

Membership Committee

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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 Christy Classi to correct membership bookkeeping problems that arise.

Information Items:

- (1) We sent emails to welcome new members, non-members, and first-time attendees registered for the 2021 Virtual. CO. Emails to non-members directed them to the Membership page on the Society website.
- (2) The Committee is coordinating to support activities of the Education and Graduate Student Committee at the annual meeting to welcome new members and provide structure and support for first-time attendees.
- (3) The Membership Committee did not meet in 2020 due the cancellation of the annual meeting because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are planning a Zoom meeting for the summer of 2021.
- (4) We plan to concentrate on recruitment at the IMC in 2023.
- (5) For the remainder of 2021 we will concentrate on how to strengthen retention of members.
- (6) We have been contacting individuals at Historical Black Colleges and Native American Colleges that are doing research with mammals or teaching mammalogy courses that are not members and are encouraging them to join ASM.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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