

## Archives Committee

**Committee Members:** A. L. Gardner (Archivist), S. B. McLaren (Assistant Historian), R. M. Timm (Chair, Historian)

### Information items:

(1) McLaren, Timm, and former Historian Hugh Genoways published two papers on aspects of ASM history for the *Journal of Mammalogy* as established in the instructions for the role of the ASM Historian. These are on Honorary Members [Genoways, H. H., S. B. McLaren, and R. M. Timm. 2023. ASM History: Honorary Members. *Journal of Mammalogy* 104(2):223–228.] and Presidents/Vice Presidents [Genoways, H. H., S. B. McLaren, and R. M. Timm. 2023. ASM History: Presidents/Vice Presidents. *Journal of Mammalogy* 104(5):1152–1157.].

(2) One of the duties of the Historian is to work with the Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor of the *JM* to ensure that obituaries of prominent leaders in the Society are published. The obituary for ASM Honorary Member, and textbook author, Terry Vaughan was published in the *JM* [O’Shea, T. J., O. J. Reichman, and R. M. Timm. 2023. Obituary: Terry A. Vaughan (1928–2022). *Journal of Mammalogy* 104(3):634–642.].

(3) Timm worked with Managing Editor Lim and Editor-in-Chief Riddle to provide reviews and formatting for the obituary for long-time Member Mike O’Farrell in our on-line In Memoriam series [Miller, B. W., et al. 2023. In Memoriam: Michael John O’Farrell (1944–2022). *Journal of Mammalogy* 104(5):e4–e7.].

(4) An obituary for Honorary Member Guy Musser, who passed away in 2019, is being prepared by Eric Rickart, Mike Carleton, and Timm.

(5) The abstracts and programs for our 2017 through 2023 meetings and 2023 IMC conference in Anchorage are available on the meetings web site [[Meetings | American Society of Mammalogists \(mammalsociety.org\)](#)]. Previous Program Director, Cody Thompson, has made this valuable resource readily available to all.

(6) We received a number of photographs again this year, which are extremely valuable contributions to our history. It is important to emphasize the need for all meeting attendees to think about capturing attendees at our meetings, not just the elected Officers, Directors, and speakers, who are most likely to be captured in formal photographs.

(7) Gaps in the ASM Archives holdings of Programs and Abstracts between 1978 and 2021 were filled by copies of those documents provided by Tom Tomasi and Sue McLaren.

(8) Questions about our history, former members, and mammals came to the Society from a wide array of people. Many of these questions are forwarded to the Archives Committee and we usually are able to assist. References and oral history were provided to ASM authors and editors as they were finalizing articles for the *Journal of Mammalogy*, *Mammalian Species*, and other research endeavors.

**Action Items:**

(1) No funds are being requested at this time. We recommend that another member be added to the Archives Committee. There are currently three members and the addition of one more person will greatly assist with handling the workload that comes into the committee throughout the year. We call upon all Members to send us images of interest to the Society and the science of mammalogy (see Our History url [www.mammalsociety.org/committees/archives#tab7](http://www.mammalsociety.org/committees/archives#tab7)). Please check your files, and help us complete the group photos from our Annual Meetings. We are still missing a considerable number of those images. Interesting images that help detail ASM history are always welcome.

**Respectively submitted,**

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