

Public Education Committee

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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.

Information Items:

(1) This has been a rebuilding year without much committee activity. However, we report the following:

(A) The Public Education Committee continues to run the clearinghouse for K-12 teachers, but without adequate publicity, there were no requests for information via the clearinghouse this year. A major goal for 2006 is to publicize this and other services that this Committee and ASM can provide to the general public.

(B) This year, we have received requests for the ASM Science Fair Awards from 2 local science fairs.

(C) As of 1 May, we have 25 completed state-lists of mammals on the ASM webpage, with several more under construction. Hopefully, others will on-line by summer. Lists include information about each species in the state, and cross reference each species to corresponding ASM slides and Mammalian Species number. Eventually, we would like to produce species lists for all 50 states, and eventually add Canadian provinces and Mexican states.

(2) Individuals on the committee continued to make local presentations and interact with local K-12 teachers and students.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,

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