in the IFM. Discussions continue over the acceptance of two Chinese mammal societies. A solution acceptable to the Chinese Mammal Society located mostly in the People's Republic of China and the Taiwanese Mammal Society is being sought before the petition can be resolved. The web site for the latter society is located at: <http://www.mammal.url.tw/>. A petition for IFM membership was received from the Colombians on behalf of the Sociedad Colombiana de Mastozoología (SCM). The petition was approved. Their web site is: <http://www.sociedadcolombianamastozoologia.org/>.

A second order of business was to inaugurate a vendor sponsorship program. The policy was initiated by the Future Directions Committee of IFM chaired by Takashi Saitoh. There was some urgency in this matter as the IMC-11 Organizing Committee in Northern Ireland will need to begin negotiations with possible vendors for the next international meeting very soon. More on these items of IFM business as well as other information can be found on the IFM web site located at: <http://www.mammalogyinternational.org/>.

ASM members on the IFM Board: William Lidicker, Jr., President of IFM; Michael Mares, President of ASM; Ricardo Ojeda and Duane Schlitter, Co-chairs of ASM's IRC

Action Items. None.

Respectfully submitted,
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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: No Report Submitted.