

Development Committee

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

History and Mission:

The Development Committee was established as an *ad hoc* committee in 1989 and became a standing committee in 1993. The mission of this Committee is to promote the development of the Society through various forms of planned giving such as bequests, trusts, and gifts of cash or other assets. Coordination is required with other committees and informal groups that have related functions. The Development Committee activated the Pooled-Income Fund in 1998.

Responsibilities:

Committee members may write personal letters inviting members to become Patron Members of the Society and/or to become donors to the New Founders Club. Committee members may work to obtain grants for the Future Mammalogists Fund, the Latin American Student Field Research Fund, the African Graduate Student Fund, and for support of new fellowships. Committee members may work to obtain grants from foundations and industry for use by other committees such as the Program committee.

Information Items:

(1) 2016 Activities:

- (a) Unfortunately, the 2015 Development Committee meeting in Jacksonville had a room assignment mix-up and only a couple of members were present. David Schmidly tells me previous efforts to interest foundations in the ASM had not been fruitful.
- (b) With the 100th Anniversary of ASM on the horizon the Committee discussed using that occasion as a special opportunity to encourage Society members to donate to one of the programs listed above under Committee Responsibilities. In particular, the New Founders Club is considered a major opportunity for members to contribute.
- (c) D.J. Schmidly asked to be replaced as Chair due to several book contract commitments.
- (d) President Eileen Lacey subsequently asked Art Cleveland to Chair the Committee.

(2) Recommendations:

- (a) The Development Committee should proceed to recruit additional members of the Committee at the 2016 ASM Annual Meeting.
- (b) After having communicated with President Lacey, the Chair will discuss potential beneficiaries of future fundraising with members of the Committee, including the James L. Patton Fund and the African Graduate Student Research Fund. As efforts to increase undergraduate and graduate students' attendance at Annual Meetings occurs, additional funds should be available to assist in their registration and housing costs.

(c) A note from the new Chair: Having recently retired from my university advancement role, I want to work with the committee members, members of the Board and the new President to develop a strategic plan for the next three years as the ASM approaches its 100 year anniversary. This plan should include potential centennial gifts, various ASM programs, mammalian conservation efforts, and support of mammalian collection efforts.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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