

Archives Committee

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Information Items:

With the recent firings of federal employees, then some federal judges blocking those firings, the staffing at the Smithsonian Institution Archives is in a state of flux. We are uncertain what the current situation is at the Smithsonian Institution Archives, which houses our ASM archives. Our colleagues there have been wonderful over the years at providing us full access to our professionally curated holdings. A searchable index to our holdings may be found at: https://siarchives.si.edu/collections/siris_arc_217513

(1) In keeping with one of the charges to the Historian(s) of the Archives Committee, Timm, McLaren, former Historian Hugh Genoways, and Jocelyn Colella published a perspective on the history of frozen tissues associated with mammal collections for the *Journal of Mammalogy* (*JM*). [Timm, R. M., J. P. Colella, S. B. McLaren, and H. H. Genoways. 2025. Innovations that changed mammalogy: frozen tissue collections. *Journal of Mammalogy* 106: published on-line 18 April 2015; <https://doi.org/10.1093/jmammal/gyaf007>]

(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.

a) The obituary for ASM Jackson Awardee Thomas (Mac) McIntyre was published in the *JM* [Heaney, L. R., R. L. Brownell, Jr., R. P. McIntyre, C. W. Potter, D. A. Schlitter, and R. M. Timm. 2025. Obituary: Thomas J. (Mac) McIntyre (1940–2024). *Journal of Mammalogy* 106(2):532–536.]

b) Timm worked with Eric Rickart to prepare an obituary for Honorary Member Guy Musser, which will appear in a future issue of the *JM*. [Timm, R. M. and E. A. Rickart. 2025. Obituary: Guy G. Musser (1936–2019). *Journal of Mammalogy* 106: published on-line 1 March 2025; <https://doi.org/10.1093/jmammal/gyaf014>]

(3) We received a number of photographs again this year, which are extremely valuable contributions to our history. We would like to encourage all meeting attendees to capture photos during our meetings. Officers, Directors, and speakers are most likely to be captured in formal photographs but images of all meeting activities are welcome and important for unanticipated future documentation of individuals who attend the annual meeting. We call upon all Members to send us images of interest to the Society and the science of mammalogy. Interesting images that help detail ASM history are always welcome. Furthermore, we are still missing a considerable number of Group Photos from our Annual Meetings. (see Our History url www.mammalsociety.org/committees/archives#tab7)

(4) Questions about our history, former members, and mammals come 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 *JM*, *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 of the committee throughout the year.

Respectively submitted,

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