

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 over 350 emails to welcome new members, non-members, and first-time attendees for the 2021 Virtual Meeting. 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 2022 annual meeting to welcome new members and provide structure and support for first-time attendees.
- (3) The Membership Committee did not meet in 2021 due to the Virtual Meeting in the summer of 2021.
- (4) We plan to concentrate on recruitment at the IMC in 2023.
- (5) We are exploring the possibility of an online newsletter to give out more information about members, mammals, and ASM. We hope this might be a recruitment and retention tool.
- (6) Lori Patrick and Jenny Duggan developed a survey that was sent to members who did not renew their membership over the last three years. We are attempting to understand why retention of membership wanes after membership for 3 to 5 years.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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