

Program Committee

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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:

(A) The committee is organized in to three sub-committees:

Pre-Meeting Preparation: G. Haigh (Chair); B. Arbogast, E. Lacey, D. Parish, T. Tomasi, N. Solomon

Symposia and Workshops: D. Odell (Chair); S. Burt, A. Fairbairn, N. Solomon, S. Loeb, S. Pugh

Advertising: K. Kilburn (Chair); B. Arbogast, E. Lacey, P. Zollner

(2) Subcommittee Activities:

(A) Advertising: Meeting announcements were sent to the following: The American Naturalist, BioScience Calendar, The Wildlifer, The Society for Marine Mammalogy Newsletter, The Southeastern Naturalist, The Society for Conservation Biology Newsletter, The International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine Newsletter, The Wildlife Disease Association Newsletter, MARMAM listserv. Please submit suggestions for online and print meeting advertising venues to K. Kilburn at kkilburn@odu.edu

(B) Symposia and Workshops: The subcommittee solicited symposium and workshop proposals for the 2007 ASM Annual Meeting via the ASM web page, the MARMAM listserv, and MAMMAL_L. Two symposium proposals were received by the 17 March 2006 deadline. The subcommittee recommended the approval of both proposals but noted that the cost of both exceeds the amount approved for symposia in the recent past. The subcommittee welcomes proposals for the 2008 meeting. Potential organizers may contact D. Odell at dodell@cfl.rr.com

(C) Pre Meeting: Changes to the Guide to Organizing Meetings regarding the change of format for oral presentations from 2x2 slides and overheads to Microsoft PowerPoint have been made. The document has been sent to the web

site for posting. Persons with questions regarding preparation for meetings or the Guide to Organizing Meetings should contact G. Haigh at ghaigh@mail.mcneese.edu

(3) Future Meetings:

(A) 2007 – An update on the 2007 Annual Meeting at the University of New Mexico will be presented by a member of the local committee at the business meeting.

(B) 2008 – A bid to host the 2008 Annual Meeting will be presented to the Society at the Business Meeting from Jonathan Jenks on behalf of South Dakota State University.

(C) 2009 – The Program Committee is in the process of soliciting potential hosts for the 2009 Annual Meeting to be held at a west coast location as a joint meeting with the Australian Mammal Society. The Program Committee seeks input from the Board concerning this venture.

(D) Beyond 2009 – Persons interested in hosting an Annual Meeting of ASM should contact D. Post at post_d@utpb.edu .

Action Items:

(1) The Program Committee requests approval of a budget request to support expenses associated with the following recommended symposia at the 2007 ASM Annual Meeting. *Long-term studies of small mammal communities in arid and semiarid ecosystems: synthesis and prognosis.* Proposed speakers for this symposium include Paul Stapp, Morgan Ernest, James Brown, Peter Meserve, Gary Shenbrot, and Chris Dickman. The committee requests \$4,430.00 to support this symposium. *Evolutionary physiology of mammals.* Proposed speakers for this symposium include T. Garland, R. Nespolo, J. Storz, and J. Hays. The committee requests \$3,140.00 to support this symposium. The total amount requested to support the proposed symposia for 2007 is \$7,570.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Post, Chair
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