

Publications Committee

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Mission:

The Publications Committee oversees the Society's publications, including the *Journal of Mammalogy* and *Mammalian Species*. The Committee sets editorial policy for the Society and nominates editors for approval by the Board of Directors. The Committee is typically composed of current editors, who are involved in reviewing and accepting papers and the technical production of the publications.

Information Items:

(1) Highlights of the activities of the Publication Committee included (a) assisting Officers with finalizing the 2010–2014 publishing contract with Allen Press, signed December 2009, (b) assuring that Special Publications 1–11 are now freely available online at the Biodiversity Heritage Library and recycling remaining stock as approved by the Board in 2009, (c) modifications to the title pages of the *Journal of Mammalogy* and *Mammalian Species* to make the style more consistent and contemporary (the 1st page of any journal article really is the “face” of the publication online), (d) adding a volume number (= 42) and sequential pagination to *Mammalian Species* and issuing accounts 6 times/year (in months alternating with publication of the *Journal*) while maintaining individual numbering of each monograph (changes to enhance application to Thomson Reuters for an ISI Impact Factor, submitted by Allen Press; expect results in August 2010), (e) arranging for the printing and distribution of the 2009 *Mammalian Species* Archive book, (f) continuing to work with the Informatics Committee to feature open-access articles from the *Journal of Mammalogy* and *Mammalian Species* at ASM website, and (g) preparation of a comparison of page-charge policies in response to Past President Baker's request.

(2) The Publication Committee will lose 4 Associate Editors of the *Journal of Mammalogy* in June: Mark Brigham (5 years service), John Koprowski (3 years), Carey Krajewski (5 years), and Jane Waterman (4 years). We gratefully acknowledge the dedication and editorial contributions of these colleagues equaling 17 service-years.

(3) Publication statistics for the *Journal of Mammalogy* between 1 April 2009 and mid-April 2010:

Volume 90 Nos. 1–6; 149 manuscripts published; 1 Special Feature with 8 papers

Volume 91 Nos. 1–5; 107 manuscripts scheduled to be published as of 12 April 2010; 27 manuscripts published in No. 1; 80 manuscripts scheduled for publication in Nos. 2–5 as of 12 April 2009

Number of manuscripts submitted: 356 (compared to 368 last year)

Number of manuscripts accepted: 86 (compared to 112 last year)

Number of manuscripts rejected: 181 (compared to 170 last year)

Rejection rate: 68% (compared to 60% last year)

Handling times:

Volume 90, Nos. 1–6

Submission to acceptance: 175 days (5.7 months)

Acceptance to publication: 231 days (7.6 months)

Total time: 406 days (13.3 months)

Volume 91, Nos. 1–5

Submission to acceptance: 179 days (5.9 months)

Acceptance to publication: 216 days (7.1 months)

Total time: 395 days (13.0 months)

Geographic distribution of accepted manuscripts:

Vol. 90, Nos. 1–6: 59% U.S., 9% Canada, 11% Latin America, 21% other countries ($n = 149$)

Vol. 91, Nos. 1–5: 52% U.S., 7% Canada, 14% Latin America, 27% other countries ($n = 107$)

(4) Publication statistics for *Mammalian Species* between 1 April 2009 and 31 March 2010:

Total number of accounts published = 25 (18 last year)

Accounts in proof, scheduled for release in May = 6

Accounts with Editor = 14

Total number of accounts with Associate Editors = 40

Number of new accounts submitted and assigned to Associate Editors = 23

Number of new species accounts assigned to authors = 36

Total number of accounts in preparation = 325 (218 overdue)

Action Items:

(1) New Editors: The Committee seeks Board approval of 4 new Associate Editors for the *Journal of Mammalogy*: Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell (University of North Carolina–Greensboro), Christine Maher (University of Southern Maine), Michael Steele (Wilkes University), and Bradley Swanson (Central Michigan University).

(2) Request \$1,200 to cover the cost of printing and distributing archive copies of *Mammalian Species* to our 28 library partners.

(3) Grant copyright permission to Kerry Foresman to pursue 2nd edition of *The Wild Mammals of Montana* with a different publisher.

Respectfully submitted,
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