

Development Committee

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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) During this past year (2007–2008), the Development Committee:

(A) Continued its fund-raising effort to encourage ASM members to include the Society in their planned-giving portfolios, and to make cash gifts to designated funds established by the Society, including:

Latin American Student Mammalogy Fund
Future Mammalogists Fund
Development Drive
Pearson Fund
Century Fund

(B) Invited ASM Officers and other Board Members to make leadership pledges to support the Society.

(C) Invited Life, Patron, and Emeritus members (only in the U.S.) who had reached the age of 70 1/2 years or older before December 31, 2007 to make a tax-free donation to the Society of up to \$100,000 from their IRA's (authorized under the U.S. Pension Protection Act).

(2) Contributions to the Society for 2007–2008 are summarized in the report from the Secretary-Treasurer.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,

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