

# THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS

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The American Society of Mammalogists was "founded" on 3 April 1919 for on that and the following day, it held its first meeting. In the 50 years since its organization, the Society has held meetings annually, except for two years during World War II, has published a journal annually since 1920, and promoted the interests of mammalogy in other ways. Among American biological organizations, this Society now ranks among the top 11 in total memberships; for societies primarily interested in the vertebrates, among the top four.

At the organizational meeting held in Washington, D.C., 3-4 April 1919, about 60 persons were in attendance. Before this meeting, there had been much thought and planning for the formation of such a new society, especially by Hartley H. T. Jackson. In this endeavor, he was assisted by his wife, Anna, and by Walter P. Taylor. In advance of the first meeting, the organization's bylaws and order of business had been drafted. At the meeting these were discussed at length, modified in minor detail, and then approved. Thereafter, officers for the new Society could be elected. C. Hart Merriam was elected president, E. W. Nelson and Wilfred H. Osgood, vice-presidents, H. H. T. Jackson, corresponding secretary, W. P. Taylor, treasurer, H. H. Lane, recording secretary, and Joel A. Allen, honorary member. Ten members were elected to the Council (now Board of Directors), five for a 1-year term—R. M. Anderson, M. W. Lyon, Jr., W. D. Matthew, T. S. Palmer, E. A. Preble—and five for a 2-year term—G. M. Allen, J. Grinnell, J. C. Merriam, G. S. Miller, Jr., and W. Stone. The original, hand-written copies of the various sessions of the organizational meeting are in the historical files of the Society. Of the persons present at this organizational meeting, seven were still living on the fiftieth anniversary of the Society: J. Warren Craven, Hartley H. T. Jackson, Mrs. T. S. Palmer, Miss Viola Schantz, Waldo L. Schmitt, Walter P. Taylor, and Alexander Wetmore.

Serious planning for the American Society of Mammalogists got started 4 months earlier at a 5 December 1918 meeting of the staff of the United States Biological Survey at which time the advisability of launching a new organization for the promotion of the study of mammals was discussed. A committee to canvass the sentiments of mammalogists for such an organization was appointed with Hartley H. T. Jackson, chairman, A. H. Howell, Ned Hollister, E. A. Preble, and Walter P. Taylor, secretary. This committee known as the "Committee on the Organization of the Mammal Society" met six times prior to the first meeting of A.S.M. Five non-Washington members were appointed to the committee: Glover M. Allen, J. A. Allen, Joseph Grinnell, Wilfred H. Osgood, and Witmer Stone. A "Synopsis of Proceedings of the Committee on

Organization” was prepared and signed by H. H. T. Jackson and in this the following recommendations appear: “(1) That there be organized a society for mammal study to be known as the American Society of Mammalogists. (2) That the Constitution attached hereto be proposed as a basis for further consideration. (3) That the report of the Committee on Organization appointed by the Chairman of the meeting of the Scientific Staff of the Biological Survey on December 5, 1918, be received and the committee discharged, it being understood that the committee would be immediately reorganized as a permanent Committee on Organization independent of the Survey. (4) That plans be made for holding a formal organizational meeting of the new Society if possible in March, 1919.” Furthermore, the report pointed out that “the By-laws were agreed upon as they will be presented to you for action. The Committee is divided upon only one point—that in regard to classes of members—and it leaves that point without recommendation to the judgment of the Society.” Other matters of concern to the Committee were voting privileges of the various membership classes, annual dues, a name for the proposed journal, and officers for the new society. Dr. Jackson’s deep concern for the establishment of such a society and his hard work made possible the first annual meeting in April of 1919, and the well-planned bylaws helped assure its continued success. The original “call” to join the new Society was published in *Science* in 1919 (49:189, 1919) and in addition this “call” was sent to about 3000 prospective members.

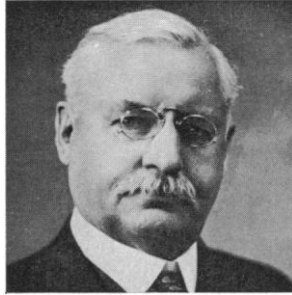
During the first 50 years of the Society, there have been 48 annual meetings (the Directors only met in Washington in 1944, in Chicago in 1946). The meetings have been held at 27 sites, including two in Canada and one in Mexico. The Society has held meetings nine times in Washington, D.C., seven times in New York City, four times in Philadelphia, and twice in four other places. Only six of the first 24 meetings were held west of Washington, D.C.; all but six of the next 24 meetings were held west of Washington. Beginning in 1948, it was recommended that every third meeting be held “out-of-doors.” Although this schedule was not adhered to, six meetings have been so held—two at the Michigan Conservation Training School near Higgins Lake (1947, 1956), and one each in Yellowstone National Park (1950), Estes Park, Colorado (1954), the Bread Loaf Campus of Middlebury College, Vermont (1962), and Nags Head, North Carolina (1967). Although the number of papers presented at each annual meeting has fluctuated, the largest number of papers prior to the 48th meeting was at the three meetings in which concurrent sessions were held (see table). Attendance at meetings has fluctuated, usually with a correlation between large attendance and large centers of population.

Twenty-six presidents have served the Society. Most have served two-year terms, but three served but one year and two served three years. All presidents served previously as vice-presidents with the exception of Vernon Bailey and C. Hart Merriam.

During the first 50 years, there have been two publishers of the Journal of



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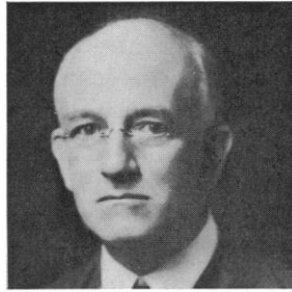
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*W. H. Osgood*



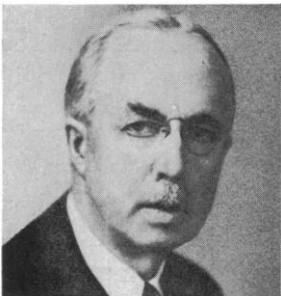
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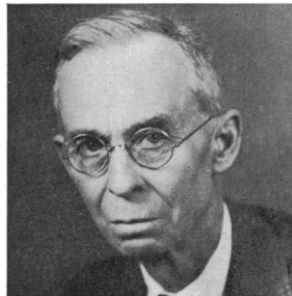
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*W. Stone*



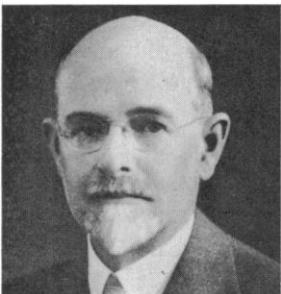
*M. W. Lyon, Jr.*



*V. Bailey*



*H. E. Anthony*



*J. Grinnell*



*H. H. T. Jackson*



*W. P. Taylor*

**Presidents of the American Society of Mammalogists**



A. B. Howell



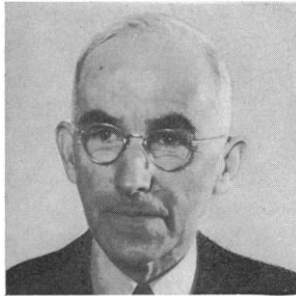
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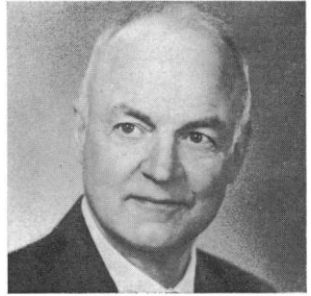
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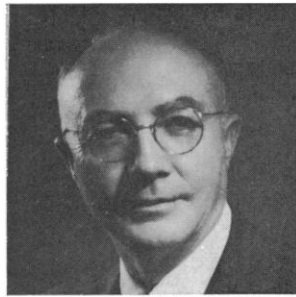
T. I. Storer



W. J. Hamilton, Jr.



W. H. Burt



W. B. Davis



R. T. Orr



S. D. Durrant



E. T. Hooper



D. F. Hoffmeister

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R. L. Peterson



R. G. Van Gelder

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Mammalogy: Williams and Wilkins Company (= Waverly Press) and Allen Press (1957 to present). During this same period there have been more than a dozen editors—11 in the first 48 years and a team of three editors in each of the subsequent 2 years. Ned Hollister was appointed first editor and his Committee on Publications reported in 1920 that only one company (Williams and Wilkins) had submitted a bid for the specifications they had established for the Journal of Mammalogy. This bid for 500 copies was at \$2.90 per page, with additional charges for 8-point type, covers, wrapping, addressing, and mailing. The size of the 49th volume was nearly three and one-half times the size of the first. The first volume was completed in 1920 and no special financial assessment was required toward its publication since charter members had paid dues in 1919 but only one number of the volume was printed that year, with four more appearing in 1920. Such names were considered for the new journal as "Bairdia," "Bison," "Puma," and "American Journal of Mammalogy." Probably several distraught authors and editors have applied other names to the journal! Reprinting of various issues of the Journal of Mammalogy was contracted by the Johnson Reprint Corporation in 1960.

The continuum of operation and success of the Society from one annual meeting to the next has been primarily the responsibility of the corresponding secretary and treasurer (since 1957, combined as the secretary-treasurer) and the editor. There were 11 corresponding secretaries and five treasurers, but one treasurer, Viola S. Schantz, served for 23 years, far more than any other officer of the Society. The present secretary-treasurer, Bryan P. Glass, has served as that officer for 12 years and one year previously as corresponding secretary.

#### SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Monographs and special publications have been financed, edited, and published by the Society. Williams and Wilkins published Monograph no. 1 by A. B. Howell on "Anatomy of the wood rat" in 1926, Monograph no. 2 by E. R. Warren on "The beaver" in 1927, and Monograph no. 3 by Vernon Bailey on

TABLE 1.—*The American Society of Mammalogists from 1919 to 1968.*

Year	Annual Meeting	Papers read	Attendance	President
1919	Washington, District of Columbia 1st	6	60	C. Hart Merriam*
1920	New York, New York 2nd	20	70	C. Hart Merriam*
1921	Washington, District of Columbia 3rd	18	67	E. W. Nelson*
1922	New York, New York 4th	24	52	E. W. Nelson*
1923	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 5th	19	37	E. W. Nelson*
1924	Boston, Massachusetts 6th	24	37	Wilfred H. Osgood*
1925	Washington, District of Columbia 7th	31	79	Wilfred H. Osgood*
1926	New York, New York 8th	29	70	W. D. Matthew*
1927	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 9th	36	60	Glover M. Allen*
1928	Washington, District of Columbia 10th	45	112	Glover M. Allen*
1929	Ann Arbor, Michigan 11th	39	60	Witmer Stone*
1930	New York, New York 12th	53	96	Witmer Stone*
1931	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 13th	30	70	M. W. Lyon, Jr.*
1932	Washington, District of Columbia 14th	40	120	M. W. Lyon, Jr.*
1933	Cambridge, Massachusetts 15th	39	66	Vernon Bailey*
1934	New York, New York 16th	50	94	Vernon Bailey*
1935	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 17th	35	71	Harold E. Anthony
1936	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 18th	36	76	Harold E. Anthony
1937	Washington, District of Columbia 19th	34	113	Joseph Grinnell*
1938	Berkeley, California 20th	44	114	H. H. T. Jackson
1939	Baton Rouge, Louisiana 21st	39	92	H. H. T. Jackson
1940	Denver, Colorado 22nd	34	92	Walter P. Taylor
1941	Chicago, Illinois 23rd	37	131	Walter P. Taylor
1942	New York, New York 24th	46	136	A. Brazier Howell*
1943	DIRECTORS MET AT WASHINGTON	—	—	A. Brazier Howell*
1944	New York, New York 25th	—	27	E. Raymond Hall
1945	DIRECTORS MET AT CHICAGO	—	—	E. Raymond Hall
1946	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 26th	33	125	Edward A. Goldman*
1947	Higgins Lake, Michigan 27th	30	120	Remington Kellogg*
1948	Toronto, Ontario 28th	30	114	Remington Kellogg*
1949	Washington, District of Columbia 29th	44	110	Tracy I. Storer
1950	Yellowstone, Wyoming 30th	49	143	Tracy I. Storer
1951	Chicago, Illinois 31st	34	96	W. J. Hamilton, Jr.
1952	Charleston, South Carolina 32nd	45	84	W. J. Hamilton, Jr.
1953	New York, New York 33rd	36	105	William H. Burt
1954	Estes Park, Colorado 34th	46	135	William H. Burt
1955	Los Angeles, California 35th	39	135	William B. Davis
1956	Higgins Lake, Michigan 36th	46	99	William B. Davis
1957	Lawrence, Kansas 37th	65	187	William B. Davis
1958	Tucson, Arizona 38th	47	168	Robert T. Orr
1959	Washington, District of Columbia 39th	40	167	Robert T. Orr
1960	Tacoma, Washington 40th	48	109	Stephen D. Durrant
1961	Urbana, Illinois 41st	61	206	Stephen D. Durrant
1962	Middlebury, Vermont 42nd	60	199	Emmet T. Hooper
1963	Albuquerque, New Mexico 43rd**	70	200	Emmet T. Hooper
1964	Mexico City, Mexico 44th**	67	152	Donald F. Hoffmeister
1965	Winnipeg, Manitoba 45th**	79	264	Donald F. Hoffmeister
1966	Long Beach, California 46th	63	166	Randolph L. Peterson
1967	Nags Head, North Carolina 47th	71	204	Randolph L. Peterson
1968	Ft. Collins, Colorado 48th	112	274	Richard G. Van Gelder

\* Deceased; \*\* concurrent sessions.

"Animal life of the Carlsbad Cavern" in 1928. In 1964, a committee on special publications was appointed and in 1967 the monograph-series was resumed under the title of Special Publications. In the same year the "Recent mammals of the world . . ." was published under the sponsorship of the Society. Indexes for the Journal of Mammalogy were published as follows: first 20 years in 1945, next 10 years in 1952, subsequent 10 years in 1961.

TABLE 1.—Continued.

Year	Vice-Presidents	Corresponding Secretary	Treasurer
		Secretary-Treasurer	
1919	E. W. Nelson,* W. H. Osgood*	H. H. T. Jackson	Walter P. Taylor
1920	E. W. Nelson,* W. H. Osgood*	H. H. T. Jackson	J. W. Gidley*
1921	G. S. Miller, Jr.,* W. H. Osgood*	H. H. T. Jackson	Arthur J. Poole*
1922	G. S. Miller, Jr.,* W. H. Osgood*	H. H. T. Jackson	Arthur J. Poole*
1923	G. S. Miller, Jr.,* W. H. Osgood*	H. H. T. Jackson	Arthur J. Poole*
1924	G. M. Allen,* W. D. Matthew*	H. H. T. Jackson	Arthur J. Poole*
1925	G. M. Allen,* W. D. Matthew*	A. Brazier Howell*	Arthur J. Poole*
1926	G. M. Allen,* H. E. Anthony	A. Brazier Howell*	Arthur J. Poole*
1927	T. S. Palmer,* Witmer Stone*	A. Brazier Howell*	Arthur J. Poole*
1928	T. S. Palmer,* Witmer Stone*	A. Brazier Howell*	Arthur J. Poole*
1929	M. W. Lyon, Jr.,* T. S. Palmer*	A. Brazier Howell*	Arthur J. Poole*
1930	M. W. Lyon, Jr.,* T. S. Palmer*	A. Brazier Howell*	Viola S. Schantz
1931	H. E. Anthony, T. S. Palmer*	Francis Harper	Viola S. Schantz
1932	H. E. Anthony, T. S. Palmer*	Robert T. Hatt	Viola S. Schantz
1933	H. E. Anthony, T. S. Palmer*	Robert T. Hatt	Viola S. Schantz
1934	H. E. Anthony, T. S. Palmer*	Robert T. Hatt	Viola S. Schantz
1935	J. Grinnell,* E. A. Preble*	William H. Burt	Viola S. Schantz
1936	J. Grinnell,* E. A. Preble*	William H. Burt	Viola S. Schantz
1937	H. H. T. Jackson, E. A. Preble*	William H. Burt	Viola S. Schantz
1938	A. B. Howell,* W. P. Taylor	William B. Davis	Viola S. Schantz
1939	A. B. Howell,* W. P. Taylor	William B. Davis	Viola S. Schantz
1940	E. R. Hall, A. B. Howell*	William B. Davis	Viola S. Schantz
1941	E. R. Hall, A. B. Howell*	Emmet T. Hooper	Viola S. Schantz
1942	E. A. Goldman,* E. R. Hall	Emmet T. Hooper	Viola S. Schantz
1943	E. A. Goldman,* E. R. Hall	Emmet T. Hooper	Viola S. Schantz
1944	E. A. Goldman,* E. A. Preble*	Emmet T. Hooper	Viola S. Schantz
1945	E. A. Goldman,* E. A. Preble*	Emmet T. Hooper	Viola S. Schantz
1946	R. M. Anderson, R. Kellogg*	Emmet T. Hooper	Viola S. Schantz
1947	L. R. Dice, T. I. Storer	D. F. Hoffmeister	Viola S. Schantz
1948	L. R. Dice, T. I. Storer	D. F. Hoffmeister	Viola S. Schantz
1949	L. R. Dice, W. J. Hamilton, Jr.	D. F. Hoffmeister	Viola S. Schantz
1950	L. R. Dice, W. J. Hamilton, Jr.	D. F. Hoffmeister	Viola S. Schantz
1951	W. H. Burt, W. B. Davis	D. F. Hoffmeister	Viola S. Schantz
1952	W. H. Burt, W. B. Davis	Keith R. Kelson	Viola S. Schantz
1953	R. T. Orr, G. H. H. Tate*	Keith R. Kelson	C. A. Heppenstall
1954	W. B. Davis, R. T. Orr	George C. Rinker	C. A. Heppenstall
1955	S. D. Durrant, R. T. Orr	George C. Rinker	C. A. Heppenstall
1956	S. D. Durrant, R. T. Orr	Bryan P. Glass	C. A. Heppenstall
1957	S. D. Durrant, R. T. Orr	Bryan P. Glass	Bryan P. Glass
1958	S. D. Durrant, E. T. Hooper	Bryan P. Glass	Bryan P. Glass
1959	S. D. Durrant, E. T. Hooper	Bryan P. Glass	Bryan P. Glass
1960	I. McT. Cowan, E. T. Hooper	Bryan P. Glass	Bryan P. Glass
1961	D. F. Hoffmeister, E. T. Hooper	Bryan P. Glass	Bryan P. Glass
1962	D. F. Hoffmeister, R. L. Peterson	Bryan P. Glass	Bryan P. Glass
1963	D. F. Hoffmeister, R. L. Peterson	Bryan P. Glass	Bryan P. Glass
1964	R. H. Manville, R. L. Peterson	Bryan P. Glass	Bryan P. Glass
1965	J. N. Layne, R. L. Peterson	Bryan P. Glass	Bryan P. Glass
1966	J. N. Layne, B. Villa R.	Bryan P. Glass	Bryan P. Glass
1967	J. N. Layne, R. C. Van Gelder	Bryan P. Glass	Bryan P. Glass
1968	J. Knox Jones, Jr., J. N. Layne	Bryan P. Glass	Bryan P. Glass

Emeritus Membership was established as a new category in 1951 for those persons that had regular membership in the Society for 25 years, or more, were in good standing, and requested such membership. During World War II, special dispensation was made so that servicemen would not be dropped from membership for being delinquent in dues and at the end of the war, a special committee was established as the "Emergency committee for the relief of European mammalogists."

TABLE 1.—*Continued.*

Year	Recording Secretary	Editor	Journal		Member- ship	Life members	Sub- scribers
			vol.	pages			
1919	H. H. Lane*	N. Hollister*			252		
1920	H. H. Lane*	N. Hollister*	1	259	443	11	
1921	H. H. Lane*	N. Hollister*	2	254	527		62
1922	H. H. Lane*	N. Hollister*	3	280	555		77
1923	H. H. Lane*	N. Hollister*	4	278	584		81
1924	H. H. Lane*	N. Hollister*	5	299	646		99
1925	H. H. Lane*	H. H. T. Jackson	6	301	700		102
1926	H. H. Lane*	H. H. T. Jackson	7	354	857		110
1927	H. H. Lane*	H. H. T. Jackson	8	358	940	30	124
1928	H. H. Lane*	H. H. T. Jackson	9	367	971	56	141
1929	H. H. Lane*	H. H. T. Jackson	10	382	965	59	151
1930	H. H. Lane*	Edward A. Preble*	11	529	1005	62	166
1931	H. H. Lane*	Edward A. Preble*	12	461	1017	60	153
1932	H. H. Lane*	Edward A. Preble*	13	402	931	56	151
1933	Robert K. Enders	Edward A. Preble*	14	407	888	56	146
1934	Robert K. Enders	Edward A. Preble*	15	365	824	59	139
1935	Robert K. Enders	Edward A. Preble*	16	354	767	58	162
1936	Robert K. Enders	A. Brazier Howell*	17	450	801	58	149
1937	Robert K. Enders	A. Brazier Howell*	18	549	821	57	167
1938	Robert T. Orr	Arthur H. Howell*	19	537	869	52	197
1939	Robert T. Orr	Arthur H. Howell*	20	544	857	50	181
1940	Robert T. Orr	Arthur H. Howell*	21	518	898	51	189
1941	Robert T. Orr	William B. Davis	22	483	949	51	210
1942	Seth B. Benson	William B. Davis	23	483	909	50	188
1943	Seth B. Benson	William B. Davis	24	533	929	51	207
1944	Seth B. Benson	William B. Davis	25	436	907	46	215
1945	Seth B. Benson	William B. Davis	26	461	883	48	225
1946	Robert T. Orr	William B. Davis	27	426	919	49	237
1947	Robert T. Orr	William B. Davis	28	447	993	51	289
1948	Robert T. Orr	William H. Burt	29	448	1071	54	309
1949	Robert T. Orr	William H. Burt	30	476	1124	53	370
1950	Robert T. Orr	William H. Burt	31	506	1232	49	383
1951	R. L. Peterson	William H. Burt	32	506	1298	48	410
1952	R. L. Peterson	William H. Burt	33	532	1348	50	431
1953	R. L. Peterson	W. Robert Eadie	34	552	1407	63	447
1954	R. L. Peterson	W. Robert Eadie	35	652	1423	65	444
1955	R. L. Peterson	W. Robert Eadie	36	617	1440	71	427
1956	R. L. Peterson	W. Robert Eadie	37	594	1440	73	447
1957	R. L. Peterson	R. H. Manville	38	574	1460	87	497
1958	R. L. Peterson	R. H. Manville	39	636	1578	101	576
1959	R. L. Peterson	R. H. Manville	40	676	1582	108	579
1960	R. L. Peterson	R. H. Manville	41	572	1765	115	609
1961	R. L. Peterson	James R. Beer	42	606	1823	152	633
1962	R. G. Van Gelder	James R. Beer	43	601	1910	161	638
1963	R. G. Van Gelder	James R. Beer	44	631	2095	168	664
1964	R. G. Van Gelder	M. Raymond Lee	45	693	2282	174	705
1965	R. G. Van Gelder	M. Raymond Lee	46	764	2496	192	828
1966	R. G. Van Gelder	M. Raymond Lee	47	803	2772	207	895
1967	Sydney Anderson	J. Knox Jones, Jr. Terry A. Vaughan Phillip L. Wright	48	744	2916	224	918
1968	Sydney Anderson	J. Knox Jones, Jr. Terry A. Vaughan Phillip L. Wright	49	876	3194	286	949

Honoraria for young mammalogists were established in 1951 to encourage young members to attend the annual meetings and participate in the program, and to stimulate research.

The American Society of Mammalogists Reserve Fund consists primarily



TABLE 1.—Continued.

HONORARY MEMBERS	
Allen, Joel Asaph,* 1919	Gregory, William K., 1954
Trouessart, E. L.,* 1921	Taylor, Walter P., 1954
Thomas, Oldfield,* 1928	Anthony, Harold E., 1955
Weber, Max,* 1928	Dice, Lee R., 1956
Osborn, Henry Fairfield,* 1929	Shadle, Albert R.,* 1956
Merriam, C. Hart,* 1930	Harper, Francis,* 1959
Nelson, Edward W.,* 1930	Kuroda, Nagamichi, 1959
Anthony, A. W.,* 1936	Degerbøl, Magnus, 1962
Scott, Wm. Berryman,* 1936	Heptner, Vladimir, 1963
Stejneger, Leonard,* 1937	Kellogg, Remington,* 1963
Miller, Gerrit S., Jr.,* 1941	Storer, Tracy I., 1963
Seton, Ernest Thompson,* 1941	Hall, E. Raymond, 1964
Lyon, Marcus Ward, Jr.,* 1942	Young, Stanley P.,* 1964
Anderson, Rudolph M.,* 1947	Hamilton, William J., Jr., 1965
Cabrera, Angel,* 1947	Mohr, Erna,* 1966
Howell, A. Brazier,* 1951	Zimmermann, Klaus,* 1966
Palmer, T. S.,* 1951	Burt, William H., 1968
Jackson, Hartley H. T., 1952	Davis, William B., 1968
Preble, Edward A.,* 1952	

of monies received from life membership dues. However, numerous special memorials have been incorporated into this fund, such as those for J. A. Allen, E. A. Goldman, Albert Shadle, R. A. Stirton, and Fannye Cook. The largest of these was the J. A. Allen Memorial Fund to which 275 individuals and organizations contributed \$7,770.98. A sum of money was contributed by A. Brazier Howell, the income of which is to be used as an honorarium for a young mammalogist. Several mammalogists have provided funds for the Endowment through legacies in their wills. During the first 50 years, no person has requested a recommendation for election to Patron membership (\$1000). Three trustees, appointed first in 1923 by the Board of Directors, manage the Reserve Fund. The services of these trustees have resulted not only in the safeguarding of funds but a remarkable growth in both principal and interest of the portfolio.

The Society has always had several standing committees. Some committees formerly active but no longer in existence were: Trapping Methods, Problems of Predatory Mammal Control, Economic Mammalogy and Conservation, Wild Life Sanctuaries including Provision for Predatory Mammals, Collections, and Life Histories and Ecology.

During the first 50 years of the Society, 60 individuals have served as officers, 14 as trustees, and 81 as directors. Many others have served as members of standing committees, *ad hoc* committees, and local committees on arrangements. All of these persons have served in these capacities without salary but with a sense of dedication and loyalty to the Society. Perhaps this feeling by so many members of being a "part of the organization" and a contributor to the well-being of the Society has been the most important factor in making the first 50 years so highly successful.

*Museum of Natural History, University of Illinois, Urbana, 61801. Accepted 18 August 1969.*