

## Education and Graduate Students Committee

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### **Mission:**

The Committee on Education and Graduate Students assists students of mammalogy in making informed choices of career, improving their scientific expertise, and helping them find funding for research and employment in the discipline. To those ends, the committee prepares and distributes brochures, holds periodic workshops, provides evaluations of student presentations at the Annual Meeting, and conducts various mentoring/networking activities.

### **Information Items:**

(1) Evaluation of student presentations continues to be an extremely popular program among students. There were approximately 120 student presenters evaluated at the 2004 meeting in Springfield. More than 108 students have requested evaluations at the 2006 meeting in Amherst. Elmer Finck will continue with the arduous task of assigning evaluators to each presentation and Brock McMillan will compile and send the evaluations back to the students.

(2) “Breakfast with a Scientist” program is currently being organized by Christopher Bloch. The program is in its 12<sup>th</sup> year and continues to be popular among both students and scientists. We thank all the scientists who have participated in this program over the years. We encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to spend time with participating scientists. Each year, members of the E&GS Committee nominate scientists to be part of the program but we welcome and encourage nominations from all ASM members, particularly students.

(3) This is also the 12<sup>th</sup> year the Committee will sponsor a luncheon hosted by the President of the Society for Plenary Session speakers.

(4) The committee also hosts an annual social for student attendees at the meeting. The social will be from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the mixer is to allow student attendees of the meeting to meet other students (future colleagues) and establish networks of collaboration and support. Vicki Swier and Yeen Ten Hwang are organizing the mixer.

(5) Elmer Finck continues to coordinate the distribution of the “Careers in Mammalogy” brochure, “The Science of Mammalogy” brochure, and the general information brochure.

### **Action Items:**

(1) The Education and Graduate Students Committee requests \$300 to 1) pay for the breakfast of scientists participating in the *Breakfast With a Scientist Program* that do not

have the meal plan and 2) to cover the expenses of the Student Social/Mixer. This requested support has been provided for the past several years.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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