

Resolutions Committee

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Mission:

Established in 1956, the Resolutions Committee provides a mechanism to express the Society's views relative to local, national, and world issues involving mammals. Topics relating to conservation of mammals have been a common theme for activities of the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee also is responsible for writing the Host Resolution each year at the Annual Meeting.

Information Items:

(1) In 2006, the Resolutions Committee brought a resolution on economic growth before the membership at our Annual Meeting at The University of Massachusetts, which was soundly defeated. The committee was charged by the President, however, to revise that resolution for the Annual Meeting at the University of New Mexico. Interest in that resolution has nearly doubled the size of our Committee. There will be a reading, discussion, and a vote on a new resolution on economic growth at the second business meeting this year.

(2) Once again, the committee assisted with a Presidential Letter from Robert Timm addressing concerns over regulations for the harvest of wolves implemented by the Alaska Board of Game (BOG). The presidential letter was sent to the Honorable Sarah Palin, the new Governor of Alaska. This letter reiterated our concerns over the manner in which regulations were implemented for the harvest of wolves in Alaska. We also noted that previous responses, including a vitriolic response from a BOG Member (but not from the BOG as a whole), the Director of the Alaska Division of Wildlife Conservation, and the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game failed to adequately address our initial concerns over the harvest regulations. There has been no response to our latest letter. We also composed the Host Resolution, which was passed by acclamation and published in the December 2006 issue of the *Journal of Mammalogy* (87:1283–1284).

(3) We have begun discussions with the Conservation Committee for the need for a resolution on high fences, shooting preserves, and shooter-bull operations. Those discussions will continue at this meeting.

(4) Finally, I will step down as Chair of the Resolutions Committee following the Annual Meeting after serving in that capacity since 2002. I deeply appreciate the help of current and past members of the Resolutions Committee and the Officers of ASM, who invariably offered sage and timely advice, some of which I solicited. Janet Rachlow will be taking over as Chair of the committee.

(5) We received no other submissions for traditional resolutions by the 15 April deadline. We remind members of the ASM that resolutions must be accompanied by the necessary materials outlined in the **Resolutions Submission Rules** (e.g., a draft of the proposed resolution, names and addresses of potential recipients, a cover letter for the resolution, and information on deadlines for submitting the resolution). All interested members of ASM are invited to attend meetings of the Committee.

Action Items: A resolution on economic growth will be brought before the Society.

Respectfully submitted,
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