

Development Committee

Committee Members: R. J. Baker, A. G. Cleveland, C. Frank, A. V. Linzey, B. McMillan, D. J. Schmidly, and M. R. Willig (Chair).

Mission:

The Development Committee was established as an *ad hoc* committee in 1989 and became a standing committee in 1993. The mission of this committee is to promote the development of the Society through various forms of planned giving such as bequests, trusts, and gifts of cash or other assets. Coordination is required with other committees and informal groups that have related functions. The Development Committee activated the Pooled-Income Fund in 1998.

Information Items:

(1) The Committee continues to solicit support for the Society's activities via the New Millennium and New Century Club. In addition, the Committee Chair collaborated with the Chair of the Program Committee to host a Banquet for Donors at the Annual Meeting. In addition, donors to the Society continue to be formally acknowledged for their generosity in the *Journal of Mammalogy*. As a policy, the Secretary-Treasurer and the President write letters of gratitude to donors. The Committee will explore and re-evaluate a number of development activities (e.g., solicitation of corporate donors as initiated by President Heske) to increase support to the Society and its important activities in research, education, and outreach.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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